



News from Local 70

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Celebrating Labor Day 2009 in Teamster style

Organized labor took a day off on Monday, September 7 to celebrate our achievements and plan for the battles ahead by attending the Alameda Central Labor Council's annual Labor Day picnic and BBQ at Martin Luther King Estuary Park in Oakland.

The event was well-attended by union members and leadership, as well as by elected politicians and those hoping to get elected.

The labor movement faces numerous battles as we seek to recover from eight years of Bush Administration attacks on working people.

As Congresswoman Barbara Lee pointed out, health care reform and the fight to bring health

care coverage to all U.S. citizens is a top priority. What labor and most Democrats see as a basic human right is being turned into a political minefield by insurance and drug companies trying to protect their obscene profits.

While health care reform is grabbing all the headlines, the Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) is still a major concern. Labor's ability to

organize is our number one priority and the only way to restore the middle class in America. The purpose of EFCA is to restore what the 1934 Wagner Act intended—that working people have a basic right to join a union and collectively bargain for a fair contract.



Secretary-Treasurer Marty Frates shares a laugh with California Labor Federation Secretary-Treasurer Art Pulaski on Labor Day.

As always, the most important point made by all of the speakers was rank and file involvement. Most of today's unions have been around for

more than 100 years. That longevity is a testimony to their members' willingness to fight the battles to protect their rights.



Secretary-Treasurer Marty Frates, Vice-President Milton Lewis, Business Agent Lou Marchetti and Trustee Felix Martinez joined with rank-and-filers to help set up for the Labor Day Picnic and BBQ on September 7 at the Martin Luther King Estuary Park in Oakland.

We represent you!

Marty Frates

Horizon Lines
IBT Reps
Local 70 Fee Payers
Local 70 Hiring Hall
Local 70 Owners And Operators
Local 70 Officers And Officials
Movie Industry (shared with Dominic)
United Parcel Service Ground
United Parcel Service CSI

Larry Dias

Coca-Cola Bottling Company
Gallade
Gallo
Iron Mountain
Pepsi Bottling Group
Quality Terminal Service
Seven-Up Bottling
Mills College

Dominick Chiovare

ABF Freight Systems
ACCO Engineered Systems
Bigge Crane And Rigging
California Glass Co.
xpedx
Movie Industry
Western Event Service
Spicers Paper
Unisource Corp.
USF Reddaway
Crescent Truck Lines
DHL Express
Event Productions
Ghiglione/Rodgers/SWS
Jay N Company
Shell
YRC

Bob Aiello

Allied Box Company
Ashland Distribution Co.
Bakemark USA
Berkeley Ready Mix Co.
BL Transport
Joseph Buchwald And Sons
EN Jorgensen
Food Express Inc.
GSC Logistics
Integris Metals (Ryerson)
Lawson Drayage
Maritech Leasing
Matheson Mail Transportation
MV Transportation
Oakland Unified School District
Reliance Sheet And Strip
Reliance Metal Center
Saroni Total Food Ingredients
UPS Freight
US Airways

Lou Marchetti

Alameda County Industries
Allied Waste
Amador Valley Industries
California Waste Solution
Pleasanton Garbage
Tri-Ced Community Recycling/IPS
Youngs Market
Waste Management

Teamsters Local 70 Barn Assignments by Agent Effective: 8/25/2009



President's Report

Joe Silva

My last article as Local 70 President

On September 9, 2009, I tendered my resignation of my position as President of Teamsters Local 70. The decision was difficult given my 45 years as a member of Local 70 and 25 years as president. I have been dealing with a medical problem that affects memory and my doctors are evaluating this issue and running tests. They have recommended a reduction in stress and given this advice, I have decided to focus on my health and resign my position of President of Teamsters Local 70.

It has been a wonderful experience. Our members are the best and our Shop Stewards work hard and often are undervalued given the time and energy they spend resolving issues and protecting our member's job. Shop Stewards are the backbone of our union; they are on the front lines everyday.

I salute the Officers and Offi-

cial as well. Marty Frates, Milton Lewis, Rob Dias, Larry Aiello, Felix Martinez and Tim Mosier consistently promote the best interests of the local. We don't always agree but all of these Officers take their responsibilities seriously. Our Business Agents work tirelessly to protect our members and negotiate contracts that include wages and benefits that are consistent with and often better than industry standards. I am proud of all our Officers and Officials, Shop Stewards and members that I have known over this quarter century.

In closing, we have a new President of Teamsters Local 70. Larry Dias was selected to replace me. He has a lifetime of experience in the grocery industry, freight industry and the scavenger industry and he will work well with Secretary-Treasurer Marty Frates.

Thank your for your support.



Outgoing President Joe Silve (R) swears in new Local 70 President Larry Dias.

Mack's 1976 deregulation warnings came true

Former Local 70 Secretary-Treasurer Chuck Mack gave the following speech at the 1976 International Teamster convention to support a resolution opposing deregulation of the trucking industry. The resolution passed, but unfortunately deregulation fever took hold, and all of Mack's predictions came true.

I would like to endorse this resolution and urge the delegates here to support it.

The proposals that are being made at both the federal and state levels concerning deregulation have a devastating impact, and are going to cost the local unions throughout the Teamsters Union and the AFL-CIO thousands of jobs if these are adopted. Deregulation is a very catchy concept as everybody in the world wants less government, because they want less taxes. But deregulation, in this case, means effectively destroying the trucking industry as we know it. It would allow industry to come into this operation without regard to rights, to haul from whatever point they want to, whatever type of freight they want to at whatever rate they want to, without concern or regard for the carriers in business now.

Deregulation has a definite impact on highway safety. The guys who are violating the laws today, running 24 hours a day up and down the highway aren't members under contract. They are trying to make a buck to stay in business so they can out-compete the companies we have contracts with. It has a profound and very significant impact on our members' jobs because they are willing to sell their services at substandard wages.

The contract that we have just negotiated in the freight industry is the most outstanding contract that

has ever been negotiated. A lot of people on this stage deserve a lot of credit for that. That contract, if the proposals that are being kicked around at both federal and state levels are adopted, is not going to mean a damn thing because you are going to have non-union people taking jobs of thousands of Teamsters driving the trucks.

It goes even beyond that, however, to the warehouses, canneries and parts departments. If there is not a Teamster driving that truck, they are not going to respect your picket lines when you put them up.

The federal government is talking about deregulating the Securities Exchange Commission, the Department of Transportation and the Interstate Commerce Commission. They are talking about the deregulation of the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Federal Aviation Administration. Nowhere is anybody talking about deregulating labor unions. Nobody is talking about taking the shackles off our backs so we can go out and organize. Nobody is talking about taking the shackles off so we can effectively represent our members. And everybody in this Convention knows that we are hamstrung with federal regulations already.

Mr. Chairman, deregulation has been going on for about the past 10 years. We have been attempting to fight it. We've done a good job in some areas, but deregulation has been underway and going on for about 10 years, and because of that we have already lost possibly 100,000 jobs in the freight industry. It is high time that we not only address our selves to protecting what we have, but it is also time that we be about the business of trying to regain what we lost. I think this resolution directs itself to that, and I would urge this Convention to unanimously adopt it.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Convention vigorously go on record in opposition to the deregulation of the trucking industry, and that we use all our available resources to fight this vicious and destructive proposal.

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Why do you s



Toby Gaipa
Horizon Lines

"The steamship lines and manufacturers spend millions to protect their interests at the Port of Oakland. We have to give to DRIVE to insure that our issues are represented."



Art B
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"It is important to contribute to carport labor issues through DRIVE, this goal."



Kelsey Frazier
Horizon Lines

"As in all things, I want the Teamsters to be #1 and if that means donating a few dollars every week, I am more than happy to do it."



Ron C
YRC H

"I have been giving over 20 years. It's a good and active"



Local 70 congratulates our members setting the standard in DRIVE su

Members

Support DRIVE?



Balance
HL
"What we are able to do as candidates that supports. Collectively we can achieve."



Marquel Pea
UPS

"The union has to participate in the political process and that means registering to vote and donating to DRIVE so collectively our voices will be heard."



Carlson
Hayward
"Coming to DRIVE for is part of being a member."



Andres Beltran
YRC Oakland

"DRIVE is an integral part of the power we have in Sacramento and Washington, D.C."



Members who work at Horizon Lines for support — nearly 100% participation!

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Marty Frates



Making tough decisions for a stronger Local

The first 3 months on the job have been exciting and challenging and there are more changes to come.

On 9/9/09, after 25 years of service, Joe Silva resigned as President of Local 70 for personal reasons. I want to say that it has been a pleasure working with Joe over these many years and I wish him the best in his retirement. Joe is, without a doubt, one of the most sincere and decent individuals I have had the pleasure of knowing. I hope that all goes well for him.

With Joe's resignation, the Executive Board made a decision to name longtime Business Agent Larry Dias to fill the position of President. I want to welcome Larry back from his long illness and look forward to working with him.

As I take the reins of the Local, I've asked our Executive Board to review all of our systems to ensure that we're running as effectively and efficiently as possible. With regards to balancing the budget, we have had to make some tough decisions. One is that, upon assuming the Secretary-Treasurer's position, I have maintained my Business Agent assignments. This means that we are not replacing a Business Agent. We have decided to let go two office employees, as well as Bruce Kelley, Local 70 Dispatcher/Jack of All Trades and Bob Bell, Joint Council 7 Freight Coordinator. These have been very difficult decisions because I have known and worked with both Bruce and Bob for more than 35 years. With these cuts, we are now in a position to balance the budget as long as we maintain our current membership numbers.

A change in work assignments has also been made as a result of the reduction in Officers and Officials. The Secretary-Treasurer and President will also carry Business Agents assignments. We have included a list of our new work assignments in this newsletter so you know who represents you at your workplace.

Another positive change is the telephone system. I am happy to report that when you call Local 70 during business hours, a live person will be available to assist you and not an automated attendant. We hope to better serve our members with

the quicker response time.

Shop Stewards Workshop

Local 70 Vice-President Milton Lewis organized a successful Shop Steward workshop on Saturday, September 12 which revolved around political involvement and the effects of deregulation on the trucking industry. I found a copy of former Secretary-Treasurer Chuck Mack's speech at the 1976 Teamsters Convention on deregulation of the trucking industry, which he shared at the meeting and which we include in this

I wish Joe Silva the best in his retirement, and welcome Larry Dias to fill the position of Local 70 President

paper. It's fascinating to see how much of today's reality Chuck was able to foresee more than 30 years ago.

Deregulation has been devastating to the trucking industry, and consequently to our union membership. At that time, Local 70 had a secretary-treasurer, a president, 12 business agents and three dispatchers. Today, we only have a secretary-treasurer, president and just three business agents.

The only way out of this long spiral down is through political involvement. Members have to register to vote so that the voice of labor can be heard. Members also need to participate in DRIVE so we can be in a position to donate money to the campaigns of public officials who support labor.

Our voices have to be heard on the following issues:

1. **Employee Free Choice Act** – Deregulate organized labor so that we can organize.
2. **National Health Care** – Support a program that benefits our members and the working class.
3. **Express Carrier Act** – Put FedEx under the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) instead of the Railway Labor Act (RLA) just like UPS and DHL.

The Officers and Officials along with the shop stewards of Local 70 have committed to go on a voter registration campaign and to encourage our members to sign up for DRIVE. We have had early success and nearly 100% participation at Horizon Lines, YRC Hayward and Young's Market. We must continue this success.

**For updates between newspapers, go to the Local 70 Website:
www.teamsterslocal70.org**

What's new? Visit the site frequently for current announcements as new information is posted on a regular basis.

Teamsters Local 70 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

October 22	Thursday 7 p.m.
November 17	Tuesday 7 p.m.
December 12	Saturday 10 a.m. **

**Membership Meetings immediately follow the Saturday Steward Council Meetings.

STEWARD COUNCIL MEETINGS

December 12	Saturday 9 a.m.
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SICK BENEFIT MEETINGS

2nd Tuesday of the Month
Call for more information: 800-243-1350 or 510-569-9317

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

*For Local 70 members who are sick or hurt;
We want to hear from you—you may have benefits coming.*

SICK BENEFIT FUND

Monthly Meetings—2nd Tuesday at 11 a.m.—3 p.m.
1-800-243-1350 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.*

Did you move? Tell us your new address!

Don't miss out on important information distributed to members by mail—give Local 70 your new address and telephone number. We offer three easy ways to update your address:

- ▲ **By Phone:** Call Local 70 at 800-243-1350 or 510-569-9317
- ▲ **By E-mail:** Submit form online at: ibt70@teamsterslocal70.org
- ▲ **By Mail:** Send in a completed Status Change Form (obtain from your Shop Steward) to: PO Box 2270, Oakland, CA 94621-0170. Your attention to this important detail will be greatly appreciated.

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TEAMSTERS LOCAL 70

Telephone number and extension list

Main Phone: 510-569-9317 Fax: 510-569-1906

Hiring Hall: 510-569-1203

Board Members

Marty Frates 510-638-2022
Larry Dias 510-568-5494
Rob Dias 510-569-7202
Milton Lewis 510-636-7937
Larry Aiello 510-569-9325
Tim Mosier 510-569-9325
Felix Martinez 510-569-9325

Office Staff

Fahm Beltran (Office Mgr) 510-636-4782
Martha Cardenas (Dues Clerk) 510-636-4783
Gabriela Dimas (Bookkeeper) 510-636-4789
Koy Saechao (TITAN Clerk) 510-569-9324

Delta Health Systems (fka East Bay Drayage Drivers Trust Health & Welfare)

Customer Service 877-474-5703
Eligibility - Lori 209-939-3448
Claims - Kathy 559-228-4111

Business Agents

Bob Aiello 510-569-3479
Dominic Chiovare 510-569-4665
Lou Marchetti 510-430-3548

Dispatcher 510-569-1203

In Memoriam: Local 70 Obituaries

BRASK, Edmund, April 12	FLINT, John, May 22
BRICKER, William H., April 22	LACOURSE, Michael E., Dec. 8, 08
BROWN, Clifford L., March 1	LEWIS, James L., December 22, 08
CATES, Ray, February 17	MANGABAT, Marc, February 9
CHESTNUT, Clarence, Jr., June 26	QUAM, Lorrie, December 20, 08
CORDOVA, Manuel, Jr., February 3	PATTERSON, William J., February 2
DEMELLO, William, April 12	PIOMBO, Peter, June 7
DIGRAZIA, Alfred, January 18	RODRIGUES, Alan, August 27
DIAZ, Earl, Jr., February 22	WOODY, Burgess, January 1
DOYLE, Glen P., April 5	

Teamsters Local 70 offices will be closed the following days in 2009

New Years Day	01/01/2009	Labor Day	09/07/2009
Martin Luther King Jr. Day	01/19/2009	Thanksgiving Day	11/26/2009
Presidents Day	02/16/2009	Day after Thanksgiving	11/27/2009
Good Friday	@ noon 04/10/2009	Christmas Eve	12/24/2009
Memorial Day	05/25/2009	Christmas Day	12/25/2009
Independence Day	07/03/2009		

Business Hours: Monday through Friday • 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

July 2009

INCOME		Per capita tax	
Membership Dues	\$201,001.89	Contributions	450.00
Initiation and Re-initiation Fees	4,835.91	Benefits Paid	42,322.92
Withdrawals & Transfers	0.50	Refunds-Dues	449.26
Assessments & Fines	200.00	Refunds-Ini & Reini	210.00
Non-member fees	589.31	Office and Administrative	13,942.04
Funds for transmittal for members	246.00	Legal Fees	3,102.10
Other Receipts (Schedule A)	1,831.51	Other Professional Fees	626.77
Mandatory Drug Test	99.80	Taxes	7,591.06
Total Income	\$208,804.92	Meeting and committee expenses	198.48
EXPENSES		Auto expenses	3,331.04
Salaries	80,955.13	Out of town travel expenses	6,498.09
Expense allowances	5,950.00	Other expenses (Schedule B)	56,135.92
		Total Expense	\$285,551.12
Net Income			(\$76,746.20)

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES As of July 31, 2009

Assets	July 31, 09	June 30, 09	\$ Change
General Fund-Checking Acct.	(15,290.40)	61,369.37	(76,659.77)
Petty Cash	850.00	850.00	0.00
General Fund-Savings Acct.	14,628.11	14,628.11	0.00
General Fund-CD	264,230.72	264,187.07	43.65
Cash in Special Funds	34,446.36	34,405.19	41.17
Land	823,521.00	823,521.00	0.00
Buildings	3,668,417.67	3,668,417.67	0.00
Office Furniture/Equipment	22,461.77	22,461.77	0.00
Other Assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	\$4,813,265.23	\$4,889,840.18	(\$76,574.95)
Liabilities & Equity			
Credit Cards	0.00	0.00	0.00
Payroll Liability	433.10	261.85	171.25
Long Term Liabilities: Obligations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	\$433.10	\$261.85	\$171.25
Equity			
Opening Balance Equity	5,279,653.27	5,279,653.27	0.00
Net Income	(466,821.14)	(390,074.94)	(76,746.20)
Total Equity	\$4,812,832.13	\$4,889,578.33	(\$76,746.20)
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$4,813,265.23	\$4,889,840.18	(\$76,574.95)

SCHEDULES

Schedule A—Other Receipts		Schedule B—Other Expenses	
Sale of Supplies	183.00	Sick Benefit Payments	2,140.00
Interest-General Fund checking	6.42	Education & Publicity	34,337.44
Interest-Mainstay Investments	43.65	Building Maintenance	455.00
Interest-ULB Sick Benefit Fund	41.17	Bank Error	226.98
Returned Check Fee	25.00	Janitorial Supplies	900.00
Reimbursements/Other Receipts	1,472.27	Gardening Service	17,750.00
Insurance (Benevolent)	60.00	Drug Test	49.90
Total Income	\$1,831.51	Northern California Teamster News	49.60
		IBT Assessment	2.00
		Total Other Expenses	\$56,135.92