

INTERNATIONAL
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UNION



**MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63** LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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PRESIDENT

BULLETIN - JULY 2007

MEETINGS – August 2, 2007 - 6:00 pm. – Regular Membership Meeting
August 14, 2007 - 6:30 pm. – Grievance Committee Meeting
August 15, 2007 - 12 Noon – Promotions Committee Meeting
August 16, 2007 - 5:30 pm. – Executive Board Meeting

ELECTION RESULTS – **Secretary/Business Agent** – Peter Peyton; **Day Business Agent** – Richard “Harpo” Finlay; **Night Business Agent** – Willie Carranza and Ricardo Jacobelly (**Run Off**); **Grievance Committee** – Linda Moses, Tracye Ware; **Dispatcher** – Gary Johnson, Jack Gamulin, Poppy Cornejo, Pat Monge; **Labor Relations Committee** – William Hallet; **Marine Clerks Memorial Assn.** – George Love, Ray Box, Steve Cowell, Michael A. Podue, Tom Warren, Bob Wilderman, and Patricia Aguirre.

PAID HOLIDAY – SATURDAY, JULY 28TH – HARRY BRIDGES BIRTHDAY – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked 1300 hours (1200 if over 60) or more in 2006. For those who did not meet the automatic holiday hours requirement, you must be available for work at least two of the five days, Monday thru Friday, July 30th – August 3rd. Only those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 if over age 60) in 2006 are entitled to receive or file claims for paid holidays.

PORT HOURS – The Union has not met with the Employer over the Port Hours Formula since the report given at the July membership meeting. Therefore and until further notice, the formula used for the month of July will remain in effect for the month of August.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR GEORGE KUVAKAS SR. – The Southern California Pensioners Group has notified us that they will be conducting a memorial service for George Kuvakas Sr., who passed away on July 9, 2007. The service will be held at the ILWU Local 13 Memorial Hall on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 at 11 a.m.

REMINDER FROM AREA BENEFITS DIRECTOR RON COSTA – When getting referrals from your PPO doctor, you should get 3 referrals. Make sure who you are being referred to is a PPO provider. This does not always happen. When you are referred to a non-PPO provider, you will have out of pocket expenses which can sometimes be substantial. Please make sure you are being referred to a PPO doctor and a PPO facility, whether out-patient or in-patient (hospital). If you are in doubt, contact the Coastwise Claims office at 800-955-7376.

AFL-CIO DVD – At the last Longshore Division Caucus, an AFL-CIO DVD was shown entitled “They Can’t Make It Here Anymore.” The DVD utilizes music to tell a story about our country’s misplaced priorities. It was an excellent piece and the Coast Committee has provided each local with a copy which we will be showing at our August Membership Meeting.

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL 6 WORKERS AT WASTE MANAGEMENT – Over 300 members of ILWU Local 6 employed by Waste Management are engaged in a courageous struggle supporting their Brothers and Sisters of Teamsters Local 70 who are locked out by the employer. Our Local 6 members are refusing to cross the Local 70 picket line and they have been out for over 3 weeks. Our Local 6 Brothers and Sisters are making a significant financial sacrifice and they need our help. We will be voting on a donation to them at our August Membership Meeting, but if you would like to contribute individually, you may do so by mailing a check to the International at 1188 Franklin Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. Checks should be made out to “ILWU” and note “Local 6 support” on the memo line.

INTERNATIONAL DOCKWORKERS' COUNCIL GENERAL ASSEMBLY – The ILWU will be hosting the 3rd General Assembly of the International Dockworkers' Council (IDC) to be held August 12-14, 2007 at the Coast Long Beach Hotel near the Queen Mary. If you are interested in participating as an observer, please contact a Local 63 officer. Members are encouraged to participate on the Local Host Committee. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 31, 12:00 p.m. at the Local 63 Labor Room.

ILWU LEADERSHIP EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE – The Lead conference will be held in San Francisco, CA on September 24-28, 2007. The curriculum will focus on *What It Will Take in 2008*, from the nuts and bolts of Robert's Rules of Order and running a union meeting to *how* to build strength and unity through member participation, political action, and international solidarity.

LABOR DAY PARADE – The Labor Solidarity March will be held on Monday, September 3, 2007. This Labor Day will focus on the struggles for unity and workers rights for our labor movement. Living wages, health care, pensions, and work place safety are what secure worker unity. Assembly begins at 8 a.m. at Broad and E Street in Wilmington. The march begins at 10 a.m. At noon there will be a rally at Banning Park with speakers, music, food and drinks.

CHECK-IN GUIDELINES – Clerks shall check-in by the established deadline for any daily dispatch. Clerks may check-in at any time, provided they're not currently working, while the hall is open but shall not be dispatched until all clerks who checked in on time have been dispatched.

3rd ANNUAL TRI-PARTY GOLF CHALLENGE GOLF TOURNAMENT – Local 13, 63, & 94 are co-hosting the tournament scheduled for September 21-23, 2007 in Palm Springs, Ca. This event will be held at the Desert Princess Resort. The tournament provides a great opportunity for the three Locals to gather in an atmosphere of both fraternity and competition. This has become an annual event, and helps all of us to find and maintain the common ground and mutual support necessary as we head into the 2008 contract negotiations.

LABOR STUDIES CLASS THROUGH L.A. TRADE TECH – Local 63 will host a class in the fall of 2007 on Labor and Political Action. The 3 unit class will be held on Wednesday evenings (6 – 9:10 p.m.) starting the week of September 4th through December 20th, 2007. This class is particularly relevant with the 2008 Presidential election just around the corner. To enroll please contact the Labor center at: (213) 763-7129 or online at: www.lattc.edu. Fees: \$20.00 per unit.