IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN MANHATTAN

Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.
M167
220 East 76th Street
Between 2nd and 3rd Avenues
New York, NY 10021

PLEASE ATTEND THIS SPECIAL MEETING FOR A SECRET BALLOT VOTE ON BY-LAWS CHANGES.

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SAVE THE DATE!

PRINCIPAL RATING

Members are reminded they only have 30 days to grieve a Principal’s Rating. Any member wanting to grieve a rating should contact their Borough Chairman.

VARIABLE RATE

Unit Value for February 2020
$117.622

RENEWALS

Please be aware of your licenses and permits renewal dates. Apply and renew on time to avoid fees and disciplinary actions.
Local 891 Member,

Local 891 will hold its monthly General Membership on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Robert Wagner School – JHS 167, 220 East 76th Street (bet. 2nd and 3rd Avenues) at **6:00pm.**

At this meeting Local 891 will be conducting a Secret Ballot Vote on the following proposed By-Laws Amendments.

Proposal – 1) Remove Electronic Voting from Article IV Section 1. (required by IUOE Constitution).

Proposal – 2) Replace the words Chairman and Chairmen with Chairperson and Chairpersons throughout the By-Laws. No change to anyone’s duties.

Proposal – 3) Replace the term MPR with salary in Article VII 3-B and 3-C, to reflect our most recent CBA. No other changes to the salary structure.

Proposal – 4) The inappropriately titled “Grievance Committee 891-94/74” shall be renamed the Custodial Helper Committee in Article V Section 3. The structure will remain the same.

These proposed Amendments were unanimously endorsed by the Executive Board on January 14, 2020 and unanimously endorsed by the members in attendance at February's General Membership meeting at K655. The membership at that meeting also passed a motion to vote on all four changes as one yes/no question.

**For your convenience the voting will be open from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM, or until such time as any member present has had the opportunity to cast their ballot.**

You can read the current By-Laws [here.](#)

Robert
IN MEMORIAM

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RETIRED CE, K909
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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BLOOD BANK**
Evan Manca - Blood Bank Chairman

Be a hero and save someone’s life by donating one (1) pint of blood. You can save lives by donating blood.

Our next blood drive is scheduled on Friday, May 22, 2020. Locations are as follows:

Local 891, Union Hall in the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Building 292;
The Melville Long Island Blood Center, 905 Walt Whitman Road (RTE 110);
Staten Island Donor Center, 2791 Richmond Ave, Staten Island.

I understand members go to other sites to donate. If you donate at a different site other than the three mentioned above, please let me know. I am trying to add the Elmsford, NY site to the list.

If you donated blood at our last drive in November 2019, you will receive a sweatshirt as a token of appreciation.

**PENSION**
Christopher Attianese - Pension Chairman

The January 31st retirement seminar was a great success. Approximately 46 members attended and received information necessary to guide them through the retirement process. At this time, no date has been scheduled for the next retirement seminar.
Members of Local 891 attended the NYS Public Employee Conference 43rd Annual Legislative Breakfast at the Egg Building in Albany on February 4, 2020. Among the topics of discussion were: Defined benefit pension plans for private sector employee, State budget implications, Deferred Retirement Option Plans (DROP), Health care reforms and Partial Lump Sum Option Plans (PLOP). Speaking on the issue of the State budget was NYS Comptroller, Thomas DiNapoli. Other speakers included Speaker of the House, Carl Heastie, Chairman of Labor, Marcos Crespo, and many others.

Left to right: Pedro Arroyo, Retired CE and former Bronx Borough Chairman; William Carroll, Legislative Committee Co-Chairman; Jeffrey Bilek, Vice President; Richard Gorgoglione, Treasurer and Delegate to NYC Central Labor Council; Michael King, Bronx Borough Chairman; Michael Kelly, Legislative Committee Co-Chairman and Supply Committee Chairman.
CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

On Thursday, February 20, 2020, the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services and City Officials, along with the New York City Municipal Labor Committee held a meeting on Emergency Preparedness for the coronavirus.

Click here for the most updated information.

New Yorkers, here’s what YOU need to know about the coronavirus

You can prevent the spread of any virus by staying home if you feel sick, covering your sneezes and coughs with your sleeve (not your hands) and washing your hands often.

If you feel flu-like symptoms (fever, cough and shortness of breath), and recently traveled to an area affected by coronavirus, or have been in close contact with someone who has, go to your doctor. If you have symptoms but no travel history, stay home and call your doctor. If you need connection to a medical professional, call 311.

If you’re feeling well, no need to wear a face mask - and don’t worry if someone else does. People wear masks for many reasons - be respectful.

Check www.nyc.gov/health/coronavirus for updates and other helpful information.
The one hundred twenty (120) day rule for new hires is still in effect. When you have a new hire, be sure to request from NYCSSS the new hire's start date. The employee may be new to your school but he/she may have worked at another site prior to being hired by you. If you have a new hire who is not performing well and you wish to have that person removed, you must document him/her by using the DAF (Disciplinary Action Form) forms and request termination.

1). If an employee needs a replacement ID card, they should contact Thomas Smith at thomas.smith@nycsss.org. The employee will have to present identification and the reason for needing a new ID.

2). Please make sure when filling out the DAF (Disciplinary Action Form) that you fill out both sheets. The sheets need to be signed or witnessed. Failure to do so will result in the sheets not being processed.

When emailing NYCSSS, make sure to forward a copy to your borough chairperson and Theresa DiChristi or myself at grievances32-94@local891.com

Local 891 would like to remind members that your union offers many training and educational opportunities. Many are offered in service for your convenience. Please contact me for more information at education@local891.com.
Life Insurance Benefit Enhancement:

The Trustees’ of Local 891’s Welfare Fund are pleased to announce that we voted to increase the Life insurance benefits for all (Active) and (Retired) members as of March 1, 2020. The new rates of insurance payable to your beneficiary at the time of your passing are as follows:

![Diagram showing life insurance benefits for Active and Retired members]

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (718) 455 – 9731 ext. 102.

THE SCHEDULED MARCH ASBESTOS SCREENING HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO A POSSIBLE DATE IN APRIL. A MINIMUM OF 25 PARTICIPANTS ARE NEEDED TO HAVE A SCREENING. I DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH MEMBERS SIGNED UP FOR MARCH. IF YOU ARE AN 891 MEMBER WITH TEN YEARS OF SERVICE, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT OCCUPATIONALHEALTH@LOCAL891.COM.
Custodian Engineers, please submit a Statement of Account with your record request from the Office of Auditor General. A two-year Statement of Account was mailed to all Custodian Engineers by New York State Insurance Fund in April 2017, covering October 2014 to April 2017.

If any Custodian Engineer needs a copy of their Statement of Account, please call me at (718) 455-9731 ext. 251. I will request a copy from New York State Insurance Fund. If you do not submit a Statement of Account with your document request, you will get a disallowance from the Office of the Auditor General for all payments made to the New York State Insurance Fund.

LOCAL 891’s RETIREES MONTHLY LUNCH

Local 891's retired members meet regularly for lunches and other events. If you would like to join them or get involved, please contact Eddie Leong at (646)825-1287 or Robert Souto at (631)428-1475
If you are interested in learning more about NYS labor and budget issues, you can become a digital subscriber to Thomas DiNapoli's newsletter, Labor NY, by sending your name and email address to kmccormack@osc.ny.gov.
CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL KING, ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2020 NYC DOE EMERALD SOCIETY IRISH CUSTODIAN ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EMERALD SOCIETY

Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance
Friday, March 13, 2020
Terrace on the Park
52-11 111 Street Flushing, NY
7:30 PM to 12:30 AM
$110.00 Per Person

2020 HONOREES

Irish Pro deo et Patria
Irishman of the Year
Irishwoman of the Year
Irish Teacher of the Year
Irish Principal of the Year
Irish Custodian of the Year
Irish D75 Principal of the Year
Irish Ombudsman of the Year

Kevin Moran - Sr. Advisor to the Chancellor on transportation
Johnathan Daly - Principal of Eximius College Prep. Acad.
Lorraine O'Shea - at 075 P168.X
Dennis Gault - UFT District I Representative
Angela O'Dowd - Principal of D27-PS62Q
Michael King - Custodian Engineer X080/843
Barbara Tremblay - Principal of 721 K
Frank Cassidy - Bronx Director of School Renewal

RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MARCH 5, 2020
PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORM ON THE NEXT PAGE.
Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance Form

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EMERALD SOCIETY

Reservations will be accepted until March 5, 2020
Please complete and return this form.

Name: _____________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________

Email Address: ___________________________________________________________________

# of guests in party: _____________ @$110 per guest(s): ________________
Total $: ________________

Name(s) of guest: ________________________________________________________________

At which Honoree's tables would you prefer to be seated?
___________________________________

Please make checks payable to: NYC DOE Emerald Society

and mail to: Jeanne Bradley, 181 Moody Ave. Freeport, NY 11520

Tickets can also be purchased online at:
https://2020emeraldsocietydance@eventbrite.com

$110 + $6 fee  Late fee tickets: $120 + $6 fee

Any questions, please contact:
Jeanne Bradley - (516) 286-5802
or
Jeannebradley23@gmail.com
EAT, DRINK AND HAVE FUN!

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SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 20, 2020
Thank you for attending the February 6, 2020 Union Meeting at K650 in Brooklyn. YOU MISS A LOT WHEN YOU MISS YOUR UNION MEETING. SEE YOU MARCH 5, 2020 IN MANHATTAN.

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Entertainment
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Good and Welfare
Grievances 32BI/94
Grievances 891
Hospitalization
Indoctrination
Legislative Co-Chairman
Legislative Co-Chairman
Membership
Membership Assistance
Occup. Health/Safety
Payroll/Permits
Pension
Rating and Transfer
StoreKeeper
Supplies
Temporary Care Assign
Watchdog Committee
WebMaster
NYC Central Labor Council Delegate
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