



# The Local Scene

For Members, Family and Friends of Teamsters Local 676

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Howard W. Wells

## Important Message From Our President

The War on Workers continues. We all need to recognize the very real threats to our families, our jobs, and our way of life. "Right to Work" legislation is being attempted and in many cases implemented all around us. The middle class is in the fight of its' life now ... today. The best weapon we have against the greed at the top is our vote! Every election from school board to mayor to senator / representative to governor to president has an effect on your quality of existence. **Always vote as though your job depended on it ... it does!**

Many contracts are in the works (negotiation) at this time and many were concluded in the past few months. One of our larger ones (UPS) is in the preliminary stage. As President of your Local, and a member of the UPS National Negotiating Team, I'm fighting for our members on a daily basis. The one thing every member can do to assist us in our efforts is this .... **Do Not Listen to Rumors!!**

Contract negotiation is a flexible process and today's issues may not even be considered tomorrow. Both sides submit offers and counter offers. This goes for all contract negotiations with all of our employers. Until one of the Officers tells you something is correct or false .... You have nothing more than a careless and/or dangerous rumor. Do not count on your manager to tell you the truth. He or she has an agenda that is not in your best interest when it comes to contract "discussion". **If you really must know if what you heard is fact or rumors call the Hall.**

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## 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 17, 2013**

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

### Spring 2013 Meeting Schedule

March 17th

April 21st

May 19th

No Meetings during  
June, July, August

## Of the 10 States with the Highest Poverty Rate 8 of them are "Right to Work" States

**Mississippi: 20.1%**

**Arkansas: 15.9%**

**Louisiana: 18.3%**

**Oklahoma: 15.6%**

**Alabama: 16.7%**

**Arizona: 15.2%**

**Texas: 16.2%**

**Tennessee: 15.0%**

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. Not Fox, not MSNBC. The United States Census.

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**Winners of David Fox, Esq. December Drawing**  
**Ed Moore ~ Canuso \*\*\*\*\* Ed Holmes ~ Retired**



## Recent Retirees

~~ Congratulations All ~~

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|---------------------|---------------|
| Troy Brown          | DiMedio Lime  |
| John Kearney        | United Parcel |
| Lawrence Marks      | Gypsum Haul   |
| Larry McCleary      | Patco         |
| Joseph McLaughlin   | Jacobs Const. |
| Steve Priest        | EP Henry      |
| Roosevelt Robertson | Phila Park    |



Retiree Walt Petrowski a Shop Steward with 45 yrs. of service in the freight industry & Scy-Trsr Roy Kaiser & Pres. Howard W. Wells

The gang at UPS Freight wish Walt a long, healthy and happy retirement!

**Thank You Retirees!**



**Kenneth Wyatt ~ DiMedio Lime ~ 41 yrs.**  
**With BA Ed Pearce & Pres. Howard W. Wells**

**Jake Gordon ~ Bradbury Vault ~ 45 yrs.**  
**With BA Jim Bennett & Pres. Howard W. Wells**

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## Howard's Message *(continued from page 1)*

We have three events for the members coming up in the next few months. First we have our Annual Legal Day prior to the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Lawyers with a number of specialties will be available for free consultations from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM. Breakfast will be served at this same time.

Next up is our Annual Local 676 Scholarship Presentation at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Last but not least will be the Annual Members and Family Picnic Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup> which will again be held at the JCC Camp in Medford, NJ.

Please keep in mind we must have rules and limits on the Scholarships and Picnic. The deadline for submission of applications for the Scholarships is Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Applications are available now at the Hall or by calling 856-964-2101 and requesting an application. Only High School Seniors who are the children of current members are eligible to apply.

The deadline for Picnic ticket reservation is Friday May 31<sup>st</sup>. There can be no exceptions as we must let the facility & the caterer know June 1<sup>st</sup> how many will attend. Each member is entitled to request up to 5 (five) tickets for use by his or her immediate family. Immediate family is considered anyone who you claim on income tax and/or lives in your primary residence. You may call the Hall for further clarification. The Picnic is a large undertaking to be enjoyed by the members of Local 676.

Deadlines and limits are necessary to ensure those who attend have a wonderful time. It is primarily designed for the member, his or her partner and their children. I look forward to seeing everyone again this year. Good food, good friends, good times ....

Fraternally..... Howard W. Wells ~ President Local 676



## Local 676 Annual Scholarships

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### Eligibility

**High School Senior who is the child of a Local 676 member in good standing.**

### Applications

**Please call Debbi at the Hall to receive an application**

**Must be completed and returned by May 3, 2013**

*An investment in knowledge  
pays the best interest.*

*Benjamin Franklin*

**Local #676  
Members & Family Picnic**

The Annual Picnic will once again be held at the  
JCC Camp in Medford, NJ  
Date: Sunday June 9th

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

## James R. Hoffa

### Memorial

### Scholarship



Please call Debbi at the Hall to receive an application

Applications must be received  
in Washington, D.C. by March 15th

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~~~Peace on Earth ~~~ Goodwill to Men ~~~



## Holiday Time in Collingswood

Continuing a longstanding tradition the Local 676 elves (BA Ed Pearce & Pres. Howard W. Wells) delivered toys and Christmas Cheer to the Collingswood Children's Center. The Local also hosted a luncheon for the members after the December Meeting. May the coming year be a healthy & prosperous one for all of you.



Pat McCarty ~ IBT Int'l Pres. Jim Hoffa ~ John Dickinson

## National UPS / UPSF Rallies East Coast Style!



General President Jim Hoffa, General Secretary-Treasurer Ken Hall and members of the National Negotiating Committee led rallies in Boston on Friday, February 22; Newark, Philadelphia and Baltimore on Saturday, February 23; and Atlanta, Orlando and Tampa on Sunday, February 24.

25 UPS/USPF members of Local 676 joined the Rally in Philadelphia on the 23rd. Jim Hoffa spoke to the members motivating them to tell UPS we want a good and fair contract and we want it now. Healthcare is a major issue as well as Pensions, Work Rules, Harassment, and Wages.