

UNION MEETING

HAPPENINGS

January 2024

210 CLUB RAFFLE \$500 WAS WON BY

Gary Masters

Gary is the father of Mike Masters, a carrier in Rochester.

Congrats Gary!

Happy New Year to all our members and their families!

This month's meeting was held in person on January 3, 2024, at 7:00pm at the IBEW union hall on East River Road in Rochester.

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.

Health Benefit Report: Mike Masters

HEALTH BENEFITS:

Mike discussed the new Silver Script program for eligible seniors who qualify for Medicare as well as directing interested members to a Postal Record article in January from Health Benefits director Stephanie Stewart.

Mike also referred to an article in the January issue concerning the new PSHB program coming in 2025. The article gives a great many details to the new program directed by the Postal Reform Law.

Mike reminded members that the new health insurance cards would be mailed out soon if you have not yet received one. Also reminded members to fill out HIPAA release forms should you ever need your spouse or someone else to inquire to the health plan on your behalf.

Mike reported the CCA retirement plan has announced the interest rate for next year is 3.25%.

Benefit Trust Report; Sam Hogan

The benefit trust financial report was shared with the members with no questions. Current balance of \$197,642.83

AFL-CIO Report:

The Annual labor council delegates dinner was held December 14, 2023. Kenny, Monique, Cliff Finn, Gianna Triolo-Finn and Joe DiMaria attended and represented the branch..

Building report:

No report

Political Education:

HR 5995 has 49 co-sponsors including everyone north of New York City except for Brian Higgins (Buffalo) who is stepping down in February and Brandon Williams (Syracuse).

Local congressmen Joe Morelle (D), Claudia Tenney (R) and Nicholas Langworthy (R) from the southern tier are all co-sponsors.

H.R. 82 the Social Security fairness act now has 301 co-sponsors including all representatives in New York except for Claudia Tenny (R) from the 24th district and Hakeem Jefferies (D) from the 8th. A hearing was recently held in Baton Rouge Louisiana concerning this legislation by the Way and Means Committee.

Vehicle & Safety:

No Report

Unfinished Business: President Kenn y Montgomery:

Steward Elections. January of every even year, deadline for nominations is January 4, 2024.

We have 3 elections in the works. Spencerport, GMF and Irondequoit. Ballots will go out soon for the election of stewards in these 3 units.

Contract, No update other than they are in the process of choosing an arbitrator.

Penalty overtime exclusionary period has now ended and penalty overtime is back in place.

The new leave year will begin January 13, 2024, and you will see the leave on your paystub February 2, 2024.

Convention call will be coming out soon. National Convention August 5-9 in Boston. If you are an elected delegate start thinking about if you want to go or not. Delegate Spending limit of \$12,000. Deadline for letting us know you want to go is Friday February 2, 2024.

The following is shared at every union meeting..... If you're hurt on duty and have an accident, Branch 210 recommends filing your claim online. **ECOMP ONLINE submission.... Please do it online with less problems.** [Click Here](#) to register and file your claim.

New Business: President Montgomery

OWCP Claims. Ecomp.dol.gov. We are still having issues with Continuation of Pay COP being paid. If one of your carriers gets hurt (Trematic injury) (CA-1) , ask them if they are getting paid COP, if not please contact the union office for advise on filing a grievance.

Injured at work, you do NOT have to go to Urgent Care or Immediate Care. They have no Physicians, ONLY Physician assistants and Nurse Practitioners. Employee Labor Manual and DOL laws state choice of Physicians is yours NOT managements. Management does have a right to send you to a qualified contract physician or equivalent. As the Department of Labor does NOIT accept nurse practitioners or Physician assistants these medical people are NOT physician equivalentents and therefore you do not have to go to an urgent care center that does not have an actual doctor. If you need immediate medical attention the NALC suggest you go to the emergency room and see a doctor.

Temporary Password retrieval instructions....you can now get a temporary Password when you call. No need to wait for mail to come. Please [click here](#) for instructions on how to obtain a temporary password for getting access to LiteBlue.

CFC open season ends January 15. To sign up for payroll deduction for CFC go to [cfcgiving.opm.gov/](#) MDA Code is 10561...United Way is 11188

Recent trustee audit results. All Branch 210 books are in order and Trustees have passed the audit.

TIAREAP has been extended until May 31

Death of Members

We held a moment of silence for a recently deceased retiree. Thomas Welsh passed away December 25. Tom had retired from Rochester.

Good of the Association

The MDA coordinator Nicole Ward has set up the annual MDA bowl-a-thon at L&M lanes. We are holding the bowl-a-thon on Sunday February 25th at 12:30. \$25 per person kids under 12 are \$10. The members approved sponsoring the event with Pizza and Wings.

The next union meeting is open to all members and is Wednesday February 7, 2024 at 7:00pm in person at the IBEW union hall at 2300 East River Road 14623