

RETIREE



BULLETIN

BAY AREA RETIREE CHAPTER

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

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MEETINGS 1st WEDNESDAY AT 10:00 a.m. ♦ FEB - APR - JUNE - AUG - OCT - DEC



December, 2017

IT'S PARTY TIME! AND THE MEETING TOO

Yes, you read it right. It's time for our annual Christmas Party, as well as our business meeting. The meeting will be Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 10 a.m. at the Local Union, see address above, and party after the meeting. Hope to see you there.

The door prizes are furnished by the Club's Executive Board. The Club will provide pork, white and yellow rice, black beans, plantains, deviled crabs, salad, coffee, ice tea (sweet and unsweet), hot tea, assorted cold drinks. There is never enough to feed everyone so we ask you to bring a covered dish or casserole of some sort. Bring some vegetables, fruit, or potatoes, perhaps something from your own recipe book.

We started doing this covered dish system for the Christmas party in 2013 to help cut down expenses because the prices were going up and the cost was going up too much. Some of you are receiving this newsletter even though you are not paying dues to the Club and are not a member. Last year we only sent the newsletter to members only and we received some phone calls about it. Normally we would only send it to

non-members if it contained info that all Teamster retirees needed to know. We ask that everyone who attends either have their \$30.00 annual dues paid prior to the party or pay when you arrive.

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Come join us and enjoy.

We will have plenty of door prizes, great food, and a drawing for a 50/50 cash prize to benefit the Local Union's Scholarship Fund.

We always have a great time and share some Teamster history and "war" stories about our working years as Teamsters. You may even learn something new!

CHILDREN'S HOME

There is one more thing you can bring to the party. Bring some can goods, cereals, pasta, and many other non-perishable foods. The Holidays are upon us and the kids need to be fed and the Children's Home could use our help.

Some good board games would be great too as other games kids would enjoy. Open up your Teamster heart and help bring some cheer and food for the kids.

This is what Teamsters do, help others when they need it.

THE WAY IT SHOULD BE

As I was going thru the newsletter files I found this item that was in the December, 2014 newsletter and thought it was something that it is very appropriate now with the turmoil our country is in. I am writing it just the way it was in December, 2014.

THE AMERICAN'S CREED

I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the People, by the People, for the People; Whose just powers are derived from the Consent of the Governed; a Democracy in a Republic a Sovereign Nation of many Sovereign States; a Perfect Union, one and inseparable; Established upon those Principles of Freedom, Equality, Justice, and Humanity for which American Patriots Sacrificed their Lives and Fortunes.

I Therefore believe it is my Duty to My Country to Love it; to Support its Constitution; to Obey its laws; to Respect its Flag; and to Defend it Against All Enemies.

Just reading this makes you feel proud to be an American.

A Little History Behind "The American's Creed"

By 1917 Americans saw that neutrality in the World War I conflict could not be justified. 1,000 people, including 128 Americans, had been lost years back with the sinking of the British liner, the Lusitania. It was now time for President Wilson to act. So he went to Congress requesting a Declaration of War:

"The world must be made safe for democracy. It is a fearful thing to lead this great peaceful people into war, the most terrible of wars. But the right is more precious than the peace, and we shall fight for the things that we have always carried nearest our hearts, for democracy, for the rights and liberties of small nations, for a universal dominion of right by such a concert of free people as shall bring safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free."

During these times, "a Nation-wide essay contest was held" to come up with an American Creed. William Tyler Page of Friendship Heights, Maryland won the contest. He served in Congress in 1881 and was a descendant of President John Tyler.

The American's Creed as written is really more needed today than back then. If all Americans applied this to their own lives, regardless of creed or race, our country would be greater than ever. Let us practice what we preach, as the old saying goes.

DUES AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

The next page has two forms. One is to pay your dues, if you haven't already, or to join. The other form is to let us know if you are coming to the party and if you are bringing your spouse or a guest.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY PAID YOUR 2018 DUES IGNORE THAT FORM BUT PLEASE SEND THE CHRISTMAS PARTY FORM BACK ASAP SO WE WILL KNOW ABOUT HOW MANY ARE COMING. IF YOU ARE JOINING AND COMING TO THE PARTY, JUST USE THE ENTIRE PAGE.