

# THE GAUGE



I.U.O.E LOCAL 891

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**JUNE 2020**

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN MANHATTAN

The June 4, 2020 General Membership  
Meeting is Cancelled

### VARIABLE RATE

Unit Value for April, 2020  
\$102.233

### 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.

### MAY 2020 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

### RENEWALS

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



Brothers and Sisters,

I applaud you for your continued dedication during these times. We all know it is not easy to continue to perform day to day with all the uncertainties of the Covid-19 pandemic. Please do all you can to keep yourselves and your loved ones safe by following all the guidelines and precautions set forth by the experts.

Remember that all Local 891 officials and resources are still available for you to utilize. Contact us by phone or email with any concerns or issues.

Last month, I was appointed to the Mayor's Education Advisory Council. It's a large group of people from various Unions and organizations involved in the education sector of our City, as well as health care experts. There were three virtual meetings scheduled during that time. One of those meetings was cancelled. Of course, I continue to advocate for the funding necessary for us to successfully perform our duties, but everyone knows of the incredible NYC budget deficits that are predicted. The City is no where near deciding how schools will reopen this fall. What will it look like, will it even be possible? Their goal is to have as much in-person instruction as possible while maintaining the safety of the students and staff. I'll keep you apprised of any progress toward the ultimate decisions. Whatever path is chosen will obviously be subject to change due the unknown nature of the continued course of this virus.

Please stay updated by checking your emails frequently for important information and updates. Below are links to some of the emails that I have sent out during the month of May;

- May 11 ----- [Supply for Feeding Sites](#)
- May 11 ----- [Contractor Permit Submittals](#)
- May 12 ----- [Local 891 Blood Drive Date Cancelled](#)
- May 12 ----- [Business Manager/President Troeller Appointed by Mayor](#)
- May 13 ----- [Updated Guidance Building Access During Covid-19](#)
- May 13 ----- [Guidance for Contractor and Service Providers](#)
- May 14 ----- [Temporary TDA Rate Change for Lump Sum](#)
- May 15 ----- [NYC Council Introduced and Voted on New Bills](#)
- May 18 ----- [Local 891 to host College Credit Courses this Fall](#)
- May 20 ----- [Memorial Day Holiday/Blood Donations](#)



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**CHRIS LOIZOS  
RETIRED CE, M015**

CONDOLENCES TO  
ALEX, NOELLE AND KATINA LOIZOS  
(CHILDREN)  
33 MOREWOOD PLACE  
PALMYRA, VA 22963

**ALFRED NICIFORO  
RETIRED CE, Q226**

CONDOLENCES TO PHYLLIS NICIFORO  
(WIFE)  
51 HARBOR NORTH  
AMITYVILLE, NY 11701

**EDWARD H. BONACI  
RETIRED CE, R440  
NO CONDOLENCES**



**FAREWELL MICHAEL ORTIZ**



## BLOOD BANK

*Evan Manca - Blood Bank Chairman*

Due to Covid-19 the May 22nd Blood Drive has been cancelled. We are hoping to reschedule for August 28th and all three locations will be on schedule for this date.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Bring Donor Card or ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 – 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need a doctor's note).
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids .
- No tattoos for past 12 months.

For questions about eligibility to donate due to travel outside the U.S., medications or medical conditions, call 1-800-688-0900.

## PENSION

*Christopher Attianese - Pension Chairman*

The temporary TDA rate change for the year 2020 which will be used for the final Lump Sum payment was sent in a constant contact statement and is due back no later than 5:00 pm on June 12, 2020.

Please take the time to log into your BERS online account or register and familiarize yourself with monitoring your account. You can view account balances, TDA balances, TDA and pension loans, beneficiaries, and service credit.

In addition, there is also a section listed under "forms" where you can find the forms that are frequently used by active and retired members.

Any member needing a password reset or assistance registering can contact me at [pension@local891.com](mailto:pension@local891.com) or (718) 455-9731 Ext. 268.

# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH/SAFETY

Joanne O'Neill - Occup. Health/Safety

Please check these links to get the latest information on the related **highlighted** Covid-19 topics. For more resources and information, you can contact me at (718) 455-9731 Ext. 266.

## **Find A Test Site Near You**

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>

## **NYS COVID-19 Testing**

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-testing>

## **NYS reopening Regional Monitoring Dashboard**

<https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard>

## **Kawasaki Disease From COVID-19 in Kids:**

<https://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/covid19/86393>

he Lancet: Hyperinflammatory shock in children during

## **COVID-19 pandemic**

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)31094-1/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)31094-1/fulltext)

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/wear-mask-new-york-ad-contest-cast-your-vote>

## **USTA breathing tubes**

<https://www.ksat.com/news/local/2020/05/20/utsa-engineers-create-innovative-breathing-tube-in-effort-to-battle-covid-19-in-future/>

Many members have felt a certain anxiety by coming to work during this crisis. While other non-essential workers have been mandated or forced to stay away from work and remain indoors, most of us have been working since this pandemic started over three months ago.

While other parts of the country seem to have been less affected by this pandemic, many New Yorkers would agree that life in New York is a lot different that it was before this started. With empty streets and businesses closed throughout the area, one must wonder if things will ever be the same again.

Who could have imagined that in our lifetime we would become so concerned with the health and welfare of our own families while watching daily news reports of others in distress? With the advent of our social media outlets we learn about events much faster than we ever did before.

Were the words “social distancing” “mitigation” “flatten the curve” and “pandemic” ever used in conversation before? Who would believe that people would be scolded for not wearing a mask or failing to keep six feet away from one-another? One must wonder how school buildings will re-open with all these new mandates concerning public health. Whatever happens and whatever the results Local 891 members will be there when called to respond, we always have and we always will.

## GRIEVANCES 32BJ/94

*Marvin Rodriguez - Committee Chairperson*

*Theresa DiCristi - Committee Member*

I hope everyone and their families are healthy and safe. Please keep in mind that at this time there are still no grievances but you should still fill out the DAF's (Disciplinary Action Form) when needed. Also, when filling out the DAF, make sure that you fill out both sheets. It is also a good time to have your staff (re)trained/review cleaning procedures and any other directive or policy you may have at your sites. When doing so, make sure to have the crew sign-off as an indication that it was done.

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.

When emailing NYCSSS, make sure to forward a copy to your Borough Chairperson and Theresa DiChristi or myself at [grievances32-94@local891.com](mailto:grievances32-94@local891.com)

**If an employee needs a replacement ID card, they should contact Thomas Smith at [thomas.smith@nycsss.org](mailto:thomas.smith@nycsss.org). The employee will have to present identification and the reason for needing a new ID. Please stay safe.**

# COMPENSATION INSURANCE

*Trifon Radeff - Compensation Insurance Chairman*

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.



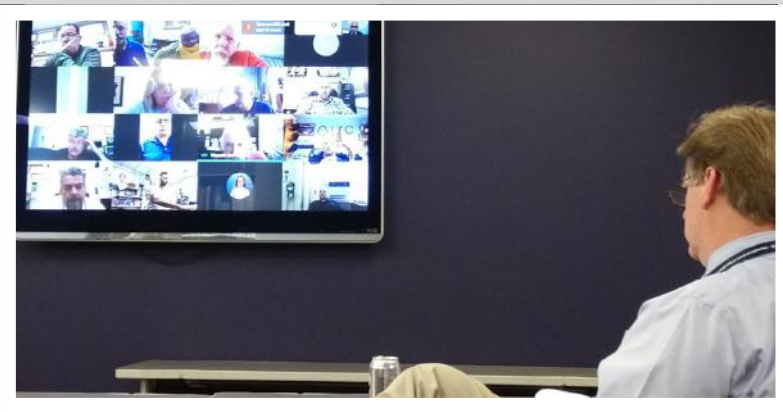
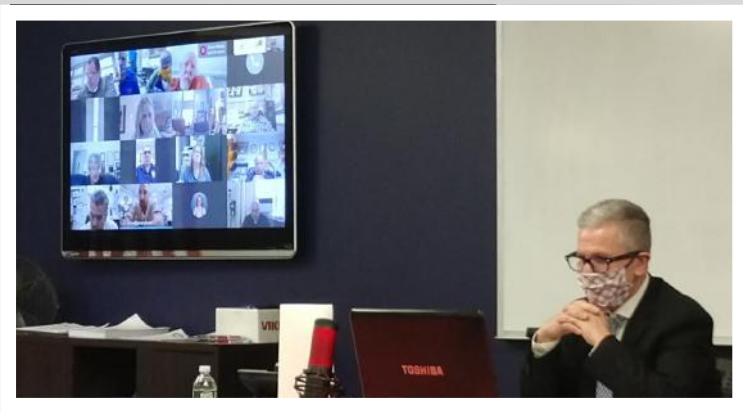
## CONGRATULATIONS MICHAEL KING, ON BEING SELECTED AS THE 2020 NYC DOE EMERALD SOCIETY IRISH CUSTODIAN ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO SEPTEMBER 18,  
2020. DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**



**THE FUTURE IS NOW**

**On May 15, 2020 Local 891 held it's Executive Board Meeting. Local 891 utilized safe distancing by meeting via Google Meetings. Safe distancing and face masks were used at the main office also.**







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Welfare forms – eye care vouchers – claims information  
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