



News from Local 70

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Commitment to Activism

The constant attack on workers by corporate interests, conservative politicians, and the global economy necessitate a higher level of involvement and commitment to worker issues from all Local 70 members. For that reason, the Executive Board decided to re-activate the Picketing/Organizing/Assessment program.

This program will be an invaluable tool and asset for the future of our local. The Picketing/Organizing/Assessment committee is comprised of the Executive Board members and seven rank and file members who were elected at the December 2011 membership meeting. The seven rank and file members of the committee are John Bromstead, Ruben Bustillos, Jim Fried, Erik Mathews, Dan Rivera, Alonzo Watts, and Jenna Woloshyn.

The committee has already conducted three highly productive meetings regarding the programs goals and administration. The Bylaws of the program still need to be updated to accommodate our goal of expanding the parameters of the program to fight the unprecedented attacks on workers.

We anticipate this program to be up and running later this summer but wanted to take this opportunity to answer what we expect to be some possible frequently asked questions.

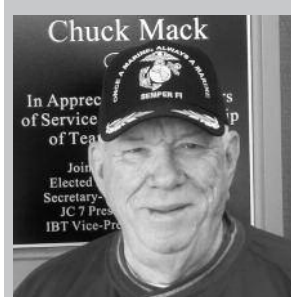
What is the Picketing/Organizing/Assessment program?

The program was authorized by a vote of the mem-

bership in October, 1979 and required each member of the Local to serve one day's picket duty to the union or, in lieu thereof, to pay an assessment. We have all benefited from the sacrifices made by our brothers and sisters in previous struggles and this program will ensure that we continue our militant tradition.

How does the program work?

Each member will be contacted and have the option of serving a day's picket duty or paying the assessment. For members who choose to serve their picket duty, the Local will keep a database on which we can schedule picket duty when needed. Members who elect to pay the assessment when initially contacted will have 30 days to pay the local. The assessment for full time members is \$65. The committee has recommended a change to a \$25 assessment for part time members, pending membership approval at the April membership meeting.



John Bromstead

"I think it is great that Marty and the E Board are getting this program going again. It's been a valuable tool for the local in the past and we can certainly use it now."



Ruben Bustillos

"I see this committee bringing solidarity to the brothers and sisters of Local 70 as well as helping the rest of the labor movement in the Bay Area"



Alonzo Watts

"I take great pride in serving on this committee. We will work hard to make our local even better with unity is our common goal."

What qualifies as picket duty?

Initially, the program was set up to aid and assist the local in ongoing strikes or organizing drives. While that remains the primary focus of the program, we feel the scope of the program needs to expand in response to the ongoing war on workers.

Some examples of picket duty activities are: assisting in ongoing strikes, disputes or organizing drives; attending city council, state or local meetings; participating in rallies, actions, or phone banking during elections; and supporting other unions or community groups in their struggles.

Events or activities that may qualify for picket duty must be approved by the committee.

How often are members required to perform picket duty?

Members will not be required to perform picket duty more than once a year.

If a member chooses to pay the assessment fee, what will the committee do with the money?

All monies collected will be used by the committee solely for expenses related to the Picketing/Organizing/Assessment program.



Dan Rivera

"I am impressed with the amount of knowledge and experience of the committee during the first meetings and I look forward to the program getting up and running."



Erik Mathews

"The reason why I became involved with this committee is to help educate the younger members of Local 70 and encourage them to be more active."



Jenna Woloshyn

"I hope this program helps build solidarity amongst our members and the broader community. When workers anywhere are under attack, we need to stand up and fight back together."



Jim Fried

"This committee's job will be to direct the power and strength of our membership towards the fight for justice for working families."



President's Report

Dominic Chiovare

Taking care of business

Local 70 Business Agents are currently in negotiations with the following companies:

- **California Waste Solutions:** I have reached a tentative agreement with California Waste Solutions (CWS) and will soon be meeting with the employees for a ratification meeting.

- **Coca-Cola Service Techs:** Business Agent Lou Marchetti organized this unit in 2007 and ratified a first-time contract. This time, Marchetti will build upon the first contract by making improvements in the pension and healthcare plans.

- **GSC:** Business Agent Bob Aiello and Trustees Kelsey Frazier and Mark Hawkins are in negotiations with GSC. "As this is the first time Local 70 has negotiated this contract and we are starting from scratch, we expect this to be a tough one," Aiello said.

- **Joseph Buchwald & Sons BakeService (JBS):** Although negotiations are moving slowly, Business Agent Marchetti is committed to delivering a strong contract with an economic package that will benefit the members.

- **USF Reddaway:** I have been meeting on behalf of Local 70 in the statewide Reddaway negotiations. The language changes are almost completed and we will soon be meeting about the economics. Reddaway is part of the YRCW family, an entity facing numerous financial difficulties. I expect these talks will be a challenge.

- **Unisource:** Business Agent Bob Aiello,

Shop Steward Al Rosell and I have opened negotiations with Unisource. The paper industry has been increasingly a depressed industry making these negotiations difficult.

- **MV Transportation:** Business Agent Bob Aiello has settled the majority of non-economic issues on the MV Transportation contract. IBT Vice President Rick Middleton will be assisting in negotiating the economic terms for the local.

Show up to City Hall

The Solid-Waste Industry currently has franchise agreements in the City of San Ramon and Oakland that are coming up for renewal. The renewals of these franchises are a critical factor in the job security of our workers in the solid-waste and recycling industry (WMI, PGS, AVI, AWI, ACI, CWS, LSI AND TRI-CED).

We will soon call upon the workers in this industry to attend the city council meetings in support of renewing the franchise agreements.

Reminder to those members who cannot make the Thursday night membership meetings—we also have Saturday membership meetings quarterly.

Retiring at Warriors game



Business Agent Lou Marchetti (R) and Trustee Rich Fierro (bottom center) join Young's Market Oakland Drivers at the Warriors game as part of a retirement celebration for members Charlie Burke and Al Akberdin.

Supporting Castlewood Country Club workers on the picket line

Local 70 members turn out in Pleasanton to support Castlewood Country Club workers who have been locked out for two years.

L to R: Ken Peluso, Vern Cotton, Jenna Woloshyn, Trustee Mark Hawkins and his daughter and Trustee Rich Fierro.



Preparing for talks



Members at GSC attend a contract proposal meeting on March 10.

Local 70

Political Action
by LOU MARCHETTI

Local 70 welcomes long-time

On February 24, 2012, the Officers and Officials of Local 70 joined Congressman Pete Stark as he made a campaign stop at the UPS facility on Pardee Dr. in Oakland. Joining us was former Secretary-Treasurer Chuck Mack, long time Pete Stark friend and supporter.

A progressive Democrat from the East Bay, Stark was first elected in 1972 on a platform of creating more jobs, building a strong economy and ending the Vietnam War. "There has never been an issue, be it deregulation of trucking, the



Congressman Pete Stark talks to UPS members during his campaign stop.



Former Secretary-Treasurer Chuck Mack addresses UPS members.

General Membership Me



Retired Business Agent Bob Bell and member Ken Peluso admire Local 70's new BBQ while Brother Joe Sanchis does all the work.

In action

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MARCHETTI**

Congressman Pete Stark

Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) or the Pension Relief Act of 2010 that Pete Stark hasn't supported Teamsters members. He has been out front every time we needed help. We need to be out front in support of him," said Mack.

That is why we are asking our members once again to register to vote and participate in DRIVE. We cannot afford to lose relationships with a Congressman like Pete Stark who has served this membership and the working class for more than 40 years.



Secretary-Treasurer Marty Frates and Congressman Pete Stark hand out safe driving awards.



(L to R) Joint Council 7 Political Director Doug Bloch, Officers and Officials Kelsey Frazier, Rob Dias, Marty Frates, Lou Marchetti, Rich Fierro, Mark Hawkins and Felix Martinez.

eting - January 28, 2012



Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Sam Morgan gives Local 70 members a presentation on commercial driving regulations at the General Membership Meeting.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Marty Frates



Building a strong membership base

POA Program

Local 70's Executive Board is in the process of re-activating our Picketing/Organizing/Assessment program that was established by the members of Local 70 in 1979. This program is a great tool for our members. The Executive Board along with an elected rank and file committee will set guidelines and administer the program. The main issue left to resolve is a notification system to the members so they can schedule the time to participate.

Our goal is to have member participation in picketing, organizing, and political action activities—it is NOT our goal to collect assessments. The Executive Board and the Committee have agreed that all assessment monies must be used for related expenses of the program.

The following are some current examples:

1. If the local union is having an organizing drive at a company, it is critical that the local and the committee have the ability to access the manpower for use in leafleting and informing the public of the issues.

2. If the local union has to take economic action against a company and strike them, the support of this committee and all our members will be critical to the success of that action. Whether a large unit or especially a small one, the collective action of all our members is the only thing we have to combat the capital that companies are willing to expend to defeat us.

3. One of the most important duties of this committee will be to protect jobs and worker's rights in the political arena. For example, currently the franchise agreement for the solid waste/recycling industry in the city of Oakland will be going out for bid. Our job in the political

process is to protect our members' jobs and contracts and this is becoming more difficult now because we have employers who are attempting to use our contracts as a wedge in negotiations for the franchise agreement.

Another political battle will be to defeat the "Corporate Deception" initiative on the November ballot. This initiative would make it illegal for unions to have voluntary deductions for political candidates and ballot measures. This will be the most critical issue we face.

The bottom line, if this initiative passes, would be that it will enable the 1% to virtually control the political arena, taking away the voice of working people in the debates. We would stand to lose everything we have gained. We cannot allow this to happen.

Local 70's Ongoing Political Action

The Officers and Officials are starting another Voter Registration and DRIVE campaign. On March 23, 2012, we had our first event at Coca-Cola in San Leandro (see below). We will be setting up meetings at all our terminals to ensure our members, their families and friends are registered to vote. Teamsters Local 70 and the California Teamsters Public Affairs Council will be putting out our recommendations for both candidates and initiatives.

On May 4, 2012, Local 70 will be hosting a fundraiser for our current Assemblyman, Sandre Swanson. He is soon to be termed out and is considering his political future. No one has been more committed to labor and the working families in the Bay Area than Sandre Swanson. We look forward to supporting him in his future endeavors. As he has always been loyal to us, we shall remain loyal to him.



Business Agent Lou Marchetti with Coke Merchandisers Darrell Crockett and Greg Ross



Voter Registration and DRIVE BBQ at Coca-Cola San Leandro



Mark your calendars:

June 23, 2012 Battle of the Bay: As vs. Giants @ Oakland Coliseum

September 3, 2012 Labor Day Picnic @ Alameda Point Park in Alameda

Contact Trustees Kelsey Frazier, Mark Hawkins or Rich Fierro for more info.





Spring events in the works

Play Ball: Spring is here and that means one thing: baseball season. In our effort to promote unity, we are eager to make the first annual Labor Unity "Battle of the Bay" game on June 23 a hit! By the time this goes to press, tickets will have been purchased, plans will be made and before you know it, it will be time to "Play Ball." It is our hope that this event will become a big hit and a Local 70 tradition for many years to come.

Horizon Lines Rescue: We would like to take this opportunity to mention the heroic rescue the Horizon Lines made at sea on February 8, 2012. The Horizon Reliance received a call to render assistance under the Automated Mutual Assistance Vessel Rescue System (AMVER) to a 38-foot sailboat that became disabled in seas of 15-20 feet and winds of 35 miles per hour. The Reliance was 149 miles northeast of the disabled vessel's location.

As the Reliance approached the Liahona at 1:30 a.m., waves tossed her into the side of the 893 foot container vessel, sinking the smaller

craft and sending the three passengers into the ocean. After three hours and numerous attempts, the 29-year-old uncle, 32-year-old father and 9-year-old son were rescued. By all accounts the rescue was nothing short of miraculous.

Horizon Lines owns American-made vessels, flies American flags and employs American crews. The crews on these vessels are all union and, as such, show the importance of having a strong U.S. Merchant Marine force.

Labor Day Picnic: Trustee Mark Hawkins has been instrumental in organizing the Labor Day picnic with the Alameda County Fireman and UFCW Local 5. He has spent numerous hours planning the details to make this a success.

Occupy Oakland: Trustee Rich Fierro remains committed to the Occupy Oakland Labor Solidarity Committee. He attends their meetings and has helped facilitate a few. OOLS is a work in progress and is striving to make a difference in the way big business conducts business and the way it relates to labor.

Teamsters Local 70's Office will be closed the following days in 2012

Memorial Day	May 28
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	September 3
Thanksgiving Day	November 22
Day after Thanksgiving	November 23
Christmas Eve	December 24
Christmas	December 25

Business Hours: Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.



For updates between newspapers, go to the Local 70 Website:

www.teamsterslocal70.org

Teamsters Local 70 2012 MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership & Steward Council Meetings

- April 21, 2012Saturday 10:00 a.m.
- May 24, 20124th Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
- June 28, 20124th Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
- July-August, 2012Meetings suspended for summer
- September 22, 2012Saturday 10:00 a.m.
- October 13, 2012Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
- November 13, 20122nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm.
- December 15, 2012Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Sick Benefit Meetings

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Call Tony Lara, Sick Committee Chairman for more information:
800-243-1350 or 510-569-9317

Unless notified otherwise, all meetings are held at
Teamsters Local 70: 400 Roland Way, Oakland, CA 94621

Local Union 70, City of Oakland, CA International Brotherhood of Teamsters TRUSTEES REPORT

February 2012

INCOME

Membership Dues	\$207,335.34
Initiation and Re-initiation Fees	6,721.16
Assessments & Fines	240.00
Non-member fees	185.91
Funds for transmittal for members	127.00
Other Income (Schedule A)	1,748.74
Total Cash Received	\$216,358.15

EXPENSES

Salaries	55,473.73
Expense allowances	5,775.00
Per capita tax	59,908.10
Contributions	3,200.00
Benefits Paid	15,635.73
Funds for Transmittal	131.00
Refunds - Dues	503.82

Refunds - Initiation & Reinitiation	225.00
Refunds - Other	10.00
Office and Administrative	11,428.41
Legal Fees	8,301.45
Arbitrator Fees	0.00
Other Professional Fees	7,755.80
Taxes	6,661.25
Meeting and committee expenses	892.03
Auto expenses	3,805.84
Out-of-town travel	4,205.37
Other expenses (Schedule B)	11,403.19
Other transactions (Schedule C)	(1,823.11)
Total Paid Out	\$193,492.61
Net Increase (or Decrease) in Cash	\$22,865.54
Cash balance: beginning of period	\$321,998.83
Cash Balance: end of period	\$344,864.37

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES As of February 29, 2012

Assets	Feb 1, 12	Change	Feb 29, 12
United Labor - General Fund	321,998.83	22,865.54	344,864.37
Petty Cash	850.00	0.00	850.00
General Fund-CD	229,072.96	1.78	229,074.74
Cash in Special Funds	34,691.66	3.88	34,695.54
Land	823,521.00	0.00	823,521.00
Buildings	3,462,224.36	0.00	3,462,224.36
Office Furniture/Equipment	46,861.36	0.00	46,861.36
Total Assets	\$4,919,220.17	\$22,871.20	\$4,942,091.37
Deduct Obligations	\$(145,361.59)	\$(33,807.58)	\$(179,169.17)
Net Assets	\$4,773,858.58	\$(10,936.38)	\$4,762,922.20

List of Obligations

Obligations	\$(168,285.28)
Payroll Liability	\$(10,883.89)
Total list of Obligations	\$(179,169.17)

SCHEDULES

Schedule A—Other Receipts

Sale of Supplies	740.00
General Fund Checking	20.39
Returned Check	25.00
Other	15.00
Other Receipts	804.35
Insurance (Benevolent)	144.00
Total Other Income	\$1,748.74

Schedule B—Other Expenses

Sick Benefit Payments	3,840.00
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Checks Uncollected & Returned	228.00
Building Maintenance	622.00
Gardening Service	1,700.00
Northern Cal Teamster News	835.19
Oak As. v. SF Giants Game Tix	4,800.00
Total Other Expenses	\$11,403.19

Schedule C—Other Transactions

Payroll liability: deducted not disbursed	(1,823.11)
Total Other Transactions	\$(1,823.11)