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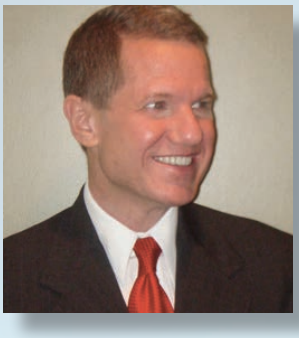
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Thursday, October 1, 2015
Public School 72 Bronx, 2951 Dewey Avenue, Bronx NY 10465

United Progressive Democratic Club Honored Business Manager/President Robert J. Troeller at their 49th Annual Dinner.

While Business Manager/President Robert J. Troeller addressed the audience, Assemblyman William Colton; 47th Assembly District Leader Nancy Tong and N.Y.C. Councilman Mark Treyger looked on from behind the podium.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am pleased to announce the following benefit enhancements provided by the Local 891 Welfare Fund.

Extension of Benefits

Effective immediately, if you are an actively working member who is laid off, suspended, terminated or on an unpaid leave of absence your Fund benefits will be extended for up to 12 weeks from the date you are laid off, suspended, terminated or your unpaid leave of absence begins. If you have not resumed active employment status by the end of the 12 week period, you will be eligible to continue Fund benefits coverage at that time under COBRA.

Prescription Drug Reimbursement Benefit

Effective for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2015 the Fund will reimburse up to $400.00 per covered family per calendar year for incurred out-of-pocket prescription drug expenses that are not covered by the member's City health plan or any other health insurance coverage, such as, deductibles, co-payments or coinsurance. If a covered family incurs $400.00 in out-of-pocket prescription drug expenses in a calendar year, the Fund will reimburse 1% per script for any additional out-of-pocket prescription drug expenses incurred during the same calendar year.

All other elements of this benefit remain the same.

Hearing Care Benefit

Effective for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2015 the Fund will reimburse up to $50 per covered individual (member and/or covered dependents) for a hearing exam (no limit on the number of hearing exams) and up to $750 per ear in each consecutive 36-month period for hearing aid devices. If a covered individual incurs expenses for any additional hearing aid devices during the same consecutive 36-month period, the Fund will reimburse up to $50 per each additional hearing aid device during the same 36-month period.

The Hearing Care Benefit does not cover expenses for repairs to hearing aid devices or batteries.

All other elements of this benefit remain the same.

Variable Benefit

Effective for the calendar year beginning **January 1, 2016** the variable benefit will reimburse up to $100 per family per calendar year for eligible dental and vision expenses only: i.e. vision care expenses and services in excess of the maximum under the Fund's vision plan; dental care expenses in excess of the Fund's dental fee schedule and dental expenses in excess of the Fund's dental plan maximums.

Note – After **January 1, 2016**, the variable benefit can no longer be used for prescription and hearing aid expenses.

ANNIVERSARY PINS

Gary Salem 40 year pin

Anthony Fitapelli – 35 year pin

Joseph Celetano – 25 year pin

Michael Brogna – 25 year pin

Pedro Arroyo

Steve Ready – 25 year pin

Wolfgang Hellman – 25 year pin

Business Manager/President Robert J. Troeller and Vice President Jeffrey J. Bilek

RETIREMENT PARTY for MATTHEW J. WILE

SEPT. 29, 2015

ROMA VIEW

160-05 Cross Bay Blvd

HOWARD BEACH , N.Y. 11414

5:00PM

Sept. 29, 2015

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BUFFET & FULL OPEN BAR

$100.00/p.p.

(includes gift)

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING MATT'S RETIREMENT

36 Years

Custodian-Engineer

14 Years Vice President Local 891

Please R.S.V.P. no later than September 22, 2015

Name _____

_____ I will attend. Enclosed is a check for $_____

_____ I cannot attend but would like to contribute towards a gift, check enclosed.

Please make checks payable to : Queens Custodian Sunshine Fund

Mail R.S.V.P. and checks to: Joseph Sanfilippo

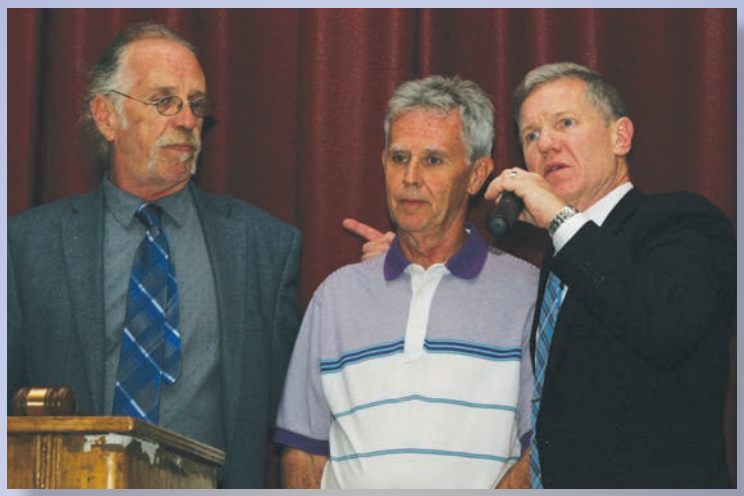
PO BOX 20885

Floral Park, N.Y. 11002

R.S.V.P.

Joseph Sanfilippo

718-526-6572



Vincent McParland the newly appointed Membership Assistance Committee Chairman and outgoing Membership Assistance Committee Chairman Kevin LaFaye

RETIRING

Custodian Engineers are reminded that they should contact their Union prior to retirement. Information regarding benefits and insurance policies are discussed. Answers to your questions at this time may save you a lot of work later during retirement.

PENSION

Semi- annual pension statements are out. Once again everyone should pay close attention to the loan and beneficiary sections. Make sure that the beneficiaries listed are correct. The retirement systems are bound by law to pay benefits to the individuals they have on file. In the loan section make sure that any paid up loan does not have a balance showing. If a balance does appear contact me so this can get corrected. It is in the member's best interest to keep on top of these important items. I can not emphasize this enough.

The Central Pension Fund of the International Union of Operating Engineers issues semi-annual statements to members. Those individuals who worked while a member of another I.U.O.E. Local, such as Local 94 or Local 30 are entitled to a statement. If you have not received a statement and believe you are entitled to one, contact the CPF Benefits Department at 4115 Chesapeake Street N.W. Washington, D.C. 20016. Include your social security number in any correspondence.

For members who expect to reach the maximum contribution allowance it is very important that you keep your own running total of TDA contributions. If you are close to maxing out give me a call and I will notify BERS to closely monitor your account.

With the lump sum payments scheduled to be paid out over the next few years retirees should keep the Division of School Facilities and Custodial Payroll informed on any address changes.

Submitted By:
Joe D'Amico Pension Committee Chairman

Bronx Borough Chairman Pedro J. Arroyo with Mayor de Blasio at the Bronx Democratic Country Committee Annual Dinner Dance on July 16, 2015.

Bronx Borough Chairman Pedro J. Arroyo with NYS Assembly Speaker Hon. Carl E. Heastie. Hon. Carl E. Heastie was honored at the Bronx Democratic Country Committee Annual Dinner Dance on July 16, 2015 at the Marina del Rey in the Bronx.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret we announce the passing of the following Brothers.

CHARLES GIBBONS
Retired Custodian Engineer Level II (K221)
Condolences may be sent to:
Kathy Ianello
361 Barlow Avenue
Staten Island, N.Y. 10308

SALVATORE ARINI
Retired Custodian Engineer Level I (Q022)
Condolences may be sent to:
John Arini
241-25 85th Avenue
Bellerose, N.Y. 11426

RICHARD DIX
Retired Custodian Engineer Level II (M435)
Condolences may be sent to:
Dianne Stafford
12 Winmere Place
Dix Hills, N.Y. 11746

FRANK CIMINELLO
Retired Custodian Engineer Level II (X106)
Condolences may be sent to:
Dawn Dingman
27A Airmont Road
Suffern, N.Y. 10901

ROBERT RESCIGNO
Retired Custodian Engineer Level II (K455)
Condolences may be sent to:
Janet Rescigno
PO BOX 406
Shelter Island Heights, N.Y. 11965

JOSEPH ROTTKAMP
Retired Custodian Engineer Level II (K655)
Condolences may be sent to:
Ramona Rottkamp
2985 Avenue S
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229

ANGELO ZARELLI
Retired Custodian Engineer Level II (K128)
Condolences may be sent to:
Carol Tyukody
4 Stagecoach Way
Hillsborough, N.J 08844

JAMES BURKE
Retired Custodian Engineer Level I (X083)
Condolences may be sent to:
Ethna Burke
2126 Hemlock Farms
Hawley, PA 18428

WILLIAM WIETING
Retired Custodian Engineer Level II (X004)
Condolences may be sent to:
Helen Wieting
2412 Barnes Avenue
Bronx, N.Y. 10467

DID YOU KNOW?

EXCEPTIONS
If you receive an exception, you only have 30 days to file a grievance.

FINAL AUDIT REPORTS
You only have 30 days to file a grievance

ELECTRONIC PO 2
As per the CBA, you do not have to enter the bill date or the check date. Also, you do not have to enter the word "cash" in any column.

PRINCIPAL RATING

Members are reminded they only have 30 days to grieve a Principal's Rating. Any member wishing to grieve a rating should contact their Borough Chairman. Please contact your Union immediately upon receiving a Principal's Rating you wish to grieve.

VARIABLE RATE

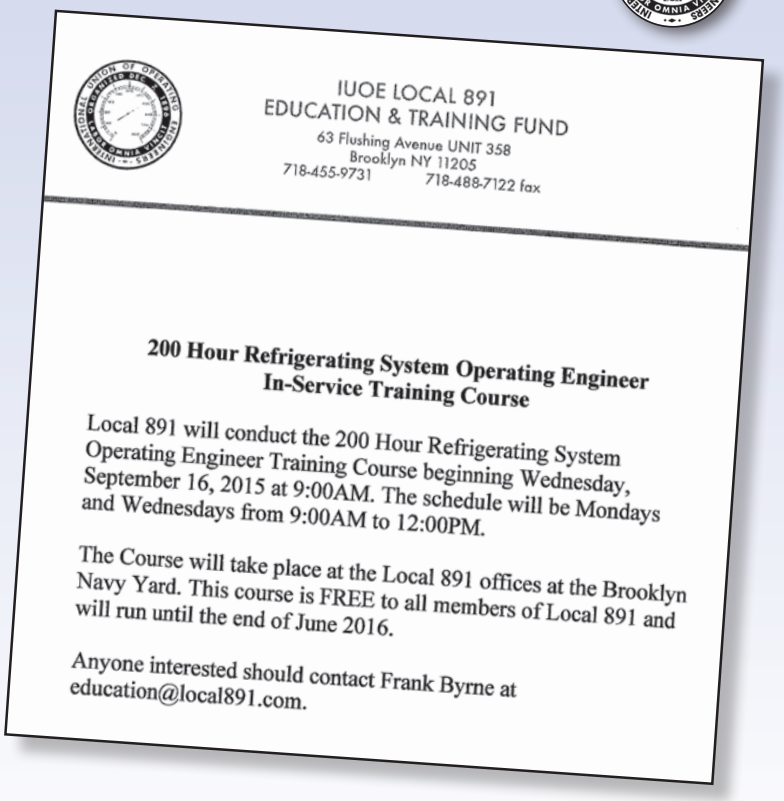
The Pension Committee reports that the Variable unit values for The unit values for June $93.973, July $91.959 and August $93.015.

RATING AND TRANSFER

The following is the list of School Custodian Engineers Level l and Level ll who transferred on Friday July 3, 2015

Name	From	To
Kevin Waters	M615	M025
Albert Negron	M011	M070
Francis Tracey	M097	M111
Herminio Negron	M192	M125
John Brennan	M540	M477
Glenn Habel	M143	M912
Demetrius Rollins	X065	X092/989
John Kavalieratos	X020	X116
Robert Joyce	X003	X136
Judith Garcia	X153	X181
Luis Caballero	K250	K032
Michael Huang	K072	K071
Eric Thoresen	M165	K126/034
Edward McLinden	K097	K193
Joseph Meehan	K114	K230/781
Dagoberto Diaz	K013	K271
Adrian Ageda	K390	K327
John Romanelli	K115	K346/364
Andrew Samberg	K480	K415
Trifon Radef	Q202	K435
Matthew Naughtin	K296	K458/457
Kevin Willis	M058	Q037
Frank Kavaler	K318	Q138
Brian Campbell	Q570	Q452
Paul Hanrahan	K420	Q458/488
William Gerhardt	Q059	Q686
Edward Perez	K804	R002
Michael Granato	K052	R030
Richard VanWettering	M126	R043

Submitted By: Robert Calamia
Rating and Transfer Committee Chairman



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EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND
63 Flushing Avenue UNIT 358
Brooklyn NY 11205
718-455-9731 718-488-7122 fax

200 Hour Refrigerating System Operating Engineer In-Service Training Course

Local 891 will conduct the 200 Hour Refrigerating System Operating Engineer Training Course beginning Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 9:00AM. The schedule will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

The Course will take place at the Local 891 offices at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. This course is FREE to all members of Local 891 and will run until the end of June 2016.

Anyone interested should contact Frank Byrne at education@local891.com.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

A date is not set for the next Medical Examination as of the printing of this month's issue of "The Gauge".

Any member desiring an Asbestos Screening appointment should send a completed Asbestos Medical Request Form to:

John Shea
Division of School Facilities
44-36 Vernon Blvd. 5th Floor
Long Island City, N.Y. 11101

Copies of the asbestos medical examination request form are available from the Local 891 website, your Borough Chairman and at the next Local 891 Union meeting. When submitting these request forms, please fax a copy to me at 212.587.3002. This will enable the union to monitor participation in the program.

Submitted By: Joanne O'Neill
Occupational Health / Safety Chairwoman

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please send any change of address information as soon as you have it to IUOE Local 891 to:

Frank Byrne
Recording-Corres. Secretary
63 Flushing Ave. • Unit 358 • Brooklyn, NY 11205
Ph: (718) 455-9731 • Fx: (718) 455-9733

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Bronx	220	Pedro Arroyo
Brooklyn	221	Rocco Marano
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PAYROLL/PERMITS COMMITTEE

HOLIDAYS

Monday, September 7th, Labor Day, is a DOE holiday for all Custodian Engineers and their staff. Labor Day is in the schedule and is not reimbursable.

Monday, September 14th and Tuesday, September 15th (Rosh Hashanah); Wednesday September 23rd (Yom Kippur) and Thursday, September 24th (Eid al-Adha) are also DOE holidays for all Custodian Engineers and their staff. These four days (Sept. 14, 15, 23 and 24) are not in the schedule and are reimbursable up to three hours for one employee.

UNPAID PERMITS

If you are not being paid for your permits, please send a email to your DDF, as well as, the Payroll/permit Committee. My email address is payroll@local891.com

Submitted By: Andrew Foti
Payroll and Permits Committee Chairman

MEMBERSHIP ASSISTANCE

The Local 891 Membership Assistance Program (MAP) is a confidential early intervention system designed to help members of our union with problems that interfere with their ability to fulfill the responsibilities of their job. The Membership Assistance Program helps individuals identify possible problems and encourage members to seek treatment if their job performance is impaired by alcoholism, alcohol abuse, substance abuse or emotional problems. The MAP also provides services by helping the union member and his or her family select appropriate resources in this community for treatment and/ or rehabilitation and MAP follow up to insure that quality care is provided.

The MAP deals with a variety of concerns with a strong concentration on alcohol and drug abuse. Alcohol and drug abuse, do not know any boundaries. When these problems go untreated, they can cause severe mental, emotional and physical damage as well as premature death. One-third of all hospital admissions and twenty-five percent of all job related accidents are alcohol or drug related.

By maintaining an effective MAP, Local 891 reaches out compassionately to our members and their families to assure that their real health problems are treated. Because so many alcohol and drug problems are misdiagnosed (gastrointestinal problem, heart disease, etc.), the Map Committee would like to continue its effort to keep Local 891's program a model program. The Committee is comprised of your fellow union brothers and sisters.

YOUR CONFIDENTIALITY IS ASSURED
CALL NOW 212-799-0592

Submitted By: Vincent McParland
Membership Assistance Committee Chairman