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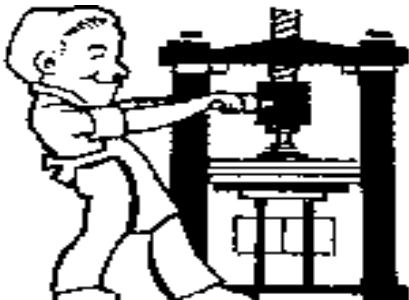
**ILWU Local 13
Calendar of Events
July - 2017**

- Regular Membership Meeting - 1st Thursday
- M & R Meeting 1st & 3rd Monday, 5:30 p.m.
- ADA JPLRC 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.
- Regular I.D. Meeting - 2nd Tuesday, 3p.m./6p.m.
- Executive Board - 2nd Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
- Executive Board - 4th Thursday, 12:30 p.m.
- Regular LRC - 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
- Mechanic LRC - 4th Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.
- Class "B" LRC - 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.
- Casual LRC - 2nd & 4th Monday, 9:30 a.m.

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Presidents Message

Fighting For You: Creating More Jobs For The ILWU

By Mark Mendoza - President

“The most important word in the language of the working class is ‘Solidarity.’”

- Harry Bridges

Brothers and Sisters:

When I was elected president I promised to create new jobs for our membership and maintain our presence in the maritime industry. And that is exactly what I have done these past months in office.

Over the past few months I have met with numerous local, state, and federal elected officials on how to create more jobs. Specifically, I met with L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti and discussed how expanding the hours of operation for warehouses would bring more jobs to the L.A. and Long Beach regions. If warehouses were able to operate for longer periods of time then truckers would be able to move more cargo, which in essence, requires the initial work of longshore men and women. I encouraged the mayor to speak with container shipping companies and underscore how this model, not only improves the economy, but also creates solid jobs for hardworking longshore men and women.

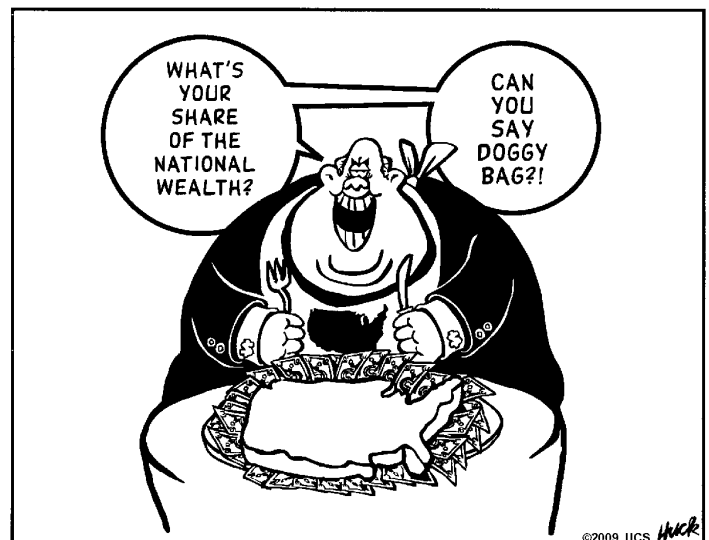
This same idea was articulated to the American Trucking Association, National Retail Federation, and other federal stakeholders last month. By bringing more goods through the L.A. and Long Beach ports more jobs will be created for my membership. Time and time again, I have made it clear that my membership stands ready to take on any new work.

Last week Senator Kamala Harris and I had a productive conversation on how to create clean air while at the same time growing jobs for longshore workers. Even though technology may be streamlining the goods movement process, good longshore jobs must accompany this technology and ensure that our membership remains strong and solid. From our discussions we are jointly planning on creating a maritime round table on how to increase jobs for longshore workers and ensure the stability of the L.A. and Long Beach ports. Brothers and Sisters, day in and day out, I am fighting to protect our union, create more jobs, and assert our influence on governmental policies. I refuse to sit on the sidelines and allow the Trump Administration to dictate the future of organized labor. I am fighting for our goals and priorities and demanding that workers’ rights are recognized as human rights.

Thank you for allowing me to be your fighter, and know that I am always on the front lines fighting to protect my members’ interests. The ILWU has been a pioneer in the labor community, and we are not ready to stop now. As your President know that I am not bought and not bossed, and I am fighting for you daily to protect our work and families.

In Solidarity,

Mark Mendoza
President Local 13



Vice-Presidents Report Following Through!

By Gary Herrera- Vice-President

First and foremost I would like to thank the Membership for voting for me as your Vice President. During my campaign I made a promise to work hard with integrity and that is what I AM GOING TO DO.

As per our Constitution it states that” The Vice President shall be a member of the Labor Relations Committee” and that is something that I take very seriously. As Vice President, I am the LRC

Representative for the Class B Longshoreman and Identified Casuals and I take pride in fighting for the justice of all. Fighting for and making sure that our members are treated fairly and just is something that I take pride in and look forward to accomplishing.

Bringing unity and Solidarity to our membership is a priority of mine and I will work endlessly and tirelessly to accomplish this goal. I make sure to never forget where our lifeline is and that is our Hiring Hall. I make it a point to go to the hall every Tuesday and be available to answer any questions the membership may have. I also attend all Class B membership meetings to update and educate on all upcoming events and current activities in the industry as it pertains to the job (that includes all Longshore and Legislative relative items).

Being available and accessible is also very important to the Membership and that is why I am in my office during the lunch hours 11-2 daily unless I am in a meeting. Also, I try to make a point to return all calls in a timely fashion. I am where I am because the Membership trusted and believed in me and I PROMISE TO STAY TRUE TO MY WORDS.

I am honored and humbled to be The Vice President of Local 13 and I will continue to work hard for the Membership.

Fraternally,



Gary Herrera



Secretary-Treasurer's Report

If We Treat Each Other Like Family.

Everything is Going to be OK!

By Victor Hudak - Secretary-Treasurer

One of the things that makes this Local so great is the diversity the members bring. Nearly all members come from different careers and jobs. When we became Longshoreman we left those jobs behind and became a family. Yet once in a while I reflect on my career prior to joining this family. As many of you know I was in accounting. I worked long hours sitting at a desk. Reflection on that time in my life makes me feel truly blessed for this opportunity. I am certain that anyone who ever worked another job would agree. Do you remember the feeling you had when you first received your casual card? Your B book? Your A book? Do you remember thinking you could work any Longshore job and be happy? I remember.

However, I understand that the feeling does fade, and it gets easy to become complacent. I have very often taken this opportunity for granted. But this complacency leads to the negative morale and internal fighting I have seen in recent months. I have seen members unwilling to cover work. I have seen members turn against fellow members on social media. I have seen members literally turn their backs on their Brothers and Sisters.

This cannot be the future for our Local. If we intend to hand anything to our children we have to improve

morale. Talk to a friend who still works that desk job. Talk to a friend who is unemployed. Ask them what they would be willing to give up for an opportunity at Local 13.

Look at the long list of men and women who vied for the opportunity to join us for part-time casual work. The frenzy of people trying to join us obtained national media coverage! The job we have is coveted by thousands of people all over the world and that is because of this great Union.

When younger members ask me if I worry that robots will someday take their jobs I tell them the truth. The Company is here to make money. If we move cargo they would rather change nothing. If we are not productive they will find a way to replace us. Make yourselves truly invaluable. Understand that human labor and the human heart can never be replaced. And know that when they try to replace us we will fight just as hard as we work.

It's easy to say, but start speaking of others in the industry as family. IDs are no worse or better than they ever were. Casuals are actually better than they have ever been (must be the experience). Get on social media and say something positive about another Brother or Sister.

Everyone knows progress is what really makes people happy. It is time for some upward mobility and that is what the Officers are working on. It's time to hire more Foreman and Clerks. It's time to hire more ID's. It's time to speed up training on Cranes and CY's. Progress gives people hope. Being nice to each other makes the workday go by faster. Stay safe out there.

An Injury To One Is An Injury To All!



Union grievance procedure

Non-union grievance procedure



Health Benefits Mentor Program

By Jerry Avila - Health Benefits Officer

The Mentor Program was established in 2010. The Mentors provide helpful information to the child of deceased individuals, including the proper place to check-in, terminal locations, description of each job category, and the terminology on the waterfront. Ultimately, the program aims to familiarize the child of the deceased with the waterfront industry and with the implications of Union membership.

Many individuals have participated over the years, and many improvements have been made to its implementation strategy. Most recently, we have collaborated with Local 63 and Local 94 in an effort to identify those participating in the Mentor Program; we have provided them with a roster of the names of both the Mentors and the child of the deceased.

We ask that our ILWU family be thoughtful and considerate and to have patience when you see these individuals at dispatch, in the parking lot, or at work. Remind yourself that these are children of deceased members; they have endured a great loss already by losing one of their parents. They are jumping in not knowing anything about this industry. Some are fresh out of high school. They do not deserve comments like, “you’re lucky,” “congratulations,” etc. They only deserve an opportunity to provide for their family. And, you never know, they may become leaders of our great union someday.

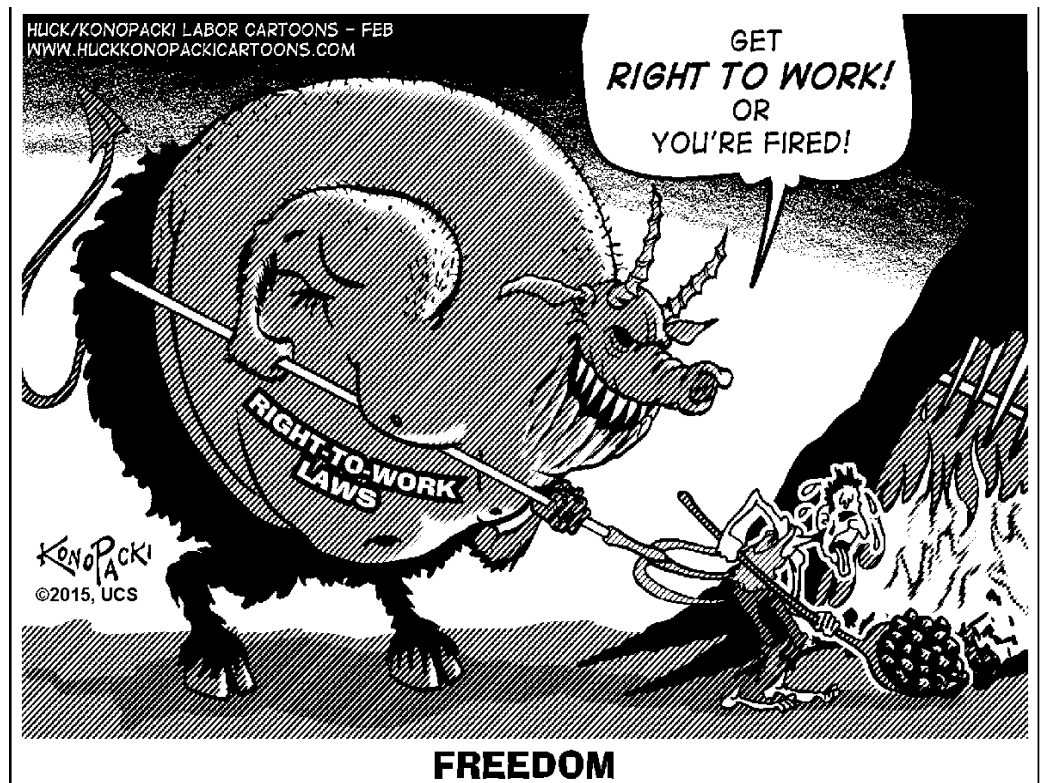
This program continues to be a work in progress, and it would not be successful without the participation of the officers, the staff, the committees, or the Class B individuals who have signed up as Mentors.

LONG LIVE THE ILWU!

In Solidarity,

Jerry Avila #37499

Health Benefits Officer



Business Agent Report

By Mickey Main - Day side Business Agent

Work Safe!

We are all responsible for safety in our workplace. In our Pacific Coast Marine Safety Code, Rule 301 states, *“the Employer shall provide, so far as the same shall be under his control, a safe working place for all operations.”* Furthermore, Rule 601 states, *“the safety duties of all parties to this agreement, (both Employers and Employees) in addition to those printed elsewhere in this Code, shall be to use the safety devices provided; to practice the safety prescribed; and to cooperate in all that makes for safety.”* Awareness in our job functions and in our workplaces is key to safe work practices.

Our safety code is a negotiated document that gives both our members and companies rules and guidelines that we will work under. This code is written simply and specifically, in each area, to be easily understood. Honoring the safety code is honoring the members and friends we work with.

Accident prevention and awareness should always be at the top of our priority list. It is the responsibility of our members to read, understand, apply, and enforce these rules on the job. The safety rules have been developed to provide the best possible work environment, however, the purpose of the code is to provide

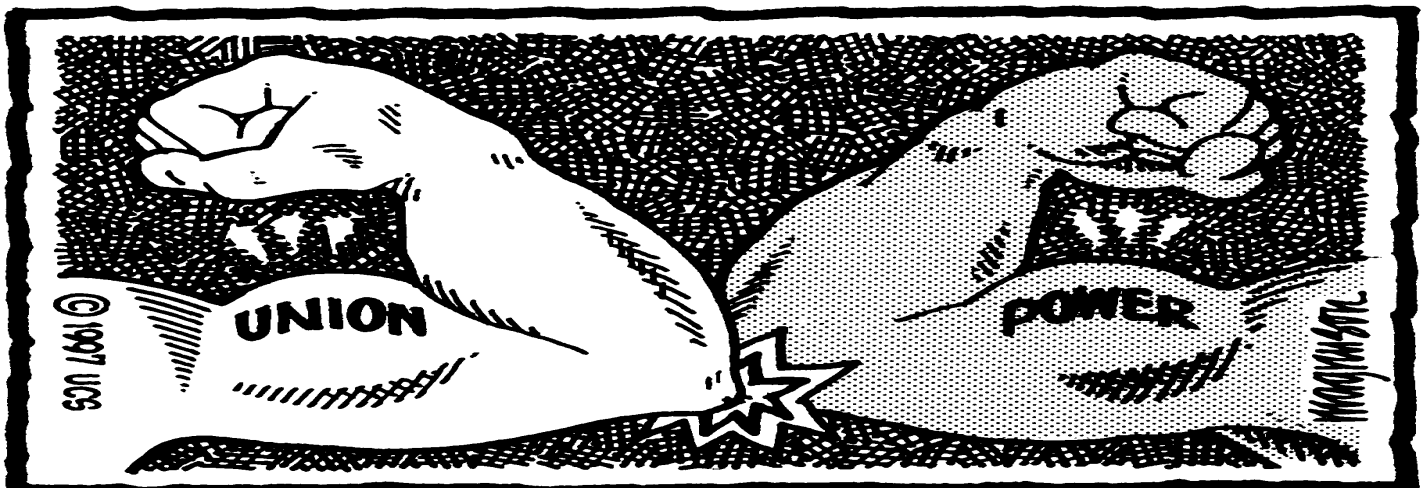
minimum requirements for safety in the workplace. In my experience working as a Local 13 Business Agent I observe the number of accidents in the workplace as numerous and many are preventable.

Our work environment consists of machinery, new technologies, and the need for more workers with perhaps less time in the industry. All of this contributes for a need of higher awareness on the job and the commitment to sharing knowledge about safety. The truth is it is so easy to become so comfortable in whatever job you are performing, that it is possible to lose the sharp edge of awareness necessary to maintain control of the task in a safe manner.

A few simple reminders; in the yard follow traffic patterns, safe speed, not passing or going around others (truckers/etc.), and stop signs. Keep stacks of containers squared up (no overlaps) and float loads. Beware under the hook as we have recently had containers become disengaged from spreaders and have fallen.

Safety is a conscious effort, an obligation to yourself, and fellow workers. Take the time to read and understand your PCMSC, adhere to the rules, and strive to make your workplace safe. You owe it to yourself, your co-workers, and your families.

FOR THE UNION



MAKES US STRONG

Labor Relations Committee

Labor Relations ABC's

By Richard "Ole" Olson - Former LRC Representative 2005

To preserve what we have, we must all work together to protect it and, to do that, we must understand it. The purpose of this paper is to outline some basics in the most practical manner possible. This is a survival manual with emergency instructions—details will come later. There will be both old-timers and new folks that know all this stuff. There are some that find reviewing it useful and some that have never heard it. The point is that there are things that we all have to do, and we have to do it together—that's what a union is— how a union works, which is probably a good place to start.

THE UNION

Think of a union as a tool. It can have complex attachments, but it is basically a tool. It is a popular tool among workers. It is one of the only tools, which you as a worker, can use to establish any control over that large portion of your life you spend working or which you can use to have an influence on what you gain from working. Like most tools if you take proper care of it, and use it correctly, it works better. Unlike most tools the more people that use it the better it works.

This tool comes with:

Instructions to deal with internal care and maintenance (*Constitutions and Bylaws*).

An expandable set of permanent, long-lasting, multi-purpose components which, together, supply the power essential to the tool's effective operation (*Members*).

Replaceable operating gears that can either be changed at prescribed intervals (as per the instructions above), or as needed in case one slips, jams, or otherwise doesn't work (*Officers*).

Many other extras and attachments.

As Labor Relations guys the part with which we are most concerned is the part always driven by the power components (see above) where the union-tool's function is actually performed; the contract.

THE CONTRACT

The cutting edge of the Union, our contract, is the

Pacific Coast Longshore Contract Document. It defines everything that makes you an ILWU longshoreman: what and where your work is, what you do on the job, and even how many of us there are. Joint Port Area and Coast Labor Relations Committees (LRCs) administer our contract (*More on that later*).

THE JOINT PORT LABOR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The first LRCs created back in 1934 were the Port LRCs. The language is almost unchanged in today's contract:

"Three or more representatives designated by the Union and three or more representatives designated by the Employers."

We are your elected Union LRC representatives. All other officers are LRC members and so is anyone the Union chooses to help in LRC matters. The three main duties of the Port LRC are also essentially the same as 1934.

Operate the Dispatch Hall & control rotation of work (Your dispatchers are employed by the Port LRC).

Control registration in this port (The LRC determines how many of us there should be).

To investigate and adjudicate all grievances and disputes arising under the contract. (This including complaints of contract violations by either Longshoremen or Employers) Some current observations made with those duties in mind:

We are making history here. With the record setting (and ongoing) addition of new members to the Local 13 family we are in a unique position. Our 'family' is the largest local longshore union in the world, *and* our family is growing. The times have changed (They always do).

To keep up with the times there are things we must change. Taking advantage of new opportunities to communicate with the membership like this publication and our website is one of the new things that we must do to reach the enormous family that we now serve. Both reading from and writing for these media are new experiences. Some patience and discussion from both sides of that arrangement will help work any bugs out

of the process. Please respond to anything you see here freely. All input is welcome.

To survive there are things that we must never change. On the local level there are many things aside from our size that make this family unique. On the larger scale the Longshore Division of the ILWU is a very special family in and of itself. This is especially so regarding the Labor Relations system defined in the Grievance Procedure we inherited with our 60-year-old Coast-Wise Contract. It was created by some of the best and brightest people that ever represented working folks. None of us active today had anything to do with creating that document. We owe its existence to those that forged it and to every rank and filer that worked under it and fought to enforce it on the job ever since. They left it to us.

YOUR INHERITANCE

Consider this: The greatest amount of money expended on any one budget item by the Longshore Division—in dealing with the work of every ILWU Local from Bellingham, Washington to San Diego—is spent on legal expenses. Most of that travels to lawsuits over registration—when people *sue* us because they want to *be* us. On the other hand, after considerable research, we can assure you that there is absolutely no record of anyone suing to get *out* of this organization.

With your valuable inheritance comes a sacred duty.

“This generation has no right to give away, or sell for money, that which was left it by the last generation.”

(Eric Hoffer 1902-1983, poet, philosopher, ILWU Longshoreman)

Years from now, we will be remembered as the heirs. History will look back at us living through this incredibly hostile era for unions. Will we be seen as the waterfront warriors that protected, preserved, and passed on our precious heritage or will we be remembered as the worthless wharf rats that squandered it? That’s up to us. And now that message from our EMERGENCY SURVIVAL MANUAL.

DEPARTMENT: Make the Contract Work on the Job! Avoid Causing the Union and Its Members Grief!—Avoid Depleting Our Resources and Assets!

(There will be much more to follow, but start here).

WHEN YOU DON’T KNOW ABOUT SOMETHING ASK A LONGSHOREMAN ABOUT IT!

A brother or sister with your interests is a good source of information. If it is at all possible go to them first.

WHEN A QUESTION OF SAFETY ARISES DO

NOT IMMEDIATELY CALL THE BA!

That’s not how the contract works and it wastes one of our irreplaceable resources; our BA’s time. This is especially so if you use his time only to have him tell you that what you think is wrong is in accordance with the safety code.

WHEN A QUESTION OF SAFETY ARISES DO TELL YOUR BOSS!

The boss is contractually responsible for your safety. In accordance with the contract ALL safety beefs for longshoremen begin with this step. If he correctly informs you that what you think is wrong is OK under the safety code you might be embarrassed but you won’t waste union resources—that’s his job. If he is correct, and you still believe something is dangerous, you can always stand by on health and safety. By going to the boss first you will have already begun the process because the first step in the contracts health and safety procedure is bringing the matter to the attention of the boss!

DO NOT GO TO A SUPERINTENDENT WITH A PROBLEM OF ANY SORT!

The superintendent is not your friend! A very special part of our contract is that the superintendent, unless you are a steady crane driver, or involved in the further steps of a safety beef, does not get to talk to you. The Boss and Clerk contracts allow superintendents to talk to them. Bosses and Clerks get to talk to you.

If a superintendent comes up and asks you if you’re going on break or if you think it is going to rain or if the Dodgers will win the World Series the contractually correct answer is: ASK MY BOSS!

DO NOT FILE A GRIEVANCE WITHOUT AT LEAST TALKING TO SOMEONE ABOUT IT!

Any of the following situations could possibly result in a beef you file being worthless, unnecessary, or in some cases, actually harmful to the union:

The issue is already being dealt with.

That the remedy you’re seeking is unattainable under the contract.

You have misread the Contract Section that you think applies to the case.

You are not familiar with another Contract Section, LRC agreement, or Arbitration that settled the matter.

The most common problem here is filing grievances that simply have no value. Bogus beefs not only waste our resources, but they help to destroy our credibility at the LRC table and boost the employers’ confidence. By all means DO write your beef up. But, before you file it, have an officer look it over.

That’s more than plenty for now. Keep pumping and stay out of trouble (We’re busy enough already).

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First Blood

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What is "First Blood"

By Greg Mítre - Pensioner President

Every year on May 15th the ILWU Southern California Pensioners hold a memorial ceremony to honor those who died on the job. How did this all start?

On May 15th 1934 Dickie Parker and John Knudsen were standing their ground on the docks in Wilmington, Ca. The scabs were called in to work the ships that had been sitting idle. The strike breakers and the police descended on the camp where Dickie and John had been stationed. Fighting broke out as the men were not going to allow the scabs to cross the line. Shots rang out and Dickie Parker and John Knudsen were killed. These were the first two deaths of Longshoremen that preceded the general strike in San Francisco and the July 5th 1934 Bloody Thursday killings.

Fast forward to May of 2009, the ILWU Southern California Pensioners wanted to honor not only Dickie Parker and John Knudsen but all the longshoremen who have lost their lives on the job. Al Perisho, a retired ILWU member and President of the ILWU So. Ca. Pensioners group, led the charge to erect a bust of Harry Bridges, the founding father of the ILWU, and have it mounted on a rock-solid foundation of granite. On this slab of granite is engraved the name of every longshoremen killed on the job. All of these brave ILWU members who just went to work that day to earn a days pay and never returned home to their families. Every year since then on May 15th the ILWU honors those who have perished on the job by holding a ceremony at the site on Harbor Blvd. in San Pedro. It is our wish and hope we never put another name on this granite stone. This solemn remembrance includes bagpipes, reading of the names, and a release of doves to remember those that have fallen.

In closing, the ILWU pensioners want to remind all those active Longshore men & women to be careful, be watchful, and never forget Dickie Parker and John Knudsen who died on May 15th defending the great ILWU name and what it stands for today.



Men Who Have Died on the Waterfront.

Arthur Ginger

John W. Keith

Pat Nieto

James Stricky

Bob Sanderson

Dan Prlia

Joe Chuka

Jesse Duran

Freddie Ponce

Mark Whitney

Benjamin Evans

Jerry Ponce

Ines Gaxiola

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Tex Chesney

Ramon Rodriguez

Bob Regina

John Kiser

Richard Gomez

Sam Puccio

Willie Calandrino

Eddie Mondor

Jim Magallanes

Sam Thomas

John Prohoroff

Paul Alba

Joe Karuza

Freddie Negrete

Matt Petrasich

Don Prestlien

Benjamin Paton

Milton Flores

Henry Gibbons

Richard Mraz

Art Lopez

Erv Palica

Julian Temblador

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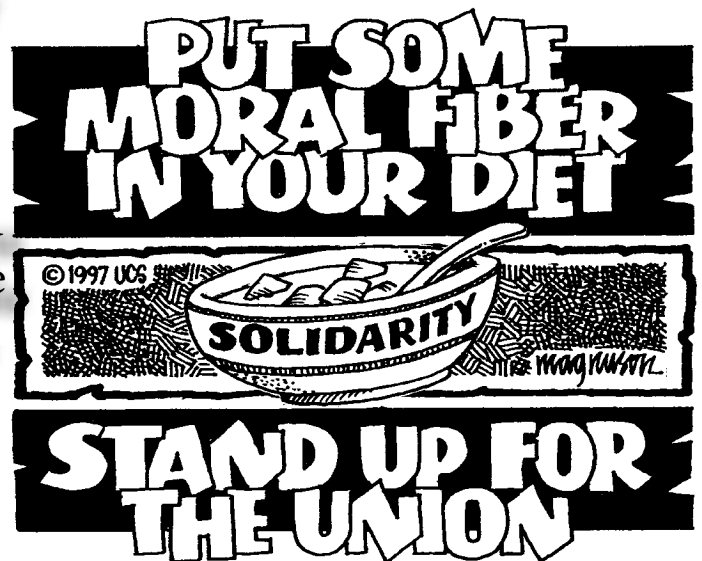
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Publicity Committee **Friendly Challenge to the Membership!**

By Eddie Moncado #131390

Brothers and Sisters, with our current climate of accepting a contract extension or voting it down to negotiate in 2019 one thing that looms during negotiations is a lockout or a strike. Given past history and judging both sides it seems like the employer has been the more anxious party to engage a lockout and put us on the shelf.

Turn back the clocks to the contract negotiations of 2002. I was a casual back then and I remember one evening so clearly to this day. My father comes to the living room where our family is watching television and while we were enjoying the delicious dessert my mother made us. "We are locked out," my father yells out as he grabs his car keys to go to the docks to picket with our brothers and sisters. Growing up I heard stories of labor disputes, seen pickets on the news, and could even think of movies like F.I.S.T or On The Waterfront. But now, me being a casual and always loved our Union since I was a kid, I had a great feeling of obligation to give back, to help, to do my part for all this great Union has done for all of my family. I tell pops "wait for me."

Brothers and Sisters every so many years a dispute happens, and I'll have no problem being on the line with you all, in a matter of fact, it would be my honor. Finances must be in order, though, if we do find ourselves locked out.

My challenge is simple. Save your raise. Keep in mind I'm no finance guru. I'm a normal person sharing what has worked for me. Here we go! We all know what our next couple of raises are. Let's use two years to start saving after we vote on the extension, and if it passes, you guys are free to do the math on five years of raises. With the raise increase that kicks in around July 1, 2017 let's label that raise variable X multiplied by 40 hrs then take that number and multiply it by

52 wks. Your answer will be for one year. Do the same math for the year July 1, 2018 to July 1, 2019. When you get that answer add it to your first answer. What you get will be for two years if the extension is voted up. Imagine how much we can save in just saving our raises for five years!

Brothers and Sisters you can choose my way to save for the uncertainty of a lockout or you can have your own way. Great! As long as our finances are in order and we have something nice sitting in a bank, between a mattress, or under the good 'ole lemon tree. Let's be ready to take care of one another and promote SOLIDARITY.

**Skilled Labor
Isn't Cheap!**

**Cheap Labor
Isn't Skilled!**

Solidarity!

Mobilize!

Membership Committee

Want to get Involved?

Membership Committee is a Great Stepping Stone!

By Gary Herrera - Vice -President

For anyone looking to get involved in this great union a good place to start is by running for the Membership Committee. The committee fights for the younger membership by giving them a voice to aid them when they are called into a JPLRC. The Membership Committee is the counsel and advocate for fairness and equality when a Class B member or Casual is called in for an Employer Complaint, 70%, union complaint, pay shortage, 6 month availability (casuals), Military USERRA, and reinstatements. As well as, new casual registration, elevation from casual to registered status, new mechanic orientation, and children of deceased orientation and tours. We take the C.O.D members on our own time and show them around our dispatch hall and even where some of the terminals are located. This is what makes the ILWU special and different from any other union. It is a privilege and honor to be elected by the rank and file to represent our Class B members and the casual workforce.

The Committee investigates all complaints that are filed by the PMA and makes sure that all Class B members and casuals are given a fair shake and represented to the fullest with fairness and impartiality. The Membership Committee sits across from PMA acting as the Counsel/ Advocate for the Class B and Casual workforce. Having the ability to sit across from PMA and fight for the worker is what makes this Union so Great! To have a voice is not only imperative but it is one of the key components to what makes the ILWU strong!!

The Membership Committee gives a better understanding of the policies and procedures of the JPLRC process. A member will learn how to sit across from PMA and fight to protect our internal democratic procedures. Being on the Membership Committee requires serious commitment and dedication. We hold 5-6 meetings per month and each meeting on average ranges in duration from 5-9 hours but are not limited to any specific time restrictions. In addition to regularly scheduled meetings there are sometimes special meetings that come up. The most important thing that one must keep in mind prior to obtaining a position on the Committee is that all of the countless hours spent in numerous monthly meetings are strictly voluntary.

There is no monetary compensation for your time. It is a true labor of love for the men and women elected to the Committee.

There are 16 privileged and honored elected members. Members include; Gary Herrera (Vice President Local 13) Diana Chavez-Feipel (Chairman), Jesse "Nacho" Enriquez, Victor Zuniga, Alex Alvarez ,Ray Ponce , Ivan Gonzalez, Adrian" Yuk" Esqueda, Sam Marrufo, Francisco "Big Red "Franco, Shane "Squid" Gragas, Michael Plante, Mitch Ewing, Chris Viramontes, Bobby Olvera Jr, Alonzo "Twin" Bonilla and Jerry Vrbanovic..

It is my honor and absolute privilege to serve our membership. I know that all the members on this committee feel the same and we would like to express our gratitude and thankfulness for the vote of confidence and trust from the rank and file of local 13.

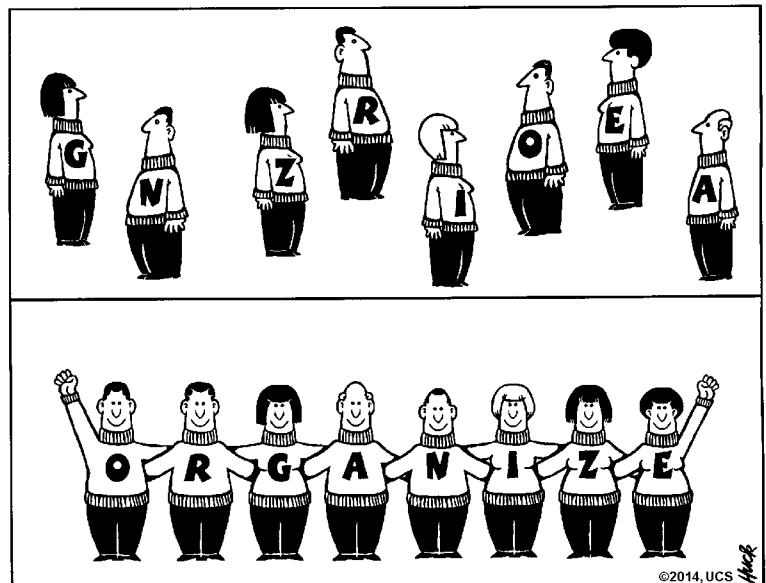
Long live the ILWU,

Stay blessed brothers and sisters.

Sincerely,



Gary Herrera Vice President of Local 13.



2017 High School Scholarship Program

By David Serrato - Chairman

ILWU Local 13, 63, 94 Pensioners & ILWU Credit Union

The Scholarship Committee appreciates and thanks Local 13, 63, and 94, Pensioners and ILWU Credit Union for funding another successful year of High School Scholarships. We just finished our 16th annual Scholarship Program giving scholarships to 17 local high schools. The scholarship committee also thanks all the members who bought shirts from the Local. The monies are transferred to our scholarship fund. This year I had an I.D., Larry Loy Jr., to hand out three scholarships at Millikan High School. He said it made him proud to be in the ILWU. As chairman of the Stewards one of my missions is to inspire all our I.D.'s to get involved and participate in our great union's many programs and committees. Thank you to all the members and I.D.'s who have been stepping up to the plate to make our awesome union strong. In addition, the Committee thanks our Executive Board for extra funding this year. We must keep up the positive public relations in our union. The ILWU is under attack by big businesses, environmentalists, etc. This is one of several programs that shines a favorable light upon the ILWU for giving our community a helping hand as has always been our tradition.

We are reviewing the Local 13 family scholarships. One applicant, Alexandria Reeves, wrote in her essay "everyone at least once in their life experiences road blocks and obstacles, however, not everyone can push passed these to reach their goals in life and Harry Bridges did just that". Alexandria has a 4.53 GPA. Awesome! She will be attending Boise State in the fall. Another applicant Jonas Garcia wrote; "both Bernie Sanders and Harry Bridges rallied the people to achieve their goals by refusing to accept the status quo." Jonas also pointed out a September 2014 study regarding the governmental status of the United States which came out from Princeton University. From their findings they surmised that the United States is not a democracy but an oligarchy. I agree! Jonas will be attending UCLA in the fall with a GPA of 4.279. Great job! Good luck to all the ILWU Family Scholarship applicants!

"There will always be a place for us somewhere, somehow, as long as we see to it that working people fight for everything they have, everything they hope to get, for dignity, equality, democracy, to oppose war and to bring to the world a better life." Harry Bridges

Thank you

David Serrato

Local 13 President, Mark Mendoza

Local 63 President, Paul Trani

Local 94 President, Danny Miranda

ILWU Pensioner President, Greg Mitre

ILWU Credit Union President, Ralph Ruiz

ILWU Scholarship Committee Members

We Congratulate all the recipients of the 2017 ILWU High School Scholarship Program.

Bishop Montgomery High School

Anizza Fuentes - Adela Henry -
Haya Rabadi

Carson High School

Daisy Boeckmann - Samantha Leyva -
Caroline Padilla

Lakewood High School

Briana Bautista - Elena Beltran -
Crystal Gutierrez

Long Beach Polytechnic High School

Jessica Diaz - Abigail Hage - Tatiana Tate

Mary Star of the Sea High School

Jaime Casiano - Tyler Garcia -
Sarah Walker

Mayfair High School

Esteban Camacho - Wonnyeong Jeong -
Karla Silva

Nathaniel Narbonne High School

Madelyn Hart - Ruben Marin -
Edwin Oliva

Palos Verdes High School

Madison Alesso - Charles Emery -
Brooke Vanderdonck

Palos Verdes Peninsula High School

Alyssa Condon - Eudora Lee -
Gabor Nemeth

Phineas Banning High School

Dylan Alejandro - Destiny Galvan -
Ricardo Martinez

Port of Los Angeles High School

Sebastian Guzman - Alyssa Medrano -
Anna Vidovich

Robert A. Millikan High School

Miguel Esquivias - Raquel Moreno -
Elizabeth Tovar

San Pedro High School

Tanner Carcamo - Jessica Roy -
Christian Scognamillo

St. Anthony High School

Carolina Alfaro - Cameron Perron

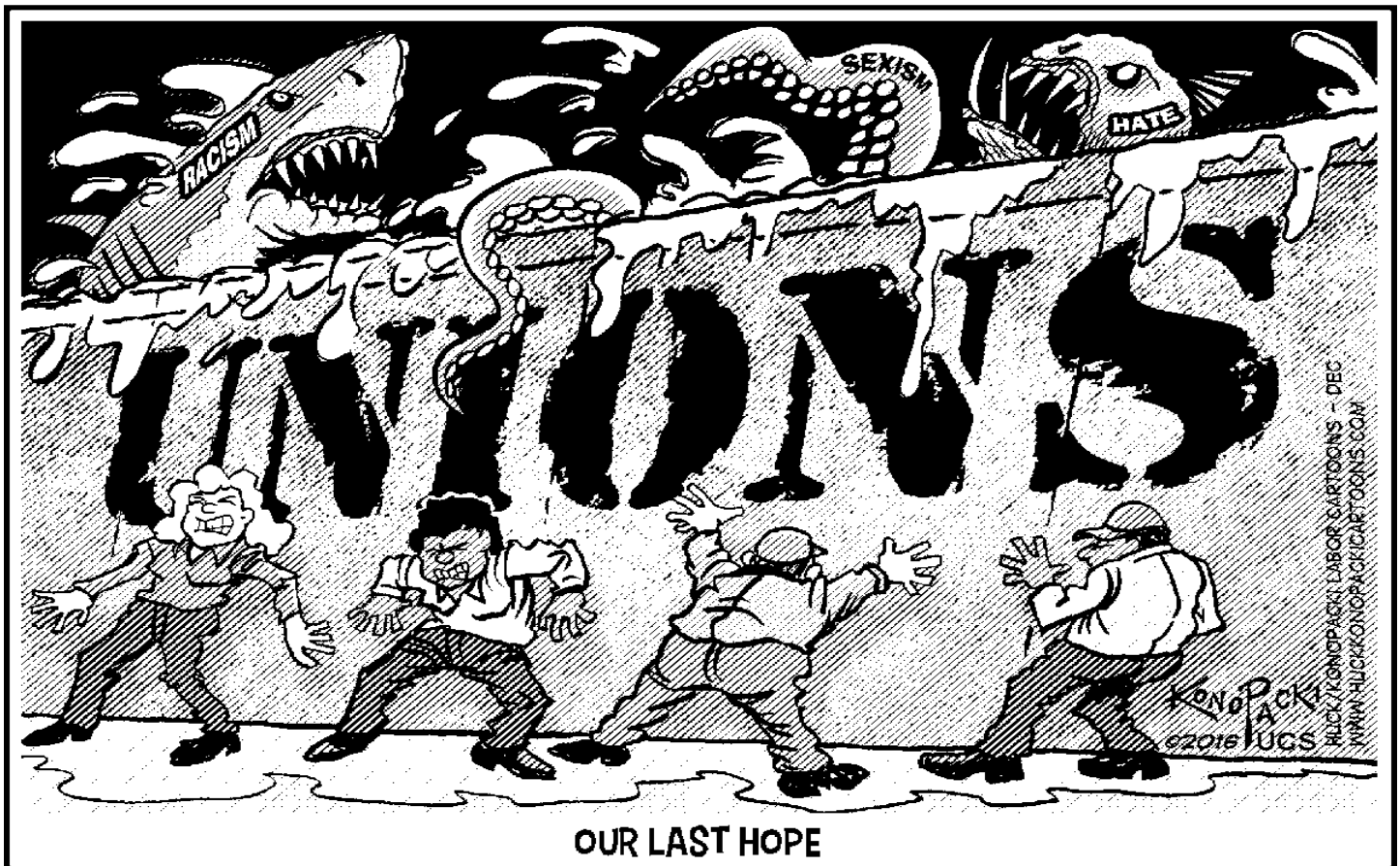
Torrance High School

Miranda Boxwell - John Garcia -
Samantha Pollock

Woodrow Wilson High School

Sadeepa Bulatsinhala - Morgan Dardn -
Julian Delf





ILWU LOCAL 13 MEMBERS

<u>Active</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Deceased List</u>
	33459	Hernandez, Arthur H.	01/01/17
	34560	Nunez, Octavio	01/09/17
	34299	Torres, Paul	01/11/17
	32970	Barnard, Raymond W.	01/16/17
	35606	Dolan, Arthur J.	01/021/17
	30059	Gonzales, Roger	01/23/17
	37617	Laughlin, Carman	01/24/17
	33147	Pacheco, Louis J.	01/26/17
*	37187	Pallitto, George	01/29/17
	33154	Pesusich, Ronald T.	01/31/17
	33871	Harris, William J.	01/31/17
	35933	Kelihoomalua, Henry K.	02/04/17
	130265	Haynes, Melvin	02/05/17
	34254	Moreno, Edmund S.	02/06/17
	38326	Maciel, Eloy	02/08/17
	37752	Johnson, Thadus	02/10/17

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Retired List</u>	<u>YEARS OF SERVICE</u>
132310	Cazares, Frank	01/01/17	15
39699	Esqueda, Antonio	01/01/17	16
132297	Guevara, Delma	01/01/17	13
39719	Mihaljevich, John V.	01/01/17	16
130162	Moilov, Russell	01/01/17	13
36094	Ochart Jr., Ramon L.	01/01/17	30
35353	Ortega, David R.	01/01/17	32
35022	Ponce De Leon, Adolfo	01/01/17	35
38346	Rispin, Stephen W.	01/01/17	19
35823	Brown, Anthony, Walter	01/01/17	30
36308	Cruz, Ruby	02/01/17	27
37308	Mac Gilvray, Mike	02/01/17	21
131693	Marshall, Frank J.	02/01/17	15
131662	Nelson, Michael G.	02/01/17	15
36355	Pace, Catherine	02/01/17	27
130543	Zuanich, Maria Del Pilar	02/01/17	14
39058	Baker, Mark	03/01/17	17
36177	Grant, Peter	03/01/17	30
37189	Gutierrez, Juan	03/01/17	22
37147	Lopez, Edgar	03/01/17	27
39058	Baker, Mark A.	03/01/17	17
36073	Carranza, Rowena A.	04/01/17	30
39120	Mahaley-Harman, Robin	04/01/17	17
38066	McFarland, Angela Corpuz	04/01/17	20
34619	Bacich, Steven	05/01/17	38
132566	Bakotich, Anthony	05/01/17	10
35310	Bowen, Doug	05/01/17	33
38846	Corbell, John	05/01/17	17
131285	Garcia, Geraldine A.	05/01/17	11
130165	Golden, Ted	05/01/17	15
131703	Huerta, Frederic C.	05/01/17	13
37444	De La Cruz, Arline	05/01/17	21

*Rest
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