



The Local Scene

For Members, Family and Friends of Teamsters Local 676

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Howard W. Wells

An Important Message from our President

Working men and women all across our country breathed a sigh of relief on Nov. 4th when Senator Obama emerged victorious in his run for the presidency. Obama's historic win was a clear message that the American people were tired of the failed policies of the last eight years. Local 676 and Labor Unions from coast to coast solidly supported Obama with endorsements, Get Out The Vote efforts, phone banks, and many other grassroots activities.

President-elect Obama pledged to bring about positive change. This change cannot come at a better time. Our Nation has lost 1.2 million jobs this year alone. Home foreclosures and bankruptcies are at historic levels, the Stock Market continues to fall to new lows, and healthcare and retirement are of constant concern for America's working families.

Teamsters President James P. Hoffa said Obama's promise to sign the Employee Free Choice Act would "set off a new wave of union organizing". This would raise the ranks of organized labor by thousands of new members.

The Labor Movement is on a roll with Democrats at the wheel of the White House and gaining ground in the newly elected Congress. We look forward to more victories ahead as we gain universal health care, more funding for education, and new jobs to rebuild the broken economy.

I hope everyone had a healthy and rewarding 2008. The Christmas Party was a blast! Now let's hope for good weather in 2009 for our Summer Picnic at Clementon Lake Park June 7th.

I would like to close with a special prayer and our thoughts, for the families who lost sons and daughters, husbands and wives protecting our great country, our liberty, and our way of life. We will continue to pray for our troops and their families. We thank them for a job well done.

Fraternally Yours,

Howard W. Wells
President & Principal Officer
Teamsters local 676

Upcoming Meetings

Breakfast will be served from 9 AM until 10:45. Meeting begins at 11 AM

January

Massage therapy courtesy of the office of C.M. Chiropractic

February



Special Pricing Tax Advice & Filing by
Family Tax Services of Westville

Massage therapy & consultation
Courtesy of C. M. Chiropractic
Dr. Michael W. Birdsall

March



Law Day with free legal advice & consultations & Tax Advice Booth

April – to be announced

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November Meeting ~ Eagles Sunday



The November General Membership Meeting was designated "Eagles Sunday". After the month's business had been addressed the members were invited to remain for the football game. Unfortunately Cincinnati didn't cooperate and the game ended in a tie (we all remember THAT game).

There were numerous Eagle and Phillies items given away as door prizes. This was in addition to the normal Teamster items given away as door prizes during the meeting. Food and drink were available during the game for the spectators.

Howard presented recent retiree Tullos Dunne with a plaque commemorating his 24 yrs. with Coca-Cola and the Teamsters.

Recent Retirees



David Benner Haines & Kiblehouse

Adrian Desrosiers DuBell Lumber

James Diamond Inergy Gas

David Dupnock Lo Biondo

William Norton Patco

William Rogers United Parcel
(above left with Howard)

James Walter Inergy Gas



**Check out our
Online Catalog of
Teamster Gear**

Deceased Member

Kevin Nicklas UPS-active

UPS Part-Time Health Insurance Update

Dear UPS P/T in Local 676,

I am very happy to tell those who were seniority members prior to the new contract being ratified in Dec. 2007 that MRI, Lab work, and diagnostic testing will be covered 100% once again. This has been a year long fight to correct.

The new Part-Time Healthcare will only pay 90% for new employees who gain seniority after the ratification date. Most P/T at UPS received a much better plan under the new contract. However under our supplement our district had coverage superior to the National Contract.

President Howard Wells persistence and hard work led to this restoration of coverage for our members. His repeated trips to National Grievance meetings in Fort Lauderdale & San Diego, plus many phone calls and written correspondence rectified the problem. In the near future we should be able to provide you with a method to be reimbursed — so please keep your receipts.

UPS Package Car Drivers OPT-IN / OPT-OUT Article 37 language

If you OPT-OUT you give up the right to file a 9.5 grievance, for working over 9.5 hours 3 days in a week, for the 5 months covered by the list.

Official Notices

**from the Office of
The Secretary-Treasurer
of Teamsters Local 676**

To maintain dues compliance with the IBT Constitution, and any audits by the DOL, I have sent letters to all employers requesting lists of all covered employees and their pay rates.

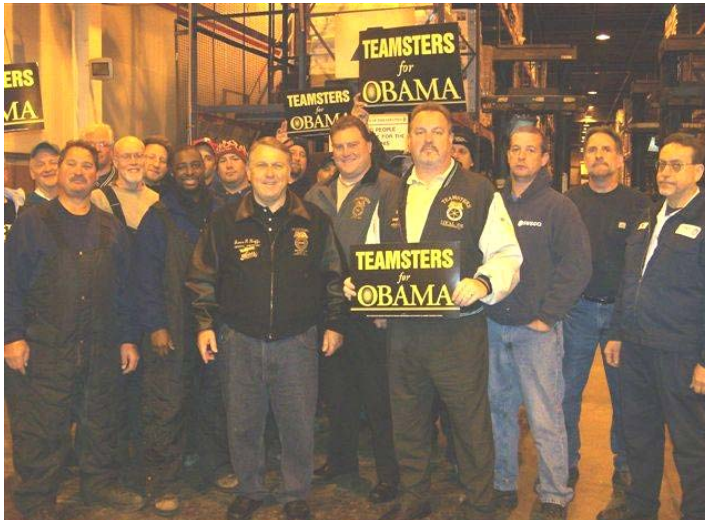
Our auditors have calculated our chargeable / nonchargeable percentage to be 90.48%. This is done at the end of each calendar year for Public Sector employees.

Roy Kaiser
Secretary-Treasurer Local 676

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Jim Hoffa Joins 676 Members at Sysco Obama Rally



International Teamsters General President Jim Hoffa joined Business Agents Ed Pearce, Jim Bennett, and Trustee Pat Bello in a rally for Barack Obama at the Philadelphia Sysco Foods warehouse.

Thanks to the efforts of many of our members and the votes of many more we now have a labor friendly President coming to the White House.

Local 676 donates toys & money to the Greater Collingswood Children's Center



April Weaver, the Director of the center which provides healthy, well balanced meals to children of families at or below the poverty level, is shown accepting the donations from Howard Wells President of Local 676.

Howard W. Wells President of Local 676 Elected a Trustee of Joint Council 53



Left to right: John Ryan President Local 326—Trustee, Howard W. Wells President Local 676 Trustee, Paul Cardullo President Local 929—Secretary/Treasurer, William Hamilton President Local 107 - President, Jim Smith President Local 115—Trustee, Stephen Banus President Local 773—Recording Secretary, John Laigaic President Local 628—Vice President

Newly Organized Greenwich Twp. Public Works Employees



The fifteen members of the Greenwich Township Public Works department were recently organized by card check. They had heard good things about our Local and approached us about becoming members. We are currently negotiating their first Collective Bargaining Agreement.

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Christmas Party 2008



Photos with Santa
&
Party Photos are
Available on the
Website
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Right click on photo
From pop up menu
Choose
Save As Picture
Save in My Pictures

