



The Local Scene

For Members, Family and Friends of Teamsters Local 676

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New Meeting Format Continues

The January 20 General Membership meeting will continue the new meeting format. The Hall will open at 9 AM and several information and vendor stations will be set up.

Dave Fox our recommended Workers Compensation attorney will be here, Mark Morgan from Sprint Nextel phones, David Bell of Colonial Supplemental Insurance, and Rick Schultz from Alliance Annuity Fund will also be in attendance.

The Business Agents will be available for information and consultation as well. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 10:30 AM and the general Membership meeting will begin at 11 AM.

Hoffa Thanks Congress for Cross-Border Truck Ban

Teamsters Pledge Continued fight Against Dangerous Trucks from Mexico

Teamsters general President Jim Hoffa praised Congress for banning funds for the Bush administration’s reckless pilot program to let trucks from Mexico travel freely on U.S. highways.

“Congress just made driving safer in the United States by ensuring that dangerous trucks from Mexico aren’t lurching along our highways like unguided missiles,” Hoffa said. “We expect the Bush administration to obey the law and put a stop to this dangerous program as soon as it is signed into law.”

Hoffa said the Teamsters have nothing against Mexican truck drivers, just the companies that exploit them. “Just ask any Teamster who drives in the Southwest,” Hoffa said. “This is about safety.”



National Contract, All Supplements and Riders Take Effect

The IBT is pleased to announce that the terms and provisions of the new National Master Agreement and all supplements and riders have now been approved by the members and are in effect December 19, 2007.

Teamsters Local 676 Scholarship Fund

Call now to reserve your packet of Eligibility Requirements and Submission Form.

Scholarships will be awarded in May 2008. You must be graduating from High School during the 2007-2008 academic year and be attending college in 2008 in order to submit an application.

National Master Freight Negotiations Ballots to be Mailed January 14 and 15

Ballots will be mailed out January 14 and 15 to members who will vote on a new National master Freight Agreement (NMFA), and Local unions will begin holding membership meetings this week to review the tentative agreement. Ballots are due back by February 8, 2008.



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Howard W. Wells

A Message From Our President

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a safe and healthy Holiday season. It has been a great year for our Local. We won numerous arbitrations and awards for our membership. We were able to increase and maintain Health & Welfare in our contracts. Even our Public Sector contracts did well, all though a few are still outstanding because of the pressure that the State Government puts on Town and Municipalities with caps on wages, health care, and pensions.

We were able to grow our Local by approximately 400 members through organizing. New towns and a few construction companies came on board, as well as the bus drivers at the Lawnside and Willingboro locations of First Student. We would also like to welcome Camden Water aboard.

Our next First Student organizing target is their location in Berlin. The coming year should also see the UPS Freight drivers in our area join us here at Local 676.

It has been a good year politically with almost a hundred public officials in our corner. As a result we were able to get the Local's first bill passed. The bill concerns PATCO contract mediation and we are now working on getting similar legislation passed in PA.

Our third Annual Picnic was a great success along with the visit from Santa at our Christmas Party (*see photos on page 4*). A very special project of the Local was the awarding of eight Scholarships this past May to children of our members. This was the second year that saw us give eight young men and women a helping hand in the pursuit of their goals and dreams.

In October we hosted our Shop Stewards Seminar for the second year in a row. Attendance was very high at almost 80% and there was something for everyone both new and experienced. Thanks to all of those who gave up a Saturday to improve their ability to help the members they represent.

A special Thank You to those guests who set up information tables prior to our October and November meetings. We will continue to expand this program if the members indicate it is a benefit for them. You can check it out at our January meeting on the 20th. Doors open at 9 AM and breakfast will be served. The Business Agents will also be available at this time for information and assistance to the members.

And the last shall be first ... and so lastly I want to thank the members and shop stewards, without whose help we would not be successful. We will need your support and effort again to meet the challenges of the coming new year. All of you play a big part in the state of our country and our union.

This year will see us elect a new President. Let's rally our support for the candidate who best represents the interests of working families. Make sure you vote and give whatever assistance you can to the candidate of your choice.

Remember to say a special prayer for those members who have passed on and left us to keep the dream alive. They helped to make this union great and have passed that legacy on to us. Now it is our turn to protect our children's future.

Please keep those who died in the service of our country in your prayers as well. It is up to all of us to honor their sacrifice and their memory.

"He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things he has not But rejoices for those which he has." Epictetus

Fraternally,
Howard W. Wells
President & Principal Officer Local 676

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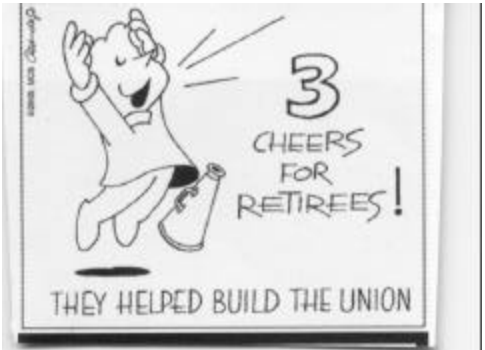
Local 676 Officer Charley Mahoney Retires after 41 years as a Teamster



President Wells presents Charley with a plaque.



Charley & his Mom



Join the Retirees Club

Meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month.

Call Shirley at the Hall for details.



Members and fellow Officers alike took their turn at the podium to wish Charley well, thank him for his contribution to the union, and maybe 'roast' him just a bit.

Charley will be missed. He was a force to be reckoned with in the Construction Industry.

Recent Retirees

Thomas Baker	Royal Enterprises
Cordell Boyd	United Parcel Service
Robert Capelli	Marandino Concrete
Raymond Chassier	United Parcel Ser.
Glenn Coneby Jr	Allied Beverage
Steven Conway	Allied Beverage
William Donley	John Jeffrey Co
Douglas Edwards	United Parcel Ser.
William Fowler	North Penn Trans.
Joseph Garrison Jr	R&R Marketing
Than Keo	Bell Supply Co
Howard Magsam	Holmes Trans.
Stanley Moczynski	United Parcel Ser
Vincent Nixon	United Parcel Ser
Clifford Pierce Jr	South State Inc
Laura White	CBS Records
Leo Wilgus Jr	JJ Maloney
Donald Wilkins	Camden Lime Mech

Deceased Members

Please remember them in your prayers

Steve Brown	JJ Maloney	Retired
Daniel Donovan Jr	Crowley AMT	Active
Charles Jengihino	ARC Int'l	Retired
Al Long	Sysco Foods	Retired
John McCormick	Aramark Uniform	Active
Saturninio Nieves	Reliable Tire	Active
David Powell	Construction	Retired
Ken Rynex	Evesham Twp	Active
Jason Sadler	Modern Gas	Active
Paul Schmidt	SPC Corp.	Active
Charles Smith	Safeway Freezer	Retired
Vernon Wolfe	Business Agent	Retired

Local 676 provides legal services for our members in Worker's Compensation cases.

Call David B. Fox, Esq 856-546-8822



For all other legal matters, including personal injury, product liability, document review, etc.

Call Willig, Williams, & Davids on 1-888-294-2747

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Local 676 Annual Christmas Party

