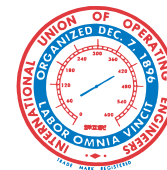


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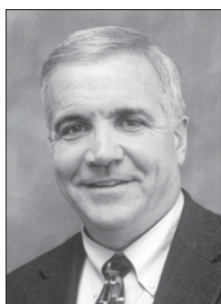
## NOTIFIED MEETING

**THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2007, AT FLORIAN HALL, 55 HALLET STREET, DORCHESTER, MA. THE OFFICERS WILL READ THEIR QUARTERLY REPORTS.**

## DUES REMINDER

**DUES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2007, ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE.** Failure to maintain your good standing in regard to dues may cause your suspension from the Local Union and your removal from the job site.

*Members are encouraged to remit dues payments on an annual basis (\$120).* Quarterly dues may also be paid in three, six, or nine-month increments. Dues payments can only be credited to your account on a quarterly basis, and must coincide with the calendar quarters.



## BUSINESS MANAGER LOU RASETTA

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

I hope you are all well and that you are enjoying this fine New England Autumn weather.

The work outlook, as I have said in the past newsletters, has begun to improve dramatically.

The long-awaited tunnel project in South Boston has begun, and the Columbus Center job in Allston/Brighton will be underway shortly. In addition, I recently met with

Leo Marshall, of the J. L. Marshall Co., and he related to me that the four billion-dollar Harvard University job is poised to begin. These jobs, coupled with what appears to be an upcoming busy year, will have positive bearing on all of our work opportunities.

Be assured that the Business Representatives, Organizers, and myself will insure that every position, on every job, will be pursued.

As I announced at our September Body meeting, a number of staff changes have occurred. I have appointed Brother Tom McCormack as Business Representative. He will be taking over the 128 Perimeter Belt Area. President Bill McLaughlin will be going into the Cambridge-North of Boston Area. Additionally, I have put on two new Organizers. Brothers John Gaffny and Dave Shea will be assuming those duties. I wish all of the above good luck in their new endeavors and I have great faith that these men will all serve Local 4 well. There will be additional changes in staff shortly, and I will keep everyone apprised.

Brother Panaro, who has served this Local well, for over 12 years, will be returning to the field as an equipment operator. I would like to take this opportunity to thank John for all of his hard work on behalf of this great Union. I wish John and his family all the best, and I consider him a friend and an asset to our organization.

I would be remiss if I didn't once again mention our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party. The hard work that Co-chairmen McLaughlin and Bennett did, in addition, Dave Fantini, Office Manager Barbara Paine and all of the Committee, certainly paid off. The tributes paid to our Disabled Veterans, and the good works done by Local 4's charitable contributions, and our rich heritage were all on display. It was a great night for Local 4, and all of our members.

Local 4 was also honored, at our September installation meeting, by the presence of our General President Vincent



Business Manager Rasetta's Report Continued:

J. Giblin. The fact that President Giblin came to install us, taking time out from his busy schedule, was a great honor for all of us. On behalf of all the elected officers, and myself, I would like to thank the membership for allowing us to serve you for another term. I consider the faith you have placed in us a great honor, and I pledge to do the best that I can for this Great Local, and for our Great International.

Before closing, I will briefly describe a significant change in our Health and Welfare eligibility requirements. I am extremely pleased to announce that as of the calendar year 2008, the requirement for our Basic Plan, will be reduced from the current 1100 hours, to 1000 hours. I would like to thank the Board of Trustees, both Labor and Management, and our Administrator Gina Alongi, for their hard work and dedication. It was their dedication and attention to every detail that allowed this improvement to take place. As I promised when I took office, one of my primary goals was to constantly strive to improve all of our fringe benefits.

I look forward to working with every one of you, and I wish you all, my Brothers and Sisters, the very best that life has to offer.

Sincerely,  
Louis G. Rasetta

**LOCAL 4 CELEBRATES 110<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Shown with General President Vincent J. Giblin are Co-Chairmen Kevin P. Bennett and William D. McLaughlin, Business Manager Louis G. Rasetta and Past President of Local 4, James Griffin.



The night began with the Star Spangled Banner, followed by the presentation of a commemorative watch to all the men and women in attendance.



**WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN**

With the fall season now upon us, I hope all is well with you and your families and you all enjoyed the summer. As we enter the last quarter of 2007, I hope it is a busy one for the Operating Engineers. The need for hours at this time of year is critical.

Here are some of the current projects in the Route 128 area. North Shore Medical Center and Massachusetts General Hospital are underway with the construction of a new hospital at the old Sylvania site in Peabody. North American Site Developers just completed the demolition, with A. J. Welch as the site contractor. Several operators are present. W.L. French has just begun work at the Salem Country Club on various improvements to the existing course. The North Shore Mall expansion project is still underway with the demolition and construction of new retail space. D. W. White and NASDI are present and employing several of our operators. James W. Flett is at Salem State College constructing a state-of-the-art athletic field. Lawrence-Lynch is in the final stages of the Beverly Airport runway extension project. Our paving contractors are still keeping busy as this is still the height of their season. Signatories such as D&R General Contracting and Aggregate Industries are highly visible in the area. R. Zoppo Co. is continuing with the installation of the sound barrier walls on the northbound side of Route 128 in Wakefield.

On the horizon, a mega-vocational school is planned in Danvers. This \$140 million state-of-the-art vocational complex will be constructed off Route 62. The Governor has just set aside funding for a new Salem courthouse. Construction of this \$106 million Judicial Center will begin soon.

I would like to thank all of those who joined us in celebrating our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in July. This gala event commemorating 110 years of excellence by our great Local Union was a huge success. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves and were as proud as I was to take part in this milestone.

With our 2007 elections now behind us, I would like to extend my congratulations to Business Manager Lou Rasetta, Line Officers, Guard and Conductor on their reelection to office. I would also like to congratulate the newly elected and re-elected officers of the Executive Board and the elected Delegates of the 37<sup>th</sup> International Convention. Good Luck!

On a personal note, I would like to say how honored and privileged I am to have been re-elected into office this August as the President of Local 4. I am very proud to represent Local 4 in this capacity.

As always, thank you for your support.



**KEVIN BENNETT**

I'd like to start by congratulating all the candidates in our recent election and thanking all the members who participated. The large turnout of voters is a tribute to the men and women of Local 4 and the pride we all take in our union. On a personal note, I would like to thank you for electing me Vice President and Delegate to the 37<sup>th</sup> General Convention. I look forward to representing and serving our members and our union.

In July we celebrated our 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Boston Sheraton. Like the song says, "Oh What a Night!" Business Manager Louis Rasetta wanted our members and their spouses to have a night of socializing, dancing and laughter. Among us were members of the United States military. We were privileged to celebrate with the nation's greatest heroes and honor them for their tremendous contributions to our country.

Many thanks to Co-Chairman William McLaughlin, the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, Office Manager Barbara Paine and her staff for all their hard work and collaborative planning for this gala event.

Work in the Boston area continues to be steady. The South Boston Tunnel project is in progress with the arrival of the tunnel-boring machine from Japan. We currently have 15 Operating Engineers on site and look forward to adding another 15. East Coast Slurry has two slurry wall foundations underway — one at Genzyme Pharmaceutical and another at Two Financial Place. On Kneeland Street, at the W Hotel, another slurry wall foundation is being constructed by Trevi Icos. A mega project is underway with North American Site Developers taking down four buildings in Brighton for the new Harvard University Science Center. J.F. White has plans to start the Columbus Center, hopefully by the time you're reading this.

There are several jobs in planning — the South Station 40-story tower, Fan Pier, the Salvation Army's \$110 million recreation center and the Silver Line extension.

As always, thank you for your help and support.



**DAVID FANTINI**

As always, I hope this newsletter is finding everyone in good health.

I would like to congratulate all of our newly elected Executive Board members and fellow Convention Delegates, and thank the out-going Officers and Executive Board members Norman Teed, John Panaro, Ron Burnap, and Ed Mattuchio.

The 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration could not have gone any better. The evening was a true testament to the greatness of this Local Union! The Committee did a fantastic job putting the evening together and they should all be proud, especially the co-chairmen, Bill McLaughlin and Kevin Bennett.

On the work front after a couple of slow seasons, this fall looks to be very promising. Work should begin very shortly on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail, a 25 mile bike path from Lowell to Framingham. It will be done in 3 phases with the first phase being 6.8 miles beginning at the junction of Rte.3 and Rte. 495 in Lowell and will use the old New Haven Railway.

The State's sudden need to inspect all of our bridges has produced the closure of three bridges in the area already. One was a bridge in Newbury on Rte. 1A, that had been bid and won by S&R Contracting almost a year ago, but was continuously put off. Two more bridges in Lowell have been closed and are supposed to go out to bid immediately.

The Dodge Report is full of road reconstruction and paving projects to be bid this fall. The legislators told us the new fiscal year would bring money to fund these projects. Let's hope they were not being politicians.

There are several large private projects in the area that I am working on, including the much talked about Tewksbury Mall, Hamilton Canal Project in Downtown Lowell (\$500 million), Gas Power Plant in Billerica, Billerica Mall/Home Depot, and Lowell General Hospital (\$140 Million).

As I have written before, having your correct contact information on file with the Union office is very important.

I wish you all a great fall season and hope to see you at a meeting.



**NORMAN TEED**

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

The fall season is taking control of our region's weather pattern bringing cool nights and beautiful days for working. Work is steady presently in the South of Boston Area with some good opportunities to put some unemployed members out to work in the past few weeks. A small three week repair project with O'Connor Constructors, Nicholson & Hall Co. and Keystone Engineering has added another 10 operating engineers between 2 seven days a week shifts along with our members already working on the new baghouse construction project at Dominion Power's Brayton Point Power Plant in Somerset, MA..

NASDI's Phase II project at the former Weymouth Naval Air Station employs some 30 operating engineers between the R. Pompeo Co. and the newly organized Boston Earth & Infrastructure Co. There are many projects ongoing in our area employing many of our members. There are some projects ready to start within the next 3 to 4 weeks which will hopefully provide work opportunities for our members needing hours to qualify for benefits for the next fiscal year.

The Cashman-Balfour Beatty, J.V. rehabbing the Greenbush Rail Line is nearing completion, recently laying off some 10 operators and apprentices in the last 3 weeks. The new Quincy High School project is under way. Need, LLC is demolishing the old voke school which is the site for the new high school. Lawrence-Lynch has the first of four phases of the excavation work at this project. These are two signatory contractors that are providing jobs for our members!

We are back in an election cycle with November 6<sup>th</sup> being Election Day. Our Business Representatives and Organizers will be reaching out for sign locations, phone banks and visibility volunteers. Please help when called upon. Organized labor does make a difference in getting labor friendly candidates elected to office at all levels of our government, be it Municipal, State or at the Federal level. Get Involved!

I hope all our members have a good fall and winter season of employment. Work safe and stay healthy!

Brothers and Sisters,

As I prepare to retire at the end of October from our great Local Union, I look back at how fortunate I and my family have been to be a part of Local 4.

When I returned from a year's duty in the Asian theatre and a three year enlistment in the U.S. Army in 1966, I was so lucky to be chosen for our Apprenticeship Program and put to work the next summer. I worked 28 years out in the field at so many different applications at our trade discipline: Crane Rental Yards, General Building Contractors, Pipeline Contractors, Marine and Foundation Contractors, Power Plant Construction and Repair work.

I have held political office in our local union and was appointed to Business Representative by our past Business Manager Bill Ryan and been lucky enough to serve under our Business Manager Lou Rasetta. As Country & Western duo Montgomery Gentry sing in their recent hit song, "I'm a Lucky, Lucky Man."

I want to thank everyone who helped me out along my 40 year career and there are many. I wish everyone the best in our future. God Bless Local 4!!!

Norman

**S.A.C. SCHOLARSHIP**

The Social Action Committee (SAC) will again be awarding two \$2,500 scholarships and two \$1,500 scholarships, one of each to sons, and one of each to daughters, of members who are graduating from High School and going on to higher education next fall.

The Social Action Committee expanded these scholarships, and made the decision to grant these awards for both the freshman and sophomore years of college for scholarship winners. For a student to be eligible, the parent must be a regular contributor to the SAC Fund and be in good standing with respect to dues, including check off.

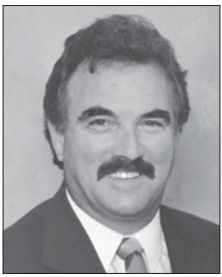
Interested members are urged to contact our dues office at 508-533-1433 extension 412 for information and an application. The application and information may also be found on the following website:

<http://www.massafcio.org/education/scholarship>

**Note:**

**Applications must be mailed to Massachusetts AFL-CIO, 389 Main Street, Suite 101, Malden, MA 02148, Attention Jackie Bergantino, or Faxed to 781-324-8225.**

**Deadline to register is December 21, 2007**



**ROD GILLESPIE**

As of this writing, the shutdown at the Louisiana Pacific plant in northern Maine is scheduled for September 20th. We expect to have approximately

14 operators working seven days a week, two shifts for up to sixty days; a good way to get some hours in a hurry. The two contractors on site doing the lion's share of the shutdown are CCB and Sullivan Merritt Constructors.

In Bath, Maine at the BIW shipyard, the topping-out party was held on September 14th for this huge building which will house the future generation of destroyers to be built in Bath for the U.S. Navy. This job employs several operators from May through September.

The parking garage is under construction in Portland with union contractor Marshriver Steel erecting the garage. We haven't heard yet who will be doing the large condo project across the street, but several union site contractors and steel erectors are quoting the \$130 million project.

We will know at the end of this month who will be awarded the \$150 million Maine State Pier project for the city of Portland. This will include a parking garage and large hotel.

The steel erection is complete on the 110,000 s.f. \$90 million Racino in Bangor Maine, and the new Home Depot on Stillwater Avenue is ready to begin, both by a union erector.

Lane Construction is busy state wide in the paving business. This month Lane started a \$9 million project on I-95, through Bangor with several bridges to be rehabbed, along with paving which will be done on a seven day 12 hour night shift through October 15<sup>th</sup>. They will pick up where they left off in the spring.

The compressor station in Searsmont is under construction with Northern Construction Services on the site work and Schmid Pipeline running 2200' of 24" pipe from the mainline into the new plant. We expect this job to employ several operators through the fall and early winter months due to the late start.

In 2008, two compressor stations are scheduled to be built in southern Maine, one in Westbrook and the other in Eliot.

In closing, I want to thank all of you who took the time to come out and vote in the election the Local held for E-Board and Delegates this past August. It was much appreciated by all.

Enjoy the fall foliage, work safe and drive carefully.



**MIKE BOWES**

As we move into the Fall I hope that all is well with you and your families. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone for their support on my election to Executive

Board and as a Delegate to the 37<sup>th</sup> International Convention. I would also like to congratulate all the other elected members.

The much talked about Bristol Myers project is moving right along. Marois Bros. has about seventy percent of the site work done. Hallamore has been awarded a \$4.4 million rigging package. With that said, there is still a lot more work to come out up there and that should bring many opportunities for our members in the future. Also, at Fort Devens, Northeast Contractors has started on the first phase of the Evergreen Solar building.

Fleet Construction has started the site work on the new Bio Containment Laboratory at Tufts University in Grafton. Builders Resource Inc. has also started to set the iron at the new Science Building at Holy Cross College. J.H. Lynch is looking to start the Route 9 Road Reconstruction job in the next few weeks. Also, S&R Construction out of Lowell has been awarded a \$7.9 million bridge job in Pepperell. Borggaard Construction is also starting to gear up on the Northboro job. Bovis Lend Lease along with Genzyme has a very aggressive schedule to do a new parking garage and also demo and renovate several buildings at the Southboro location. There are many other jobs going on in the area and again I ask you if you are working in the area please call me so I will be able to better serve you.

I would like to stress how important it is for the City of Worcester to elect a Mayor that is going to be for the working people. Since Tim Murray has left, we have not had that. So if you are a Worcester resident I will be calling on you to help. If we want the City Square job (\$600 million) to have a strong union presence we will need to elect a Mayor that has our best interest in mind.

In closing, I look forward to working with all of you now and in the future. I hope everyone has a great fall season.

**YOUR VOTE REALLY DOES MATTER!**  
**ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT REGISTERING,**  
**PLEASE GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:**  
**[www.state.ma.us/sec/ele/eleifv/howreg.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/sec/ele/eleifv/howreg.htm)**



**PAUL DIMINICO**

As summer comes to an end, I hope everyone enjoyed the warm weather.

I would like to congratulate all of the candidates for a job well done. I would also like to thank the members for your support, and playing your role in the election process. I look forward to being a part of the Executive Board and representing you at the 37<sup>th</sup> Convention.

The 110<sup>th</sup> Celebration was a time to remember. There was a packed house and a great time had by all. The Business Manager, Chairmen, Office staff and Committee members all worked very hard to put a great night together. This was a night that will not be forgotten by all that attended.

The water and sewer contractors are still going strong in Tewksbury, Saugus, Lexington, Chelmsford, Lynn, Chelsea, Brockton, Bourne, West Roxbury, Billerica, and Dracut just to name a few. With many new jobs out to bid, they are hoping for a mild winter so they can keep their crews going.

In the area of organizing, we have a few contractors right at the edge - ready to sign. They look promising in having work, and needing our qualified operators. We will be sure to keep you posted as the contracts come in.

In closing, I wish you and your families well.

**HEALTH FAIR AND INVESTMENT SEMINAR**  
**SAVE THE DATE!**

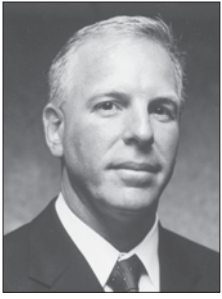
SATURDAY **OCTOBER 27** BETWEEN 8 AM AND 12 NOON FOR A COMBINED HEALTH FAIR AND INVESTMENT SEMINAR AT FREEPORT HALL IN DORCHESTER. RECEIVE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL HEALTH SCREENINGS WHILE ALSO GETTING YOUR FINANCIAL CHECK UP. WATCH FOR A DETAILED ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE OCTOBER HEALTHLINE.

**SAFETY CORNER**

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1427 OPERATOR QUALIFICATION AND  
CERTIFICATION**

It is OSHA's intention to publish in the fall of 2008 the revision to the Crane Standard. When this Standard is published it would require an accredited crane/derrick operator testing organization to certify all Operators. Local 4 already has this in place by utilizing the National Commission for Certification of Crane Operators (CCO). This testing is done at the Engineers Training Center. When this Standard is published you will need this certification along with your hoisting license from the Department of Public Safety to operate cranes or derricks in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. OSHA is a federal organization so you would need to be certified in all states including New Hampshire and Maine where no hoisting license is required. If you need to be CCO certified contact the Canton Training Center at 781-821-0306.

BE SAFE.  
Training Director  
Bill Mooney



**CHRIS FOGARTY**

With the summer of 2007 drawing to a close, it is hard to describe the events of the last two months. I would like to thank the membership who elected me to serve on the Executive Board, as it is a privilege and an honor. As I stated before, the Executive Board is where

the thoughts and ideas of the members are communicated, and I will do my best to fulfill this while serving on the board. I would also like to congratulate all of the candidates and wish them all good luck in their new positions on the board, and those of you who are going to represent Local 4 in the 37<sup>th</sup> Delegate Convention.

The other big event I would like to mention was the 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration that many of you attended. President William McLaughlin and Vice President Kevin Bennett and all the other people involved, did an outstanding job in putting together an event that was described by General President Vincent Giblein as one of the best he has ever been to. The event made note of the great sacrifice our Veterans have made for us, and the many charitable foundations that are supported by the membership of Local 4. Something we can all be proud of!

The work front in the Equipment Industry can be described as lackluster through the summer months. General rental equipment has really been taking it on the chin this year, with all the delays in major construction projects that drive this industry. Aerial equipment is having their usual busy year with new members being added to their ranks. General dealership sales are off quite a bit and don't really look to get better. For those of you who don't work in this industry you may be saying to yourself what has this got to do with me? The Equipment is one of the best barometers we have to reflect how our contractors are really doing out there. The fall months are typically the best for this industry and we expect this year to be good; meaning if the equipment is out there - so are the operators.

The Concrete Pumping Industry is also just chugging along with the housing market putting a huge dent in the work performed. The companies involved in this market are doing a juggling act to keep men working. Some of the bigger commercial work is out to bid right now and should help this market recover.

The Fort Deven project is underway and I am happy to report our Field Engineers are starting to get opportunities on this project. A Project Labor Agreement is in place that includes 4E members. While not perfect in execution, it is the first of it's kind in this area for quite some time.

Business Agent Mike Bowes has been working closely with me in securing the much needed jobs for the Field Engineers on this project. More work is in the pipeline for the 4E members and we will continue to make sure they are recognized for their talents.

It seems as though every newsletter we remind you of how safety is job-one and should not be taken lightly. For Brother Member William McGuinness, he is living proof that safety harnesses work. Billy was in the basket of an Aerial Lift while delivering it, and it was hit by a passing truck while he was in the basket. He was banged up pretty good but is alive today for taking one moment to think about safety. Please take a moment and do the same.

**Gina Alongi Elected Executive Director of Mass Coalition of Taft-Hartley Trust Funds**

Fund Administrator Gina M. Alongi was elected as the new Executive Director of the Massachusetts Coalition of Taft-Hartley Trust Funds by the Coalition's Executive Board. The position becomes effective October 1, 2007.

The Coalition is a voluntary association of trust fund administrators who provide health & welfare, pension, and annuity/401K benefits to union members representing over 150,000 lives in Massachusetts and parts of New England. The Coalition serves as a forum for discussion of issues encountered in the daily operations of these Funds as well as a Purchasing Group that leverages its member size to negotiate lower rates for products used in the administration of the Funds. The Coalition also monitors government regulations and proposals which may impact the benefits provided to the participants of the Funds. The Executive Director participates in public hearings to ensure that the unique requirements of Taft-Hartley Funds are considered in any proposed legislative changes.

Member Funds besides the Operating Engineers include the Bricklayers, Cement Masons, Asbestos Workers, Food Workers, Iron Workers, Laborers, Pipefitters, Plumbers, Service Employees, Sheet Metal Workers, Teamsters, and Carpenters. Prior to this appointment, Administrator Alongi served as the Treasurer and Vice President of the Coalition.

Local 4 can be very proud of this appointment of one of our own.

Congratulations to Gina.

**IN RETIREMENT**

We wish a long, healthy and well-deserved retirement to the following:

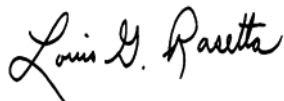
Richard A. Beauchamp	Joseph Kitson
Joseph C. Daigle	Sante F. Marinucci
Alfred DiMascio, Jr.	Gary T. McCumiskey
Peter J. Doucette	Edward J. McLaughlin
Marshall A.. Fonseca	John P. Pini
Richard S. Frangioso	Willie J. Miller
Clarence L. Hamilton	Charles W. Reilly
Donald H. Hayes	George A. Ross

**IN MEMORIAM**

The Officers and members of the Local offer their sincere condolences to the families and friends of the following:

Joseph Basile	Joseph Martin
Richard C. Federico	Kevin Monfils
Robert H. Lewis	Ronald P. Rego
Robert J. Mackey	Paul Vartanian

**Fraternally yours,**



**Louis G. Rasetta  
Business Manager**