

# RETIREE



# BULLETIN

## BAY AREA RETIREE CHAPTER

### INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

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



October, 2017

### MEETING NOTICE

We will have our Retiree's General Membership meeting and covered dish luncheon on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. All of our meetings are held at the Teamsters Local Union No. 79 located at 5818 E. MLK Blvd., Tampa, FL 33619 unless otherwise noted. After the business meeting we will have our covered dish luncheon. Bring your spouse or a guest and don't forget the COVERED DISH or a good dessert. Come on out and enjoy yourself and maybe learn something about what's going on within the Teamsters and the retirees. **DON'T FORGET THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WILL BE ON DECEMBER 6, 2017. Try to get your dues paid for 2018 before then. If you haven't joined the club yet, this is a good time to do it and come to the party.**

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

We will not have the election of officers at the October meeting as previously announced. There were no nominations to oppose the current officers, therefore, they are reelected by acclamation for another three year term.

Your officers for the term of office from January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2020 are:

Bob Meeks, President  
Amos Castillo, Vice President  
Steve Mosely, Treasurer  
Joe Rumore, Recording Secretary  
Frank LaRocca, Trustee  
Ray Mattson, Trustee  
Manual Rodriguez, Trustee

### OUR DATE WITH IRMA

We pray that all of you made it thru Hurricane Irma with little or no problem. We know that all of you that live in south Florida, and some east of Tampa, had the most damage. If you had anyone in your family injured or possibly homeless, please let us know. At the time of this writing I have not received any word of the conditions you were under or are under now other than the news. I was in the hospital the week before Irma hit and got out just before it hit and recovering at home. I sincerely hope and pray that everyone in your families are safe. Please, let us know how you are doing. Your well being is important to all of us in the retirees club.

## **KEN WOOD IS RETIRING!**

After 46 years as a Teamster member and Teamster leader, Ken Wood has announced his retirement as of January 31, 2018. He started with UPS in February, 1971, not knowing his path to leadership was really just beginning. He was always a leader but little did he realize how far that ability would expand in the future. To this day, his favorite story is of how Bob Meeks got him involved in being a Job Steward at UPS. It happened at an old Tampa Center on the west side of town in what was lovingly called the "Sand Pit" (outside sort) at what should have been a company meeting with the drivers and called an A.M. Meeting. But, the business agent, Bob Meeks, took over the meeting and sent the supervisors inside. He then announced that the old Steward was stepping down and a new Steward was needed, he then requested volunteers. Bob ask for anyone who wished to be the new Steward to please take two steps forward. Now this is where Ken swears that this is what really happened. Since Ken was on the front row of the group, everyone but Ken took two steps backwards, leaving Ken standing by himself. That was his story and he is sticking to it. As the years past, Manuel Fernandez, President; Johnny Walker; Secretary-Treasurer; and I, Bob Meeks, B.A. and Trustee; saw his capabilities as a good Teamster Leader and encouraged him to continue to lead, learn, and serve the members. He was appointed to the Local 79 Executive Board to fill a vacancy as

a Trustee in June, 1975. He became Recording Secretary from 1976 until 1983. He was elected Secretary-Treasurer in 1983 and served until 1995. Ken has served as President and Business Manager of Local 79 since 1995.

Ken was elected to the IBT General Executive Board in 1998 as one of two Vice Presidents of the Southern Region of Teamsters. He has been reelected numerous times and served in that capacity until December 31, 2016.

There is so much more to this story and we will give everyone a complete copy of the Ken Wood Biography at the October meeting.

## **WE NEED A LITTLE HUMOR** **With a Senior Pick-Up Line**

An Elderly widower walks into an upscale cocktail lounge. He is in his mid-eighties, very well dressed, hair well-groomed, great looking suit, flower in his lapel and smelling slightly of an expensive after shave. He presents a very nice image. Seated at the bar is a classy looking lady in her mid-seventies. The sharp old gentleman walks over and sits alongside her. He orders a drink and takes a sip. He slowly turns to the lady and says:  
"So, tell me...do I come here often?"

## **2018 DUES**

The form on the following page is for members to pay their 2018 dues or if you are not a member yet, please use the form to join and pay your first years dues of \$30.00 per calendar year. See you at the October meeting.