

RETIREE



BULLETIN

BAY AREA RETIREE CHAPTER-AUG 2022 EDITION

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

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PENSION UPDATE/RESCUE PLAN IN PLACE

On Wednesday July 6th, President Joe Biden announced the finalization of the program to financially assist multi-employer pension funds. President Biden stated "Those retirees who lost their benefits will have them restored retroactively." Biden further added "We turned a promise broken into a promise kept."

Roughly 1400 multi-employer pension funds covering 11 million participants (former truck drivers, construction workers, dairy, linen, manufacturing, etc.) are now safe through at least to the year 2051.

Plans that were threatened with near term insolvency (close to 200) have been approved for nearly \$ 7 billion in assistance as of the writing of this article by the PBGC. PBGC expects to distribute (to defined benefit plans) a minimum of \$74 billion and possibly up to as much as \$91 billion worth of financial help to multi-employer plans.

The best aspect of The American Rescue Plan signed into law by President Biden, is that the money is in place. Should the next Congress want to pass a tax cut scheme for the rich, the next Congress won't be able to take our pensions away from us, the blue collar retirees, to fund it!

The American Rescue Plan's Special Financial Assistance Program Will Have Historic Impacts:

- **Positions multiemployer plans that receive assistance to remain solvent through at least 2051 – with no cuts to earned benefits.**
- **Protect benefits for millions of workers who faced cuts.**



On Saturday March 19 ,2022 shortly after 5:00 AM, Adam was in training for a triathlon and was riding his bicycle on the south bound side of North Dale Mabry Highway near the US 41 divide. According to the Florida Highway Patrol , Adam was struck by a passing motorist who fled the scene. With his bicycle still on the roadway, another driver (motorcyclist) hit Adam's bike, stopped and found Adam and notified authorities. Adam had to be airlifted to a hospital. Adam suffered major traumatic injuries and has not regained consciousness. As of May 3rd, Adam is still comatose and progressing slowly. As yet the FHP does not have a description of the vehicle involved.

Adam who is a graduate of Tampa Jesuit, first joined Local 79 in 2020 while working for YRC. He later went to work for ABF in March of this year. Adam is married and has a 6 year old son.

A Go Fund Me account has been established on Adam's behalf and thus far has raised just over \$ 21,000 for Adam's care. If you go to www.gofundme.com, click the search button and put in Adam Kaplan's name and his fundraiser will come up. Our Teamster brother is in need and if you can help, please do because we all know, once a Teamster, always a Teamster!

If you have any information, you are urged to contact the FHP @ *347 or Crime Stoppers@ *8477.

****UPDATE****

In a recently received note, Adam's mother Shirley states "Adam continues to be in a vegetative coma, but we see God's hand is all this."

"We were able to purchase him a bed that will meet his needs. He should be coming home soon. Insurance paid for his custom made wheelchair and other things we will need...the Teamsters have been a blessing."

Warm Regards, Shirley (Adam's mom) & Family

Shirley shared the following scripture.

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

Luke 6:38

GROW THE RETIREES

MEMBERSHIP

Your Local Retirees Chapter is on the road to expand because now more than ever, we must be strong and united. It's imperative to make sure we don't become dinosaurs or legends of the past or even worse, lose everything that we fought for.

LOOK

how we've grown!!

June 2022



Come join us for FOOD, FUN, and TEAMSTER FRIENDS

You may even win a door prize or two!



“THIS CHAIR HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING”

RETIRES CLUB MONTHLY DRAWING WINNERS-June 2022



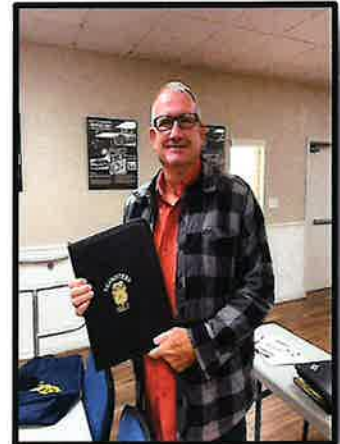
Paul Russell

—Most Teamster Years



Joe Patrinostro

-50/50 Winner AND Door Prize Winner



KEN KOTCHEVAR

-Drove the furthest
to the Luncheon

Other winners include:

Bruce McNeil-\$100.00 Winner, Manuel Rodriguez-50/50 Winner
Olga Gonzalez-Door Prize Winner, Dana Beougher-Door Prize Winner
Joe Rumore-Door Prize Winner, Nate Simpkins-Door Prize Winner
Doug Hecht-Door Prize Winner, Frank LaRocca-Door Prize Winner

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR WINNERS!



Inaugural BINGO Games

The Retirees Executive Board will be hosting Bingo games at the August 3rd, 2022 Retirees luncheon. The games will start at the end of the retirees business meeting.

The BINGO cards will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Prize monies will be a percentage of the total entry fees. Example, the first game winner will receive 10% of the total entry fees. Second winner will receive 20% of total entry fees. Thereafter, the third game will pay 30% and the fourth game will pay 40%.

Our Retirees Board and Committee Members look forward to your feedback on how we can improve our bingo games for future retirees luncheons.



-Gary Kaleskas, Events Coordinator, BARC



FROM YOUR LOCAL RETIREES CHAPTER

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

PETER ALFIERI
ROBERT BARLOW
ZANNIE BLACK JR.
AMOS CASTILLO
MIKE CIUCIO
BRADLEY FERGERSON
TAMMY JONES
LEO KRUG
DAVID MARTIN
DANIEL MONYHAN
JAMES ROBERTS
NATE SIMPKINS
BARBARA THOMPSON
ROGER DAVIS
CEDRIC WILLIAMS

TODD BARKER
DONALD BITLER
MICHAEL BROSIER
ALDO CICCARELLO
LARRY DUPREE
ROBERT GORMAN
CARROLL KESTNER
DONALD MACLAUCHIA
JIM MASON
JAMES NOEL
JOE RUMORE JR.
JOHN VOIC
CHARLES HIETELA
DARRELL SHERMAN

OBITUARIES



DAMASO E. "TITO" FUENTES, SR.
BORN JANUARY 17, 1941
PASSED FEBRUARY 25, 2022
CARHAULER WITH RYDER—30 YEARS

LYNFORD H. HARGROVE
BORN FEBRUARY 1, 1944
PASSED DECEMBER 15, 2021
CARHAULER FOR ALLIED SYSTEMS—21 YEARS



CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD DRIVE

PLEASE REMEMBER HOPE CHILDREN'S HOME in 2022!

LOCAL 79 CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD DRIVE. WE WILL BE ACCEPTING NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS.



Ball Park hot dogs • Rold Gold pretzels
Heinz ketchup • A&W root beer • Sara Lee buns
Breyers ice cream • Budweiser beer • Michelob beer

For more union-made products:

TEXT MADE TO 235246

go.afcio.org/laborday

**EXAMPLE: CANNED GOODS, PAPER GOODS,
DIAPERS, CEREALS, CRACKERS, COOKIES, GIFT CARDS,
SEASONINGS, DISH DETERGENTS, HAND SOAPS,
SHAMPOOS, SODAS, ETC.**

***August's Retirees Challenge-Please try to bring in UNION MADE SNACKS for the
Children's Home!!***

Find union made snacks at Labor411.org!

TEAMSTER TRIVIA TIME

1. During World War II, most of Local 79's membership worked at Tampa Shipbuilders. Our members helped to build over 100 ships during the war. They also repaired many ships due to war damage. One of those ships appeared in a famous war picture. What is the name of that movie?

- A.) The Longest Day
- B.) Guns of Navarone
- C.) Letters from Iwo
- D.) A Bridge Too Far
- E.) Anzio
- F.) Gung Ho

TRUE OR FALSE?

One of Local 79's President's served in World War II.

Bobby Meeks, former President of Local 79 and current Treasurer of the Retirees Club joined Local 79 at the age of 17.

Closed Shop is a place of employment where Unions are not allowed.

ANSWERS:

1. B

True-Manuel Fernandez USMC was part of the invasion force that landed on Iwo Jima.

False—Bobby went to work for Borden's Dairy and joined Local 79 at the age of 16.

False—it is a place of employment under a Union contract where all employees must be dues paying members.



ELECTION SEASON 2022

Election season is upon us with many local and statewide races to be run as well as Federal races in the House and Senate. The primary election day is August 23, 2022. The general election is November 8, 2022. In preparation to cast your ballot, Local 79's Retiree Club's Political Director Larry Dupree says it is important to have your updated Voted ID Registration card, know your polling place location, and have a current signature on file. Larry adds that if you wish to continue voting by mail, please notify the Supervisor of Elections Office in your county that you wish to continue voting by mail.

Many endorsements have been made, other endorsements are pending, and some endorsements may change based on primary election results. We are endeavoring to provide our retirees a complete list before the general election. In the meantime, here are endorsements for the primary elections centering mostly on statewide offices for Florida as well as Congressional races.



FLORIDA AFL-CIO 2022 ENDORSEMENTS

US SENATE-VAL DEMINGS

GOVERNOR-CHARLIE CHRIST

WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA CLC

CD	DISTRICT #14	KATHY CASTOR	US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SD	DISTRICT #14	JANET CRUZ	FLORIDA SENATE
SD	DISTRICT #16	DARRYL ROUSON	FLORIDA SENATE
SD	DISTRICT #18	EUNIC ORTIZ	FLORIDA SENATE
SD	DISTRICT #21	ED HOOPER	FLORIDA SENATE
HD	DISTRICT #60	LINDSAY CROSS	FL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HD	DISTRICT #62	MICHELE RAYNER	FL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HD	DISTRICT #63	DIANNE HART	FL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HD	DISTRICT #64	SUSAN VALDES	FL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HD	DISTRICT #65	JEN MCDONALD	FL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HD	DISTRICT #67	FENTRICE DRISKELL	FL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HD	DISTRICT #69	ANDREW LEARNED	FL HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

US HOUSE DISTRICT #15— ALAN COHEN- ENDORSED BY THE FOLLOWING LABOR ORGANIZATIONS: Hillsborough County Classroom Teachers Association, CWA, SEIU, IBEW, UFCW, and the American Federation of Government Workers.

BAY AREA RETIREES CHAPTER

SCHEDULES FOR 2022

ALL TIME AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH NOTICE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

ALL MEETINGS 10:00 A.M. UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED

2022																												
JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL							
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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 2 ✓

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6 ✓

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1 ✓

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

**CHRISTMAS PARTY ALSO

**Bay Area Retiree Chapter
5818 E, MLK Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33619**



**To Serve and Improve
Our Members Life**



"Knowledgeable and detail-oriented, Rob White from Ameriprise Financial has nearly three decades of experience in the fast-paced financial and insurance industry and will be the guest speaker at the **August 3rd meeting**. When it comes to investments, Rob provides comprehensive financial advice, retirement income strategies, family finances, estate planning strategies, wealth preservation strategies to his clients. He also has deep understanding of Medicare insurances and supplements. Rob has a long track record of client service through his effective communication skills and the unique ability to navigate details. Rob will be speaking on the topic of retirement and how to effectively generate retirement income."

GUEST SPEAKER-ROB WHITE AUGUST 3, 2022