



The Local Scene

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Happy Holidays
From
The Officers and Staff
Of Local 676

Wishing all of you a very Happy and Prosperous
New Year



Howard W. Wells

A Message From Our President

At this time I want to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season. It has been an interesting Fall with the Presidential Election effort highlighting our activities. Whatever your political preference you have to feel good that so many new voters showed up at the polls .

Don Howell led our effort and spent two months organizing and implementing the IBT's campaign strategy. Thanks to the many volunteers both active and retired who pitched in we met every goal that had been set for us. The IBT wanted us to register an additional 10% of our

members. We came in at 11.8% and it showed up at the voting booth both locally and statewide. The following union endorsed candidates gained or retained their seats in government.

State: Congressional District 1— **Rob Andrews** District 2—**Frank Lo-Biondo**, Camden County: Freeholder—**Edward T. McDonnell**, **Carmen Rodriguez**. Cherry Hill Council—**Shelly Adler**, Runnemede Council—**Lisa Scaramuzzo**, **Mark McCarthy**. Gloucester County: Freeholder—**Joe Brigandi**, **Helene Reed**. Mantua Committee—**Pete Scirrotto**, **Sharon Perpetuino**, Monroe Council—**Marvin Dilks (IUOE 825)**, Pitman Council—**Mike Capelli (UBC 393)**, Mike Brewer, Washington Twp Mayor—**Paul Moriarty (AFTRA)**, Council—**Anita LaPierre**, **Frank Scarpato**, West Deptford Committee—**John Cobb**, **Janice Hauser (CWA 1085)**, Cumberland County: Freeholder—**Doug Rainear**, Salem County: Freeholder—**Lee Ware**, Pennsville Committee— **John Crawford (IBEW 210)**.

We elected or re-elected 22 Labor Endorsed candidates. There are now 43 elected officials with the "Union Label" in our four county region.

Winter & Spring Meeting Schedule General Membership

December 19, 2004

January 16, 2005

February 20, 2005

March 20, 2005

April 17, 2005

May 15, 2005

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GCIU Members Strongly Ratify Merger With Teamsters

Hoffa Welcomes Nearly 60,000 New Members

(Washington, D.C.) – In a historic vote, a majority of the United States membership of the Graphic Communications International Union (GCIU) approved a merger with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in ballots tallied earlier today. With this tally, the GCIU becomes the third major union to merge with the Teamsters in 2004.



Members Christmas Party a Big Success

Santa Claus visited Local 676 on Sunday December 19 after the monthly meeting. He was greeted with loud cheers and lots of squeaks and squeals from the kids in attendance.

Every child who came to see Santa (175) received a cool present from Santa and his helpers. There was food and music and lots of whooping and hollering from the kids.

More than 400 stopped by to see Santa and enjoy the festivities. It is our hope that this can become an annual event at the Local. Good times with good friends — it doesn't get any better than that.



Recent Retirees

Joibi Bergstrom
Windell Carr
Jim Downing
Tom Duffy
Harry Endres, Jr
Lou Fisher

Camden Lime
PATCO
UPS
UPS
Adams Whslr
UPS

Barry Marchetti
Ronald Morzo
Larry Parker
Pamela Pearson
Ed Rafter
George Steiner

UPS
JJ Maloney
Knecht, Inc
CBS Records
UPS
UPS

Hoeganes Workers on Strike

Ignoring the company's "offer" which would have resulted in a net 25% reduction in income the 65 members voted unanimously to strike. The plant is located at Taylor's Lane in Cinnaminson. Please stop by and give them your support this holiday season.

Teamsters Make Bold Proposals to Save AFL-CIO

Restructuring Plan Would Increase Resources Devoted To Organizing

(Washington, D.C.) – The Teamsters General Executive Board today endorsed a bold plan presented by General President James P. Hoffa to restructure the AFL-CIO to focus more resources on organizing. The Teamster Plan includes the following key elements:

- Streamline the national AFL-CIO
- Reduce the effective per capita tax by half
- Create incentives to accelerate the merger process
- Reform AFL-CIO jurisdictional dispute mechanisms
- Streamline AFL-CIO state and local field operations
- Cut the size of the AFL-CIO Executive Committee
- Develop a strategic political and organizing plan for "swing states"

For a copy of the Teamsters proposals go to www.teamster.org



One of the two groups of political walkers who helped produce a 92.5% success rate among Joint Council #53 endorsements.