



The Local Scene

For Members, Family and Friends of Teamsters Local 676

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An Important Message from our President

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer. As you soak up the sun and engage in water activities, etc make safety and preparation automatic. It's vacation season Drive and play safe! We want to see everyone in September happy and in good health.

Howard W. Wells

New Jersey will have a primary and special election to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Frank Lautenberg. Senator Lautenberg was a friend of labor and champion of the middle class – he will be sorely missed.

Take the time to read about the candidates. Vote for the person you feel will most directly and knowledgeably represent the interests of you and your family. Do not ignore your right and privilege to have a say in who will represent you in Washington, DC.

Problem hasn't been resolved? Call Me—856-964-2101

ATTN: Drivers in D.O.T. Covered Employment Critical D.O.T Information Concerning Medical Certification

Any Teamster who is required to have a D.O.T. medical certification examination must divulge any and all currently prescribed drugs to the examining doctor.

Failure to do so can result in serious repercussions.

The information you enter on the forms at the examining doctor's office is protected by HIPAA laws. Omitting a currently prescribed medication, for any reason, violates Federal Law and most contracts.

In a worst case scenario if you are taking a prescribed drug banned by the FMCSA and DOT you would have to stop taking it in order to obtain a DOT Medical Card.

Deliberate omission and later subsequent discovery by the doctor and/or the Medical Review Boards used by many employers is usually construed as dishonesty. **This can result in termination of employment & legal consequences.**

Remember! Protect your License and your job! If you have any issues with prescribed or illicit drugs call your business agent or the Local. We will advise you and help you.

Roy V. Kaiser
Secretary-Treasurer
Local 676

Labor-friendly shopping made easy

In the beginning of the union movement in America, workers attached labels to union-made goods to demonstrate the quality of the good. Today, specific web-sites and apps can do much the same.

Need a recipe? Look no further than this Pinterest account by UnionPlus that catalogues goods that taste good – and treat workers well too. From Frozen Raspberry and Cream Squares to Bacon Strip Pancakes, this union strong account has food for all its workers.

From Baldwin Pianos to the Angry Birds Star Wars Jenga Death Star Game (made by UFCW Local 224), Local 411 has one of the largest databases of union-made goods ready for purchase anywhere. Our goal at Labor 411 is to identify as many union-made products and services for you, the consumer.

Another convenient option is Good Guide, a free [website database](#) of ingredients that rate the labor, environmental, and safety standards of each product and company. Ratings are scored 1-10 in Health, Environment and Society, with subcategories for each topic that include considerations about worker treatment and human health impact. From diapers to air fresheners, cereal bars to cell phones.

~ Buy American—Buy Union ~

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More Happy Teamster Retirees



Pete Judge—25 yrs.—JJ Maloney Robert Knipe—39 yrs.—City of Bridgeton Jerry Warner—26 yrs.—South State
President Howard W. Wells presented the retirees with a Teamster Jacket & Plaque for their years of service

Recent Retirees

Ronald Adamson	LoBiondo
Steven Barnes	Aramark
George Burns III	Di Medio Lime
Enrico Dandrea	Glasgow Inc
Tyrone Durham	Di Medio Lime
Richard Fawley Jr	Lester Fellows
Vincent Gaglione	ARC
Victor Moore	unknown
Edward Paxson Jr	Sysco
Phillip Rodriguez	Jennings Corp
John F. Smith	TJ Lawn/Landscape
Robert Tull	Akzo Chemicals
Ronald Ulak	Bell Supply
Antjuan Wilson	United Parcel



Laurel Springs Inaugural Mattress Race

The winning team included UPS Package Driver Doug DelPidio & friends. Doug capped off the day by winning the ice cream eating contest downing 11 scoops of ice cream in just over 11 minutes. He's now on the Wall of Fame at Aunt Lo's Ice Cream Parlor downtown Laurel Springs.



Please donate at the following:

[www.teamster.org/content/
member-disaster-relief](http://www.teamster.org/content/member-disaster-relief)

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American middle-class prosperity is pure fantasy

This article originally appeared on [AlterNet](#).

America is the richest country on Earth. We have the most millionaires, the most billionaires and our wealthiest citizens have garnered more of the planet's riches than any other group in the world. We even have hedge fund managers who make in one hour as much as the average family makes in 21 years!

This opulence is supposed to trickle down to the rest of us, improving the lives of everyday Americans. At least that's what free-market cheerleaders repeatedly promise us.

Unfortunately, it's a lie, one of the biggest ever perpetrated on the American people.

Our middle class is falling further and further behind in comparison to the rest of the world. We keep hearing that America is number one. Well, when it comes to middle-class wealth, we're number 27.

The most telling comparative measurement is median wealth (per adult). It describes the amount of wealth accumulated by the person precisely in the middle of the wealth distribution—50 percent of the adult population has more wealth, while 50 percent has less. You can't get more middle than that.

Wealth is measured by the total sum of all our assets (homes, bank accounts, stocks, bonds etc.) minus our liabilities (outstanding loans and other debts). It the best indicator we have for individual and family prosperity. While the never-ending accumulation of wealth may be wrecking the planet, wealth also provides basic security, especially in a country like ours with such skimpy social programs.

Wealth allows us to survive periods of economic turmoil. Wealth allows our children to go to college without incurring crippling debts, or to get help for the down payment on their first homes. As Billie Holiday sings, "God bless the child that's got his own."

Multi-Local Forklift Training Class

The IBT conducted a Forklift Training session on the weekend of April 27th & 28th. Forty (40) members from Locals 229, 312, 401, 676, and 773 attended the two day training session conducted on the premises of our Local. Saturdays' class covered heavy construction applications and maneuvers. Sunday was dedicated to pipeline construction methods.

Photos below: Left: Mike Clark—IBT Training Rep—discusses the training with 676 member Tom Weiser Sr.
Center: Tom Barnabie of 676 operating the forklift Right: Frank Martinez (clipboard) IBT Safety Instructor with Tom



**Teamster Local 676 Scholarships Presented by
Local President Howard W. Wells, Asmblyman Paul Moriarty, & Asmblywoman Gabriela Mosquera**



Heather Bailey

Daughter of Howard Bailey—Lower Twp.



Alexandra Standish

Daughter of Jimmy Standish—Deptford PW



Jillian Sharkey

Daughter of Mark Sharkey—Gallo Wines



David Woloszyn

Son of Halina Woloszyn—UPS



Emily Anconetani

Daughter of Andrew Wnconetani—Allied Bev



Kathleen Connelly

Daughter of John Connelly—Mantua Twp.



Joseph Ruskowski

Son of David Ruskowski—Aramark Unif.



Caitlyn Saul

Daughter of Todd Saul—UPS



Ana Nicolo

Daughter of Vincent Nicolo Jr—VWR



Nicholas Gelone
Son of Peter Gelone—PATCO



Gabriella Stevens
Daughter of Gregory Stevens
United Water

