



# The Local Scene

For Members, Family and Friends of Teamsters Local 676

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## Important Message From Our President

The Right to Work ... for less legislation is making its way across the country. Wisconsin, Ohio, Indianapolis, on and on ... the assault on 100 years of progress in workers' pay & benefits is in full swing. This war has begun close to home as well. New Jersey & Pennsylvania are considering similar legislation.

**Howard W. Wells** I am asking you, begging you to pay attention to what is happening nationally & locally. It is imperative that we elect and protect worker friendly politicians. Our future is in our hands and what we do ... and who we vote for ... over the next few years will determine whether that future is good or bad.

Both sides of the RTW argument can find statistics to support their position. The fact remains however that only a Union guarantees you will have respect and a voice in the workplace. Wages, benefits, working conditions & safety should not be hit or miss items. They should be guaranteed every worker.

Our Annual Local 676 Scholarships will be presented at the May 20<sup>th</sup> Monthly Meeting. Applications are due at the hall by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Also please return your James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship applications to the hall by Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> at the latest!

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Members & Family Picnic on June 10<sup>th</sup>. You may begin calling for tickets on or after April 2<sup>nd</sup> ... cutoff to reserve tickets is June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fraternally,  
Howard W. Wells  
President / Principal Officer



## Local #676 Annual Legal Day

Lawyers from the  
Law Firm of  
**Williams, Willig, & Davidson**  
Will be available for  
**Free Consultations**  
on most legal matters  
Civil, domestic, real estate, etc  
**Sunday March 18, 2012**

**Breakfast will be served  
9:30 AM**

### Spring 2012 Meeting Schedule

March 18th \*

April 15th

May 20th \*

\*Breakfast will be served

There are no  
Membership Meetings  
during the months of  
June, July, & August

## Local #676 Members & Family Picnic

The Annual Picnic will once again be held at the  
JCC Camp in Medford, NJ  
Date: Sunday June 10th

Each member is entitled to (up to) Five tickets for the event  
Tickets are for immediate family only.

Call Debbi at the Hall (856-964-2101) for tickets & information  
on or after April 2nd ~~ Cutoff for reservations June 1st.

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## More Recent Retirees Enjoying The Benefits of a Teamster Pension



President Howard W. Wells presents John Vogt with a Certificate honoring his 17 yrs. as a Teamster employed by Camden Iron & Metal



President Howard W. Wells presents Sam Spatolia with a Certificate honoring his 24 yrs. as a Teamster employed by the City of Bridgeton



President Howard W. Wells & Secretary Treasurer Roy Kaiser present Charles "Chuck" Cestaro with a Certificate honoring his 46 yrs. at LoBiondo Bros. & Gray's Ferry Brick

**This is  
The  
Badge**



**Of the  
Middle  
Class**



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|--------------------|---------------|
| Frank Lombardo     | SJA Const     |
| George Mehr III    | ARC Intl      |
| Walter Riggins III | Statewide Asp |
| Charles Sammacicci | Roadway       |
| Louis Santoro      | Patco         |
| Mark Schaeffer     | Crowley Liner |
| Shirley Schofield  | Local 676     |
| ~ Receptionist ~   |               |
| Robert Schultes    | United Parcel |
| James Taylor       | Phila Park    |
| Craig Weber        | LoBiondo Bros |

Emmett Baker	ARC Intl	Charles Cestaro	Gray's Ferry Brick & LoBiondo
Refes Bell Jr.	Lo Biondo	Donald Dickerson	LoBiondo Bros
Keith Bressler	Crowley, Inc	George Falcone	Patco
Robert Caudill	Creamer & Son	John Harris	Patco

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## Recently Organized Employees of the C. Martin Co.

With Business Agent Ernie Clements after approving their first contract. C. R. Martin handles Maintenance at the Cape May Coast Guard Station.



## Attention Cyclists!

We are looking for more Riders to participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ride of the Tour de Shore from the Irish Pub in Philadelphia to the Irish Pub in Atlantic City.

Last year over \$400,000 was raised for charity. **Contact B.A. Tom Lyon** for more information. We hope to have a Team of 10 this year!

Sunday July 29th

~ Deceased Member ~

Edna Gauntt

First Student ~ Active

## Spring Scholarship Deadlines

### James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship

Applications must be received by March 18th

### Local #676 Scholarship

Applications must be received by April 30th

Call Debbi at 964-2101 for applications



Howard W. Wells  
President



## When You Need a Friend

We here at the Local understand that many of our members are experiencing rough going at this time. The War on Workers with its' assault on our benefits and wages, the recession which has eliminated jobs and overtime, and the effects of Irene & other natural disasters have hit people hard.

We continue to fight for our members at the bargaining table and in the workplace. We encourage you to vote for labor friendly politicians and remind you that help is available from the State and National Government. When these safety nets fail please know that we will do our best to provide assistance. When all else fails — **Call the Hall!**



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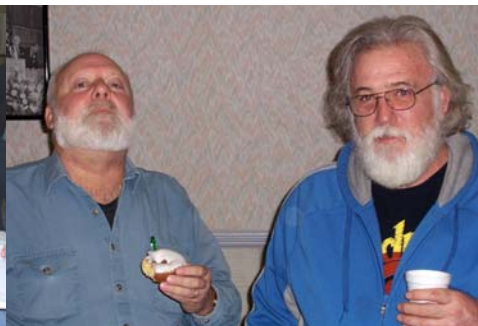
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## Once Again the Fearless Officers of Local 676 Brave the Elements at the Annual New Jersey Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge in Wildwood, NJ January 14, 2012



Local 676 members Joe Morrison, Tom Barnabie, & Bob Savastano hard at work during the HazMat Class.



Members Ed Brown & Mike Doyle discuss their off-season jobs as Mall Santas during a break at the HazMat Class.



### Greater Collingswood Children's Center

Local 676 President Howard W. Wells presents the Center with a check to help make the Holidays a little brighter for the kids.

### Local #676 Again Hosts Annual HazMat Refresher Course

On Saturday February 11th Local 676 hosted the yearly HazWhopper 8 Hour Refresher Course in our Hall. Thirty-One (31) members representing Locals 107, 331, 469 & 676 attended the course given by Richard Lindsey of the IBT Health & Safety Department.

Education and certification are crucial to members in the Construction Division in order to maximize job opportunities.



### Local 676 Members Enjoying the Holiday Lunch After the December Monthly Membership Meeting