

UNION MEETING

HAPPENINGS

December 2024

210 CLUB RAFFLE \$500 WAS WON BY

Marian Montgomery

NALC Retiree

CONGRATS Marian!

This month's meeting was held in person on December 4, 2024, at the IBEW union hall.

Benefits Trust officer Sam Hogan has decided to step down. Sam will be EXTREMELY missed. The branch is thankful for his many years of Union service and dedication and wishes him the best on his new endeavors.

First order of business was to review the proper rules of order for union meetings. Mate explained the proper factors when making a motion and making amendments to motion.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the previous meetings minutes was made and passed without dissent.

The bills were read and shared with the membership, a motion to pay all the bills was made and passed without dissent. The bills from October were audited and approved by the trustees.

Health Benefit Report:

HEALTH BENEFITS: Kenneth Montgomery

Kenny Montgomery gave a report explaining that open season was ending Monday 12/9/2024. **SINCE THEN, OPM HAS EXTENDED OPEN SEASON UNTIL 12/13/2024.** Please do not wait until the last minute on Friday.

Going forward, OPM is the exclusive agency to deal with changes for PSHB, if you need to make changes with a qualifying life event (marriage, divorce, birth of a child) these all need to be made through the portal at login.gov.

Whether you stayed in the NALC plan or joined it this year, by the first part of January you will receive a new benefit card. You **MUST** use the new card with a new subscriber number. The old card will no longer be valid so please replace the card in your wallets. You will also receive a welcome packet in the mail sometime in January.

Beginning January unless you are already 65 or retired already it will be mandatory to join Medicare part b once you retire and turn 65. It is no longer an option. The premium for Medicare part B in 2025 is \$185 per month.

Any questions or for more details contact the union office @ 427-2450.

Benefit Trust Report; Sam Hogan

The benefit trust financial report was shared with the members with no questions. \$211,858.47

AFL-CIO Report:

Awards dinner on 12/12/24 which the Branch bought a table. This will be attended by officers and the AFL/CIO delegates.

Building report:

Nothing to report

Political Education:

H.R. 82 has still not been brought up to vote. They have until December 20, 2024, before they leave for the Holidays. Contact 202-224-6542 (Schumer's office) to request they vote before they are in recess for season.

Vehicle & Safety:

nothing to report

Unfinished Business: President Monique Mate:

Retirement party for Kenny on Dec 14, Rit Conference Center- Check or cash only, check made out to Monique Mate (attachment)

A motion was made at the October meeting for office furniture. We have bought 2 chairs, file cabinet. Still need chairs for other rooms and furniture upstairs, and computer with equipment for upstairs... will report when bought

Reminder, contest for logo on chair covers. Must submit logo by February 1, 2025. Handouts of submissions will be given at the March meeting.

New Business: President Mate

Next month the meeting falls on January 1st. Motion to change the date to Tuesday January 7th at IBEW.

Summer picnic Seabreeze vs Darien Lake (Six Flags) Discussion was had.

- Seabreeze was stay same price- date of 7/13 (\$43) food 3 hours
- Six Flags (\$44) food 1.5 hours

A motion was made and accepted that the Summer picnic will continue at Seabreeze with the date July 13, 2024.

520 hours AL can be carried over this year the Memorandum has been signed... eventually trying to change to permanent in ELM

Advance Annual Leave is available on January 11, 2025 won't see in paycheck until 1/31

Leave year — the year beginning with the first day of the first complete pay period in a calendar year and ending on the day before the first day of the first complete pay period in the following calendar year.

Veteran Wall in the union hall– the branch would like a 4x6 picture of anyone who has or is currently serving our country (including our retirees). Picture Will not be returned. The person's name will be added on picture. Also like some information to go along. For info we need name, years of service both postal and military, Branch of military, and any accomplishments and your rank. Picture will go on the union hall wall and the additional info we will create a booklet. This is for retirees and active carriers.

TSP Life Fund 2025... Beginning in July they will eliminate and then put your money in the L income fund.

Scanner Code 733 is for parcel post ... if you are told or have been using it contact steward this is grievance... should be 721. 733 does not credit the job parcels are delivered from. (This does not include Sundays or holidays. (There is a different code for those days all together)

Pizza and wings were provided for the meeting per November motion. Open bar was provided by President Mate.

The January meeting is Tuesday January 7th, 2025, per motion, at 7pm in person... Motion was made and approved to have pizza for members. President Mate will pay for open bar.

Death of Members

Branch 210 lost the following members this month.

Cathy Richardson (retired carrier Pittsford)

Timothy Short (retired carrier Westgate)

Good of the Association

Nicole Ward – MDA BOWLING TOURNAMENT

- Venue changing to Spencerport Bowl located on 645 Spencerport Rd
- February 16, 2025, Sunday 2-6
- Motion was made and accepted the branch pay for Pizza and Wings

Financial Requests

none

The next union meeting is open to all members and is Tuesday January 7, 2025, at 7:00pm in person at the IBEW union hall 2300 East River Road, Rochester, NY

Happy and Healthy Holidays to all our members and their families.