



# The Local Scene

For Members, Family and Friends of Teamsters Local 676

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## An Important Message from our President

As we begin a New Year and start a new decade we look forward to better times. Together we have weathered one of the worst financial meltdowns in our country's history. Together we will work to create a secure future for ourselves and our children. All of us here at the Local stand ready to do whatever it takes to improve the lives of our members.

**Howard W. Wells**

I hope everyone had a special holiday season in the company of their family and friends. Please take a moment to remember our service men and women who are away in foreign lands protecting our way of life.

I'm looking forward once again to seeing everyone at the Family Picnic in June. Also keep in mind our Scholarships ( applications must be submitted by April 15<sup>th</sup>). We're planning some special guests and events for the spring meetings. Check the website and future newsletters for details.

I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Howard W. Wells

President / Principal Officer Local 676

## UPS Article 22.3 Update

Article 22.3 Air Combo drivers sent back into the hub will receive the inside PT rate based on their seniority. Last year these drivers were incorrectly paid the inside/inside rate. This issue is at the National IBT/UPS Committee at this time. Should they rule in the Union's favor our members would get the higher rate.

I have an agreement with UPS where they will not try to recover last years overpayment to our members. It also will prevent the Article 22.3 inside/inside employees from indefinite day a week layoffs. Any inside/inside Article 22.3 employee who is laid off 2 consecutive Fridays (or any other day) will have the right to bump PT'ers on both the twilight and midnight shifts.

Secretary-Treasurer / Business Agent

Roy Kaiser

Local 676

## Deceased Members

Milburn Griffin Jr.	Safeway	Retired
Thomas Kersey	Deptford Public Works	Retired
William Lynch	First Student (Berlin)	Active

*Please take a moment to say a prayer for all the members who left us this year.*

## Recent Retirees

Joe L Bartee	Lo Biondo Bros
Jimmy Mason	Terranova Bros
Robert McGuire	United Engineers
Charles J O'Donnell	Lo Biondo Bros
John Silvidio	Crowley Services
Theodore Van Demark, Jr	Roadway
Susan Walck	UPS
Robert Wetzel	Blue Diamond

## Recent VWR Retirees

Joseph Calaciura	20 yr.
Kenneth F. Cole	31 yr.
Carol Hollinger	31 yr.
Bruce Hurff	32 yr.
Dennis Morgan	28 yr.
Marguerite Cain Norris	24 yr.
Doris Panagos	13 yr.

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## First Student Santas & Helpers



*Bernadette Reed & Karen Bateman*



*Richie Kendall & Nancy Rieger*



*Tina Smith & Sandy Hoffman*



*North Pole Group Photo*



*Steward Dolores Sleeth & #676 BA Tom Lyon*



*Getting ready to roll!*

Teamsters Local #676 pitched in some toys and muscle to help the employees of First Student Berlin with their Annual Toy Drive for Disadvantaged Children. Two bus loads of toys were distributed to needy children to brighten their holidays. It was an amazing event and all who participated felt the warm glow of the true spirit of Christmas.

This year's event was headed up by Tina Smith, Pat Fusica handled the donations, and Bernadette Reed the paperwork.



### James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship

The 2010-2011 scholarship for high school seniors begins November 2009 with a deadline of March 31, 2010. Call Shirley at 856-964-2101 for forms.

### United Water Contract Ratified

By a margin of more than 85% the members of United Water of Camden ratified their new contract. Business Agent Tom Lyon handled the negotiations.

The members received pay increases each year and maintained their current healthcare program. In addition pension contributions will now be made for vacation time. This is another victory during harsh economic times.



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## Local 676 Visits the Greater Collingswood Children's Center



Howard W. Wells Pres. Local 676



Pres. Wells, Director April Weaver, Asst., Ed Pearce



Ed Pearce Bus. Agent #676

President Howard "Santa" Wells and Business Agent Ed "The Elf" Pearce are all smiles as they deliver toys and donations to the Greater Collingswood Children's Center. This has become an Annual event and continues the Local 676 tradition of reaching out to the community and those in need.



### Hard Fought Sysco Contract Ratified

After 8 months of contentious negotiations the process deadlocked and stalled. Backed by the united and resolute members who were committed to obtaining a fair contract President Wells joined the negotiating team.

Under his leadership the members were rewarded with wage & pension increases as well as maintenance of their healthcare and economic incentives.

The new 4 year Agreement is the best Sysco contract in the country. These Local 676 members are proud of each other and their Union!

**Tax Advisor to be available at the January & February Meetings**



**Raymond Ocejo  
Family Tax Services  
Westville, NJ 08093  
856-456-5551**

Ray was here last year & those who used his services were impressed.

**Watch for Information on**

**Local #676 Legal Day**

**Tentatively Scheduled for the**

**March Monthly Meeting!**

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Theresa Diamond of Shriners with member Mike Gray

## November Meeting Benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children

We want to thank all of the members who participated in the various fund raising activities at the November Membership Meeting. A total of \$1500.00 was raised to benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children.



## Nov. Meeting Free Wii Raffle

A new Wii game Console was raffled off by our favorite Workers Comp attorney **David B. Fox, Esq.** just in time for the holidays.

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## Upcoming Meeting Dates

January 17th

February 21st

March 21st