Teamsters Local 70 represents more than 700 members in the beverage industry. Pepsi, Coke and 7-Up all have contracts that expire on July 31st. Also, the statewide liquor agreement (Young’s Market) expired earlier this year and is being extended through the summer while negotiations continue.

Health and welfare is the number one issue in all these contracts. Obamacare has not provided the relief that we had hoped it would. In fact, it has been a drain on our Taft Hartley health plans. “It’s going to be a long hot summer in the beverage industry” said Business Agent Lou Marchetti who represents the workers at all of these companies. “They are good Teamsters and we have great Stewards at all these worksites who will be involved in the negotiations from start to finish. With their support, we will be able to deliver a contract that the members can be proud of. If the companies don’t give us what we need, we are prepared to take whatever action is necessary to meet our member’s needs.”

The 2016 presidential campaign is already dominating the news. It seems like every day a new Republican announces their candidacy. It’s become a bizarre menagerie of right-wing philosophies and ideas. The one constant from this group is to give the rich more tax breaks and to screw unions and working people any way they can.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker is the latest to throw his hat into the ring. He has built his whole career on attacking public sector unions and he just may get the Republican nomination.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton has come out early and strong. She is raising amazing amounts of money and seems relentless in pursuit of the nominations. While she stands head and shoulders above all the Republican candidates, she needs to come out in support of unions.

While local unions have the freedom to endorse any candidate they choose in local and statewide elections, the Constitution of the IBT gives only the General Executive Board the power to decide which presidential candidate to endorse. In light of that, Local 70 will be running articles to keep our members updated on the candidates. These are not endorsements.

First, we will look at another Democrat who has declared, Senator Bernie Sanders. From Vermont, Sanders has a strong and progressive platform, the likes of which we haven’t seen in years. Will he be able to survive in this era of money driven campaigns? Probably not. But we should all commend him for this. He is driving a conversation that focuses on workers issues and economic equality.

Bernie’s “Agenda for America” is:
1. Rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure
2. Reversing climate change
3. Creating worker co-ops
4. Growing the trade union movement
5. Raising the minimum wage
6. Pay equality for women workers
7. Trade policies that benefit American workers
8. Making college affordable for all
9. Taking on Wall Street
10. Health care as a right for all
11. Protecting the most vulnerable Americans
12. Real tax reform

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**Staffing changes at Local 70**

Business Agent Bob Aiello has retired for medical reasons. We want to wish him the best in his retirement.

I am happy to announce the Executive Board has made the temporary appointment of Trustee Mark Hawkins as Business Agent to a permanent appointment. Mark has been doing an outstanding job and will be a great asset.

The Executive Board has had a difficult decision to replace the Trustee position with so many great candidates. The person we selected was Henry Buchanan, the Chief Steward at UPS Freight. We are all looking forward to working with him.

**Political results in Oakland**

Libby Schaff was elected Mayor of Oakland in 2014, and Local 70 was the first union to endorse Libby. The reason was easy. As a member of the City Council, she did an outstanding job! We have tremendous respect for her. She has always had an open door policy, she listens and she always gives an honest answer. That doesn’t mean that we always agree, but the important thing is that we get an honest answer. It’s great to work with a politician of principle, not one who follows the latest poll. Libby is committed to the labor movement and to the citizens of Oakland by balancing the budget, which will be no easy task.

Libby strongly endorsed the minimum wage for the City of Oakland. As of March 2, 2015, the minimum wage in Oakland is $12.25 per hour with a cost of living adjustment every January 1. This increase will be beneficial to many UPS Part-Time employees to go along with the minimum wage of $12.25 per hour, pension contribution around $10.00 per hour, health and welfare contributions for a three and one-half hour shift guarantee is about $27 per hour, nine days sick leave, twelve holidays, three years seniority gets you five weeks’ vacation, social security, workers compensation, taxes, etc…to bring the cost per hour to over $50.

**Labor Day Picnic**

Monday, September 7, 2015
11:30 am - 4:30 pm
Alameda Point: 2700 Saratoga Street

Free admission, food, and fun for members and their families!

Bring blankets, chairs, and other picnic items.

Directions:
1) 880 North, to Broadway to Webster Street Tube.
2) Make a right on Atlantic
3) Make a right on Main
4) Make a left on Navy (at the guard shack)
Keeping it real at Local 70

Moving forward

“It has been a great experience serving as Trustee and Executive Board member over the last four years,” said newly-appointed Business Agent Mark Hawkins. “I look forward to the new challenges I will face representing the members.”

We are confident that the new Trustee, Henry Buchanan, will keep the local moving forward in the right direction as well. Henry is a 25-year Teamster and is currently the UPS Freight Chief Steward.

Financial Stability

Under the leadership provided by Marty Frates, Local 70 has been able to make the tough decisions necessary to protect the membership and provide financial stability. Our current Executive Board has kept an open mind to new ideas for saving money without affecting member representation. We also have worked hard to increase revenue by renting out the vacant space upstairs. We have rented out part of the upstairs building to Teamsters Local 2010. All of the revenue is earmarked for building maintenance. The local is also looking into solar opportunities to cut back on the PG&E bill.

Going Green

As of January 1, 2015 all new paperwork is being stored electronically instead of making paper copies so as to cut back on both waste and the cost of paper. This will also make it much easier to retrieve information when needed by office staff or Officials to assist members. Our goal is to eventually have everything available at a “click”.

Annual Teamsters day at the ballpark

Once again the Teamsters will take over the Coliseum at the Giants vs. the A’s game on September 26 at 1:05 pm. Included with the ticket to the game is a t-shirt and lunch. The tickets were sold at Local 70 and sold out in just two days. There will be more than 3,200 Teamsters at this event.

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

TRUSTEES REPORT

June 2015

INCOME

Membership Dues $247,266.25
Initiation and Re-initiation Fees 30,188.50
Assessments & Fines 1,185.00
Non-member fees 2,722.51
Funds for transmittal 974.00
Other Income (Schedule A) 30,852.90
Total Cash Received $313,189.16

EXPENSES

Salaries 55,347.58
Expense allowances 5,750.00
Per capita tax 61,688.95
Contributions 4,300.82
Benefits Paid 37,504.45
Funds for Transmittal 661.50
Refunds - Dues 826.74

Total Paid Out $227,854.74
Net Increase in Cash $85,334.42
Cash Balance Begin. of Period $1,081,875.66
Cash Balance End of Period $1,167,210.08

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

As of June 30, 2015

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SCHEDULES

Schedule A–Other Receipts

- Sale of Supplies 383.00
- Rent 7,149.95
- General Fund Checking 27.56
- Reimbursements 2,238.11
- Other Receipts 6,400.28
- Insurance (Benevolent) 84.00
- Oak As v SF Giants Game Tix 9,570.00
- CR Cont - Oak As v SF Giants 4,800.00
- Total Schedule A/Other Income $30,852.90

Schedule B–Other Expenses

- Sick Benefit Payments 4,400.00
- Building Maintenance 2,543.50
- Gardening Service 2,350.00
- Janitorial Service 1,195.00
- Total Other Expenses $10,488.50

Schedule C–Other transactions

- Payroll Liability 7,289.84
- Total Other Transactions $7,289.84

Teamsters Local 70

2015 MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership & Steward Council Meetings

Meeting Schedule: 2nd Tuesday of the Month

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

To be eligible for Sick Benefits, claims must be filed at Local 70’s office within thirty (30) days of disability. Also, dues for the previous month must have been paid on time.

For more information about the rules regarding the Sick Benefit Fund, see the Sick Benefit Fund Bylaws, Section 4.

All meetings are held at Teamsters Local 70: 400 Roland Way, Oakland, CA 94621, unless otherwise notified.

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