INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE & WAREHOUSE UNION



MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS



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BULLETIN-MAY-JUNE 2016

MEETINGS: June 2, 2016 - Thursday - 6:00 p.m. - 2nd Shift Stop Work Membership Meeting (Hall)

June 8, 2016 - Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. - So. Cal. District Council Meeting (Ste. 204)

June 21, 2016 - Tuesday - 2:00 p.m. - Grievance Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)

June 21, 2016 - Tuesday - 9:00 a.m. - ADA Meeting (PMA)

June 15, 2016 – Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – Regular Clerks LRC Meeting (PMA)

June 16, 2016 - Thursday - 5:30 p.m. - Executive Board Meeting (Ste. 200)

June 28, 2016 – Tuesday – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)

The Business Office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday

LOCAL 63 COMPUTER SOFTWARE CHANGES – The Business Office will be **closed** Monday and Tuesday, June 6th and 7th in order to allow for this transition and staff training. Please plan to make any visits to the office for the remainder of this week. The lobby will be open **only** for members who wish to turn in their ballots in the ballot box during the normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on those days.

TWIC RENEWALS – TWIC renewals are fast approaching. In order to avoid delays in the renewal process, the US Coast Guard is recommending that members begin their process at least 90 days prior to their expiration date. There is an expected influx of renewals occurring between October 2016 and March 2017 which will result in a longer renewal process. Members who have allowed their TWIC cards to expire should check with the TWIC center PRIOR to showing up; requirements have become stricter for what is acceptable identification to renew. Please call the center at (855) 347-8371 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ET or check online at https://www.tsa.gov/for-industry/twic so you will know what to bring with you and avoid any additional delays. The two (2) renewal centers are located in RPV and Lakewood.

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016 – MEMORIAL DAY – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over in 2015). Those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 hours if age 60 or over) but less than 1300 must work two (2) of the four (4) days that week exclusive of the holiday – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, May 31st, June 1st, 2nd, or 3rd, to qualify for the paid holiday, or if out on disability during that week, they must request that the Business Office file a holiday claim on their behalf with the appropriate medical documentation covering them for that week. Remember, only members who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) are entitled to file a holiday claim or receive holiday pay.

<u>CREDITS ON ACCOUNT</u> – Due to the Local's impending computer software changeover, the Business Office will be issuing refunds to members who currently have credits on their accounts. Additionally, the Business Office will not be able to apply any new pre-payments on accounts until the changeover has been completed. Once this process has been completed, notification will be placed in a future bulletin.

FIRST AID/CPR TRAINING - PMA will be offering this non-paid training course at their training center located at 627 N. Fries Avenue in Wilmington on June 8, 9, & 10 for members who wish to gain this valuable and potentially life-saving knowledge. Two (2) classes will be offered daily at 8:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. on a space availability basis for those dates. Members may just show up at the day and time of their choosing to see if there is room. PMA will be offering this course on a yearly basis.

<u>WELFARE OPEN ENROLLMENT</u> – Any active or retired member who wishes to change his/her medical and/or dental plan(s) may do so during the month of May by completing the appropriate form(s) in the Business Office. This enrollment period is in addition to one (1) other month of the member's choosing during the year.

<u>CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES</u> – The 2nd of the two (2) readings will take place at the June 2nd Membership Meeting regarding proposed changes to the Local 63 Constitution as it pertains to our nomination and election processes as discussed at the April 7th Membership Meeting. A ballot will follow after.

MESSAGE REGARDING BENEFITS – As per the new contract, services provided to CIP enrollees who are referred to out-of-network ambulatory surgery centers by an in-network provider shall be covered at 100% of the Maximum Allowable Charge (MAC). For all other surgical procedures for Choice Port Participants, including colonoscopies, only those performed at acute care hospitals or at in-network ambulatory surgery centers will be covered by the Plan. What this means is that if your doctor recommends treatment and refers you to a surgery center, please be certain that the center meets this new provision. If you wish to be certain, please contact our So. California Area Welfare Director, Sam Alvarado or the Benefit Plans office in San Francisco.

<u>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR</u> – Sam Alvarado will be present at the Local 63 Business office on Thursday June 9th & 23rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for any Local 63 members who are in need of his services. Please call the Local 63 Business office ahead of time to schedule your appointment. *Appointment times fill up quickly, scheduling in advance is recommended. Local 63 Members who are unable to meet with him on these dates may still call and/or make appointments at his office located at: 28924 S. Western Ave., Suite 202, in R.P.V., by directly calling him or his assistant, Olivia at: (310) 833-5144.

29th **ANNUAL ILWU/PROPELLER CLUB SEAFOOD FEAST** – This year's event will take place on Wednesday, June 8th at the San Pedro Fish Market from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds provide scholarships for local high school seniors. This year's event will honor former chairman and Local 63 member Domenick Miretti who passed away earlier this year. No children under the age of 16 are allowed. This event is always well attended; tickets will be available in the Business Office.

<u>OUTREACH SUPPORT COMMITTEE</u> – A motion was passed at the May 19th Executive Board meeting to create a committee which would assist in dealing with families who are affected by a death or serious injury of a member while on the job. If passed at the June 2nd Membership meeting, this committee will hold its first meeting on Friday, June 10th at 12:00 p.m. in the Labor Room. All members interested in joining this committee with President Trani and Day BA Maureen Gutierrez are invited to attend.

LISTED UNDER THE TEN GUIDING PRICIPLES OF THE ILWU -

II. Labor Unity is at all times the key for a successful economic advancement. Anything that detracts from labor unity hurts all labor. Any group of workers which decides to put itself above other workers through craft unionism or through cozy deals at the expense of others will in the long run gain but little and inevitably will lose both its substance and its friends. No matter how difficult the going, a union must fight in every possible way to advance the principle of labor unity.

V. Any union, if it is to fulfill its appointed task, must put aside all internal differences and issues to combine for the common cause of advancing the welfare of the membership. No union can successfully fulfill its purpose in life if it allows itself to be distracted by any issue which causes division in its ranks and undermines the unity which all labor must have in the face of the employer.

<u>ILWU PINS/PATCHES</u> – The Business Office has a new variety of dress pins and patches for sale. Prices vary from \$6.00 to \$10.00 and includes the much requested longshore hook.