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PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday October 2, 2014 - 7 p.m.
New Dorp High School • 465 New Dorp Lane • Staten Island, N.Y. 10306

BUSINESS MANAGER/PRESIDENT ROBERT J. TROELLER SWEARS IN NEWLY ELECTED BRONX BOROUGH CHAIRMAN PEDRO ARROYO AT THE SEPTEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

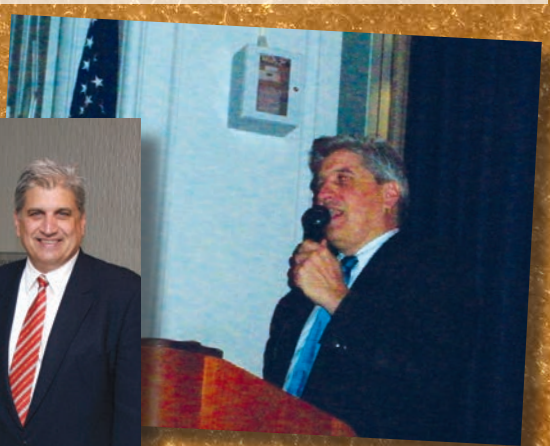
The General Membership meeting for October will be held on Thursday, October 2nd at 7:00 pm at New Dorp H.S., Cafeteria "B" in Staten Island. This is the first time that anyone can remember a Union Meeting being held in the borough. The address is 465 New Dorp Lane, Staten Island NY 10306. We have a very special guest, Domenic M. Recchia, Jr. a Local 891 endorsed candidate for Congress in Brooklyn and Staten Island. Members are asked to make every effort to attend the October meeting. Residents of New York's 11th Congressional District which covers areas of Brooklyn and Staten Island are particularly encouraged to invite family, friends and neighbors to this meeting. During his twelve years as a member of the New York City Council, Domenic M. Recchia, Jr. was a strong supporter of Local 891 and a vital ally in our successful battle against privatization.

As part of an ongoing arbitration regarding Hurricane Irene and Sandy, your Union needs to collect certain information. If you worked at any of the evacuation centers or shelters and you were NOT paid as a custodial worker please respond to the email I sent you. I need to know your name, your assigned site at the time of the storm/storms and the site of the shelter/shelters where you worked. Please respond as soon as possible. If we are successful in gaining additional compensation, we want to insure every entitled member is included.

I have met with Local 32BJ to restart contract negotiations over the non-economic portion of the collective bargaining agreement between our two unions. We are not starting from scratch; we are picking up where we left off when Mayor Bloomberg stalled negotiations. We have a set date for our own first date of formal negotiations for our successor Collective Bargaining Agreement. As I have stated on numerous occasions, please stop listening to any rumors about our contract. I will keep you informed as things progress. Any member who has an idea or suggestion is welcome to contact me. I pledge to bring back a contract that is fair and beneficial to our membership. This will be accomplished as soon as possible without bending to their demands unless it is to gain something of greater value that we seek.

Domenic M. Recchia, Jr. at a recent Local 891 union meeting and Business Manager/President Robert J. Troeller

William X. Carroll, Local 891 Legislative Chairman; Rocco Marano, Brooklyn Borough Chairman; Gary A. Chiappetta, Treasurer and Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.



Domenic M. Recchia, Jr.

LOCAL 891 PROUDLY ANNOUNCES OUR 17TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

The greatest joy is the gift of giving. We, as a Union, will be giving gifts to school children in Booklyn. Many of these children are from modest or low income homes. We want to make this our best holiday party ever and a memorable day for the children. Pedro Arroyo and I have the distinction of being Santa this year. We invite you to share in this wonderful event with a gift for a child or a monetary donation that the Union will use to purchase a gift for a child. Your willingness and commitment to share with these children is proof positive that you and your families are the true Santas of the season! Shop for a toy in the price range of $30 to $35. If you cannot personally shop for a gift, you can make a monetary donation. We need to have a gift for each child at the school. It is only a reasonable request that each child receives a gift of equal value. Shop early and submit your gift to your Borough Chairman. Each Borough Chairman will be working with me to make this party a tremendous success.

Your Borough Chairman and District Stewards have the ages and genders. Therefore, we can make sure each child gets a gift.

Once again, we turn to our retirees and strongly encourage them to help us attain this large volume of gifts that we will need for the party. Your participation is needed if we are to be successful in this endeavor. If you wish to send a check for a child's gift, the check is made payable to Local 891. Kindly mail it to: Peter Maddaloni; Custodian Engineer's Office; 51- 60 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck, New York 11362. If you need additional information, call Peter Maddaloni at (718) 455-9731 ext. 223.

I know we can count on each and every member of Local 891 to open their hearts this holiday season. A school full of children are counting on us. Let's make their holidays happy ones. Thank you for your generosity and putting a smile on a child's face with your holiday gift!

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what our bank account was, the sort of house we lived in, or the kind of car we drove, but the world may be different because we were important in the life of a child."

Submitted By: Peter J. Maddaloni
Children's Holiday Party Chairman

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 value for the month of September 2014 is $91.587.

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BLOOD BANK

The next Local 891 Blood Drive is scheduled for Friday November 21st

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Friday, November 21 from 8am to 3pm at the offices of Local 891. If you plan on donating, check your building before coming to donate. Please retain your original donor receipt and mail a copy to the committee. As in the past we look forward to seeing as many members as we can to volunteer for this worthy cause. Both sites are confirmed open:

1. Local 891 Union Office

2. Melville Site–905 Walt Whitman Road (Route 110) in the shopping center.

Submitted By: Evan Manca, Blood Bank Committee Chairman

DO YOUR PART TO PREVENT PRIVATIZATION

The fight against privatization is far from over. The Division of School Facilities has rekindled its efforts to persuade Principals to accept contractors. On one hand DSF compliments our performance and says, "WE ARE ALL ON THE SAME TEAM" and behind our backs, they slander Local 891 attempting to take our jobs. All of our members must do their part to prevent DSF from succeeding in their privatization agenda.

TCs are the most vulnerable to privatization. If you have a TC, be sure to speak to the Principal daily. Let them know, by your words and actions, that a Civil Service Custodian Engineer will provide the highest level of service possible. Explain how the transfer lists works and that it is DSF who is preventing them from having a permanent Custodian Engineer. If they have any questions on how to go about ensuring they get a Custodian Engineer, please contact the Watchdog Committee and we will assist.

We must let Principals know that a profit motivated company will never provide the level of service they will receive from a licensed, trained and tested Custodian Engineer.

You are the front line against the encroachment of Privatization.

BROTHERS AND SISTERS PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE OUR FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE AND YOU MUST GO ABOVE AND BEYOND IF YOU HAVE A TEMPORARY CARE.

WHEN ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY CARE, MAKE SURE YOU GIVE IT 100%

Submitted By: Andrew Foti
Watchdog Committee Chairman

LOCAL 891's IN-SERVICE REFRIGERATION CLASS

Local 891's In-Service Refrigeration Class – members attending the first In-Service Refrigeration Class offered by Local 891. Forty brothers and sisters have enrolled for the weekly classes given at Local 891's Education Center at the Union Hall. Photo on left: Class on September 17, 2014 and Photo on Right: Education Chairman Frank Byrne; Business Manager/President Robert J. Troeller and Class Instructor Edward J. Brier, Jr.

THE COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION CUSTODIANS AND ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Announces

The 15th Annual Dinner Dance

To be held at
Vetro's of Howard Beach
Sunday, November 2, 2014
12:00pm – 5:00pm

"MAN OF THE YEAR"
MICHAEL MASTRANGELO

Please make plans to Attend and Celebrate with us!
Cocktails at Noon
followed by Dinner and Dancing

Donations $100 per person
For additional information contact:

Carmine Somma (718) 768 1119
Giovanni Alaimo (718) 282-2110
Kevin Fitzgerald (718) 478-6122

Send checks to:
Kevin Fitzgerald
157-29 100th Street
Howard Beach, N.Y. 11414

Patrick McGovern, Bronx Executive Board member; NYS Senator Jeff Klein and newly elected Bronx Borough Chairman Pedro J. Arroyo at a Labor Luncheon at Rambling House on August 26, 2014.

IN MEMORIAM

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

George Gale
Retired Custodian Engineer Level II (X435)
Condolences may be sent to
Mr. Robert Gale
60 James Way
Bridgewater, MA 02324

FREE AIR POLLUTION COURSE

The DEP is offering free training in Oil Burner Operation and Air Pollution Control. This course is open to anyone. Upon completion, students receive certification from the DEP. Anyone interested should contact the following individuals:

Tony Fitapelli
Brooklyn, Queens & Staten Island
(718) 455-9731 ext. 267

SUPPLIES

Local 891 advises all of its members not to enter into any long term contracts with any vendor under any circumstances. Follow the purchasing guidelines in our Collective Bargaining Agreement. Please contact me if you are uncertain of the proper policies before you make any commitments.

Submitted By: Michael Kelly
Supply Committee Chairman

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.

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PAYROLL & PERMITS

HOLIDAY

Monday October 13 (Columbus Day) is a DOE holiday for all CE's and their staff. However this holiday is in the schedule and therefore is not reimbursable. Contractors, CBO's or school groups in the building on that day are required to have a Paid and Approved Permit.

MEET & GREET

The meet and greet the teacher activity recently initiated city – wide does not require a permit. However a space sheet must be submitted to generate payment. It will be treated as an Open School Night Activity which will include the following space and labor: 11 Specials (C), 2 majors (includes cafeteria, auditorium or a gym) and 3 hours labor. This activity schedule includes elementary schools on 9/16, high schools on 9/17 and middle schools on 9/18. Any Meet and Greet scheduled for any other evening must have a permit to generate payment.

NEW SPACE AND LABOR RATES

A new space and labor rate sheet (effective 8/1/2014) has been distributed to all Borough Chairpersons. CE's can contact their respective chairperson for a copy of the new schedule.

AFTER SCHOOL FEES

As per the CBA effective November 1, 1994 the 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM weekday activity schedule for the calendar school year shall be modified as follows:

i)	0 to 60,000 sq. ft.	28 free units or equivalent
ii)	61,000 sq. ft. and up	28 free units or equivalent

As per the CBA effective November 1, 1994 the 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM activity schedule for the calendar shall be:

i)	0 to 60,000 sq. ft.	pay as you go
ii)	61 to 120,000 sq. ft.	28 free units or equivalent
iii)	121 to 200,000 sq. ft.	45 free units or equivalent
iv)	201,000 sq. ft. and up	60 free units or equivalent

Merged buildings stand alone and retain their own identity for all activity allowances and formulas.

Submitted By:
Tony Fitapelli, Permit/Payroll Committee Chairman

RIDE A MOTORCYCLE?

A few Local 891 members will be taking part in Benefit Ride on October 4th in Brooklyn. If interested please contact Evan Manca at 718-698-1515