Executive Board
Marty Frates............Secretary Treasurer
Dominic Chiavar...........President
Milton Lewis............Vice President
Rob Dias....................Recording Secretary
Rich Fierro..............Trustee
Kelsey Frazier..........Trustee
Mark Hawkins............Trustee

Business Agents
Bob Aiello
Lou Marchetti
Felix Martinez
Marquel Pea...........Conductor
Ray Woodruff............Warden

Local 70  Officers and Officials, Retirees and Rank and File Members support UFCW Local 5 during their strike at Nob Hill stores in Alameda.

Local 70 Vice-President Milton Lewis joins IBT President Jim Hoffa and IBT Secretary-Treasurer Ken Hall in Washington, DC for President Obama’s second inauguration.

Local 70 thanks Mathias Vavao, a member who works at Allied Waste, for speaking at the Newark City Council and encouraging them to retain a Local 70 agreement.

What are your goals and resolutions for 2013?

Paul Dulle, UPS CSI
“I am just glad to be back in Local 70. I spent the last couple of years in Local 459. It is a great local but there is only one Local 70.”

Ken Maudie, Unisource
“My resolution for 2013 is to stay involved with legislation to force our politicians to do better for working people. The law allowing us to go to traffic school is a good start, but workers still need better protections and conditions. Employers should be paying the fines, not drivers.”

Jerome Mack, Pepsi
“I’ve been the steward for the Pepsi Merchandiser for a few years now. I really enjoy working with Lou and representing the members. I am looking forward to being even more active in all aspects of the union.”

Gary Vargas, UPS CSI
“I am working to get the members at UPS Cartage together and more involved. That’s why we volunteered to BBQ at the Saturday General Membership Meeting. I just recently became the Steward and the contract is up, so we are facing a lot of challenges right now.”
Local 70 business agents are currently in negotiations with the following companies:

**USF Reddaway**

Members of Locals 17, 63, 70, 104, 137, 174, 439, 455, 483, and 665 who work at USF Reddaway ratified a new contract for the term of June 1, 2012 through March 31, 2015.

They’ll get hourly wage increases of 25¢, 40¢ and 25¢ each year, respectively, starting on January 1, 2013 and then again each January. They’ll also get an additional $1.06 per hour contributed into their Teamsters 401-K. Importantly, members will maintain their health and welfare through WTWT for the duration of the contract without employee cost sharing.

In addition, the employer has agreed to “neutrality card check” so we can work to organize the non-union Reddaway facilities throughout the Western States without aggressive employer opposition.

**ABF Freight**

ABF talks started in January are still on-going. They had been extended 30 days through April 30, 2013 with retro back to April 1. The negotiating committee has reached tentative agreement on most of the language, although the economics remain difficult.

**MV Transportation**

Business Agent Bob Aiello has held proposal meetings for both the U.C. Transit Division and the Dumbarton Division and will begin bargaining soon. Both contracts expire on June 30, 2013.

**UPS Freight**

Business Agent Felix Martinez is representing Local 70 in the ongoing UPS National Freight negotiations. Their meetings have so far been productive. The parties have reached agreement on 75% of the non-economic issues. Felix says the hard work is still ahead.

**WMI ILWU Local 6**

Local 6 has the Clerical, Sorters and Landfill contracts open and has been in a real fight with WMI trying to reach agreement. They have reached out to the Teamsters for our support and intervention in their negotiations.

IBT Vice President Rome Aloise, IBT Solid-Waste Rep. Larry Daugherty, Local 70 B.A. Felix Martinez and I are participating in their negotiations in an effort to help resolve the ‘issues and avoid a labor dispute that would affect us all.

**DHL Express**

The JC7 negotiating committee commenced bargaining with the DHL in April. The Committee consists of JC7 Chairpersons Bob Bell (L70), Bill Hoyt (L287), Local 2785 Secretary-Treasurer Joe Cila, Steward Moe Brown, Local 70 Steward Bob Martinez and me. The meetings have gone well and we have completed 95% of the language. We hope to maintain our pace and progress and complete the agreement soon.

**Saroni**

Business Agent Bob Aiello just concluded negotiating a five-year agreement with Saroni Sugar that the members ratified unanimously. The agreement provides for yearly increases of 50¢ per hour for wages, 15¢/hour for pension, and improvements in health and welfare, in addition to a $500 signing bonus.

**2013 Upcoming Negotiations**

The following companies’ CBA’s will expire this year: ACCO, Bakemark, BL Transport, Crescent Truck Lines, Jorgensen Steel, Service West, Quality Terminal Services, Seven-Up, Shell Lubricants, and UPS Package, CSI.

All in all, it’ll be another busy year for the staff.

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www.teamsterslocal70.org

Above and at right: Members at the Stewards Appreciation Breakfast in January 2013

WCT Pension Chairman Chuck Mack gives a presentation update to members at the January membership meeting.
ERS STEPPING UP

Good learnings and great food!

SECRETARY-TREASURER’S REPORT

Marti Frates

CONTRACT UPDATES

UPS Freight National Negotiations
Business Agent Felix Martinez sits on the National Committee. Those negotiations are moving along at a better pace, however, the main issues of sub-contracting and Health and Welfare are not yet resolved.

IBT/UPS Nor Cal Negotiations
I chair these negotiations that include 16 local unions in Northern California. These talks are moving slower than slow.

It is apparent to the union that UPS will delay until the last minute. Actually, we have no problem with that because the pressure will be on UPS. I have all the confidence in IBT Lead Negotiator IBT Secretary-Treasurer Package Division Chairman Ken Hall and IBT Vice President Sean O’Brien, who is coordinating the supplemental negotiations. The target date to finish negotiations is March 29, 2013.

Horizon Lines Negotiations
This contract expires on March 31, 2013, the company has agreed to extend the contract. Negotiations will start upon completion of the UPS contract. The company is having some financial difficulty, but I feel confident we can work through it.

Local 70 has a unique relationship with Horizon Lines. We have union dispatchers that run the trucking and warehouse operations. We will be meeting with the company prior to negotiations to discuss the operational issues and show the efficiencies we have developed over the years.

BYLAWS

I am happy to say that the members approved the Bylaws changes at the membership meeting on February 28. My thanks to the Executive Board and the Bylaws Committee members Glen Andrade of ABF, Jordy DeBenning of ACI, and Marcus Lewis of Coke, for their efforts. The new Bylaws have been sent to the IBN for approval.

POLITICAL ACTION REPORT

by Lou Marchetti

2012 ELECTION RESULTS

Strengthen labor’s hand

The 2012 election cycle proved that labor still has power. The re-election of President Obama was obviously a major victory for working people. Many other statewide and local victories could not have been achieved without rank-and-file participation. The highlights include:

- Defeating Proposition 32—The sole purpose of this proposition was to take the voice of union workers out of politics. Workers throughout the state worked harder than ever to ensure the bill’s defeat. On Election Day, the proposition went down overwhelmingly, sending a message to its corporate backers that we will not back down.

- Passing Prop 30—This tax measure will balance the state budget and free up infrastructure monies that create jobs.

- Electing Richard Valle to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors—Richard is a long-time Teamster employer. He was elected to the board of supervisors with our support.

- AB 1888 - This newly-signed law enables commercial drivers to attend traffic school for violations that occur while driving a personal vehicle, an important benefit for our members who drive for a living.

- AB 845—Prevents municipalities from diverting waste to other jurisdictions, keeping our drivers working and delivering waste and recycling to local sites. Thanks to Prop 32, Teamster members voted in record numbers. The right-wing attack on unions energized and motivated workers up and down the state and created a backlash that gave us a super-majority in both houses in Sacramento.

Now is the time to be aggressive and push forward a progressive workers’ rights agenda. We must never let the greedy corporations forget that when you mess with us, “payback is a bitch.”

IN MEMORIAM

Larry Dias
1940-2013

Lawrence “Larry” H. Dias, a 54-year member of Local 70 who served as a Trustee, Business Agent and President of the Local for many years, died on February 10, 2013 at the age of 72.

Dias primarily represented members who worked in the solid waste industry. He was known to be a creative negotiator who gave great attention to detail. He was always proud that his work resulted in improving the lives of many of our rank-and-file members.

Aside from his work, he also had a passion for the outdoors and wildlife; hunting and fishing would become his life-long hobbies. Above all, his family was always closest to his heart; nothing else brought him more happiness than to spend time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandson.
Celebrating and building for the future

2nd Annual “Battle of the Bay”

It only took three days for us to sell all of our tickets to the Battle Of The Bay this year. Thank you! We are very much looking forward to the event. We will contact everyone who purchased tickets when the t-shirts arrive for pick up.

We strongly recommend members take BART, if possible, as parking will be extremely limited. Also, remember to bring hats, sunscreen, chairs, and anything else you might need during the tailgate/game.

Next year we will be pushing the A’s for even more tickets, especially if the game is back on a regular weekend schedule. We look forward to seeing you and your family!

Voter registration

In an effort to stay ahead of the political process, and build on our success in 2012, Local 70 will be actively registering members to vote, and continuing our member education. We have updated our membership records, and will contact members still listed as unregistered. The attack on labor will never stop, and we will continue to fight for working men and women.

Another Local 70 milestone

Established in 1903, Local 70 turns 110 years old this year. The success and longevity of our local is a true testament to the dedication of the brothers and sisters—past and present—of Local 70.

All local unions are only as strong as their membership and the continued strength and viability of our local speaks for itself. We have no definite plans for a celebration yet; we will keep you posted as things develop.

Member education

One of the main reasons Local 70 has stayed strong and active for 110 years is our commitment to keeping rank and file members educated and informed. We regularly have guest speakers at our Saturday membership meetings, keep our web page updated, and send e-mail blasts of relevant news or announcements.

In this tradition, Local 70 is very proud to announce two member education seminars this summer. We frequently hear from members how the tips and information they learned were helpful in dealing with their employer’s misinformation, or to enable them to provide guidance to other members.

Our first seminar is scheduled for July 13. We will focus on pension and Obamacare. We will send notices soon out.

Trustee Update

by Kelsey Frazier, Mark Hawkins, Rich Fierro

Did you move? Tell us your new address!

Don’t miss out on important information distributed to members by mail and e-mail. Keep your address, telephone number and e-mail updated in the following ways:

▲ By the web: www.teamsterslocal70.org
▲ By E-mail: lb70@teamsterslocal70.org
▲ In person or U.S. Mail: 400 Roland Way, Oakland, CA 94621.

Your attention to this important detail will be greatly appreciated.

Teamsters Local 70

2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership & Steward Council Meetings

April 27, 2013 ........................ Saturday 10:00 a.m.
May 23, 2013 ........................ Thursday 7:00 p.m.
June 22, 2013 ........................ Saturday 10:00 a.m.
July – August 2013 ................MEETINGS SUSPENDED FOR SUMMER
September 21, 2013 ................ Saturday 10:00 a.m.
October 24, 2013 ................ Thursday 7:00 p.m.
November 2, 2013 ................ Saturday 10:00 a.m.
December 10, 2013 ................. Tuesday 7:00 p.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

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

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TRUSTEES REPORT

February 2013

INCOME

Membership Dues $221,060.68
Initiation and Re-initiation Fees 6,994.65
Assessments & Fines 260.00
Non-member fees 416.91
Funds for Transplant 807.00
Other Income (Schedule A) 6,149.39
Total Cash Received $255,678.68

EXPENSES

Salaries 50,655.73
Expense allowances 7,275.00
Pre capita tax 62,617.82
Contributions 250.00
Benefits Paid 30,700.36
Funds for Transplant 1,035.50

Net Increase (or Decrease) in Cash $16,069.41
Cash balance: beginning of period $608,181.23
Cash Balance: end of period $624,250.64

SCHEDULES

Schedule A—Other Receipts

Sale of Supplies 1,083.00
General Fund Cashing 16.19
Other Receipts 9,890.20
Insurance (Benefit) 120.00
Total Other Income $61,049.39

Schedule B—Other Expenses

Sick Benefit Payments 2,740.00
Building Maintenance 1,839.02

Bank Error 26.00
Janitorial Service 900.00
Janitorial Supplies 576.30
Gardening Service 3,750.00
Oak As v. SF Giants Game Tix 4,000.00
Total Other Expenses $13,833.22

Schedule C—Other Transactions

Payout Liability: deducted not disbursed (1,048.52)
Total Other Transactions $(1,048.52)

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