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NOTIFIED MEETING

THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2006 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 2006, 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 & Sisters:

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

The work situation in our area remains robust. I am happy to announce that through September, we are actually running ahead of our total hours, compared to last year.

As I have said in the past, Big Dig or no Big Dig, Local 4 remains strong and vibrant.

Throughout the long History of Local 4, we always seem to either be involved with, or anticipating the "Big Project", whether it be the Toll Road in the 60's, or the Paper Mill Expansions in Maine in the 70's, Seabrook Station, or the above mentioned, Big Dig. Although no current specific project equals one of these mega-projects, a number of planned jobs bear mentioning. In Worcester, plans are made to renovate downtown completely, as well as an aggressive schedule by Bristol Myers at Fort Devens. In Boston, Fan Pier and related work on the waterfront promises to provide huge amounts of work for our members. Also, the planned Malls at the Dedham area are valued at over two-billion dollars. These jobs, coupled with the fact that we control our jurisdiction throughout our area, insure that we will remain strong into the future.

Many of you have spoken to Administrator Gina Alongi, our Pension Trustees and I, about the new funding method of our Pension Plan. Please know that everything that is being done is to insure the ongoing strength and stability of this all important benefit, for all of the participants. A number of seminars are planned on this subject and I look forward to seeing everyone there. Also, it is important to point out that our Pension Fund is in very good shape, and I and the Trustees intend to do everything possible to always strengthen, and improve it.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate all of the 50-year members who were honored at our September Body Meeting. It was a proud moment for me to have been in the presence of all of these great men, many of whom had shaped my career as a crane operator, and later as an officer of this great Union. I wish them and their families good health and happiness.

Also, I am pleased to announce that our Apprentice Coordinator, Bill Mooney, Jr., was recently appointed to the



Business Manager Rasetta's Report (continued)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Apprentice Training Council. This appointment, issued by Jane Edmonds, Director of Workforce Development, and approved by Governor Romney, is a wonderful acknowledgement of a job well done by Brother Mooney – Congratulations.

I urge everyone to take an active role in the upcoming Political Elections in Massachusetts. Please make every effort to get out and vote for the candidates who will help Local 4 and the working families of our Commonwealth.

In closing, I wish all of you a safe and productive Autumn Season. As always, I look forward to seeing all of you at our meetings and seminars.

Fraternally yours,

Louis G. Rasetta

Brookline Town Landfill Project. This is a multi-million dollar undertaking. E.T. &L. is also at Crosby Drive in Bedford with roadwork construction. Both of these projects employ many of our dirt operators. W.L. French is working on an addition at the Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel in Danvers. A.T.C. Associates and Valleycrest Landscaping is in the final stage of completion at Leahy Clinic in Burlington and Reservoir Woods in Waltham.

Although the demand for crane operators in this area has been minimal, there are a couple of steel erection projects to mention. Hallamore Corp. and Builders Resource Inc. are on location at the Natick Mall expansion project. Universal Steel Erectors are in the process of completing the last phase of the elderly housing project at Brooksby Village in Peabody. City Crane is erecting a fitness facility at Camp Curtis Guild National Guard Reservation in Reading. At the Burlington Mall, Roberts Corp. and D.W. White are presently engaged in a demolition/site project making way for a new Nordstrom department store. Testa Corp. has begun demolition at the new multi-billion dollar University Station Project in Westwood. Massachusetts State Building Trades are hopeful for a Project Labor Agreement at this location.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform everyone about our upcoming Mass Mutual Annuity and Savings Plan Educational Seminars. These will be held throughout the month of October and you will be notified by mail of the dates and times. Please make every effort to attend.

Save the date....Our 110th anniversary celebration will be held on July 28, 2007 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. Hope you can be there to celebrate this monumental event for Local 4.

As always, thank you for your support.



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 2006, I hope it is a busy one for the Operating Engineers. The need for hours at this time of year is critical.

Here is a re-cap of some of the ongoing projects in the 128 perimeter. The majority of the work in this area has been and remains to be with our site developers. J. Derenzo Co., G. Donaldson and G&C are present at Bayer Pharmaceutical in Walpole constructing an addition to their current facility. Several operating engineers are at this site. E.T. & L. Construction has begun work on the





JOHN PANARO

Brothers and Sisters;

Autumn is here as our contractors attempt to complete as much work as they can before our New England winter arrives. Our excavation contractors have been busy and it appears they will continue to be busy until the snow flies. The call for crane operators has been very slow this year. The request for mechanics has also been limited.

D.W. White is back working in Arlington on a road project that will run the rest of the year and maybe more. George Cairns continues to work in Melrose at the Oak Rose Apartment Complex. We have four to six operators on site for two or more years. Rowe Quarry in Revere is erecting two more buildings that will add to the Condo Complex that is half built. Universal Steel has two cranes on site that will be setting the steel in place. W. L. French is also on site with dozers and excavators working the quarry. Severson is working in Everett at Island End River and the job is winding down fast. This job enabled about fifteen operators to get their hours this year.

Logan Airport is busy with Barletta on several projects that will be completed this year. McCourt will finish the runway this year ahead of schedule. McCourt will also complete three ongoing projects at the Airport this year. The Central Parking Garage will also be complete this year. The last crane on this site has about four weeks left with only clean up work left for our site contractor, the Dow Company.

Cambridge has numerous projects ongoing with several large projects slated for next year. On a positive note there are several large projects on the books for next year.

I want to remind everyone that the November Election for Governor is approaching fast. As working class members we must participate in this election. You all know Governor Romney has done nothing to help the middle class family. You can be sure that nothing will change under Healey if she is elected Governor of Massachusetts. That is why I will be voting for the Democrat candidate, Deval Patrick to be the next Governor of the Commonwealth.

I wish you and your family the best. Work Safe!



KEVIN BENNETT

As the leaves change color, the work outlook in the Boston area is also becoming brighter. At 377 Commercial Street, four six-story buildings with parking garages, Battery Wharf condominiums, are

being constructed on the waterfront. On Congress Street, Russian Wharf is a new high rise coming up behind the brick facade of four existing brownstone buildings. Fan Pier, scheduled to begin in 2007, is hailed as the largest waterfront project in Boston's history with 9 city blocks of high rise condos, office space and hotels up to 21-stories proposed. The buildings will be lined with restaurants and stores at street level, and two major parks, a marina and a harborwalk, will complete the project.

The South Boston Tunnel is also scheduled to begin in early 2007. On Province Street, an old parking garage is set for demolition and a new high rise building is planned. At 303 Columbus Avenue, Trevi Icos is poised to start foundation work for a new high rise, and on Washington Street, the Boston Penny Bank is erecting eight new floors behind the old bank front. The West End has two Turner projects underway with our signature contractors, Capco Steel Erection and AA Will, coming out of the ground with steel. In the college and hospital district we have East Coast Slurry at Simmons College working on new dormitories. Stearns Steel Erection is changing the skyline of Boston with the Mandarin Oriental Hotel on Boylston Street, the new Hospital Research Center on Black Fan Circle and the Bio-Lab on Albany Street. Another project on Albany Street, a pre-cast parking garage, is underway with Prime Steel Erection.

Local 4 was represented well at the annual Labor Day Breakfast. Your Business Manager, Business Agents, Organizers, Guard, Conductor, Executive Board Members and others were all in attendance to celebrate our holiday. Many politicians spoke on a variety of issues, but common among them was the encouragement to get our people out to vote. As I looked around the room, I saw many of Boston's leaders – City Councilors, Mayor Thomas Menino, State Representatives, State Senators and United States Congressmen. These politicians have all played a major part in securing jobs for our members. I urge you to get involved in your City, Town, State and Federal elections and support the politicians who help us secure our current and future jobs.

Plans for our 110th Anniversary are well underway. We have secured the Boston Sheraton Hotel for this special evening. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, July 28, 2007 and look for more information in the coming months.

As always, thank you for your help and support!



DAVID FANTINI

As we move into the fall, work in the area has remained steady. It has not translated into a lot of job opportunities out of the hall, but there is a good amount of work.

Donaldson has just finished work in Tewksbury and has moved up to Durham, N.H. Saugus Steel is getting ready to move into Haverhill to set steel for J.F. White. Testa is taking down a building in Seabrook. The footprint of the building was 8 acres and they believe they have the site work for the plaza that is going in. Fab-Con is scheduled to erect two buildings in Salem, N.H., and Portsmouth, N.H. S&R Contracting was low bidder on a Rte. 1A bridge in Newbury, which will start this winter. Hunter Roberts will be the General Contractor on the 40 million dollar condominium project in Hampton, N.H.

Seabrook Station began their outage Oct. 1st with 43 Operating Engineers in place. This will be the largest shut down since the plant went on line in the 1980's. With the amount of hours available, most of the members that are there will get over the top for their hours for the year. Construction of the new fuel storage building will hopefully be getting underway shortly after the shut down.

Modern Continental has told me that they expect to have Rte. 3 finished by the first of November. This has been a great job for the Operating Engineers. It has produced hundreds of jobs and a huge number of hours for the local. I would like to thank all of the members that have worked on this project over the last five years, whether it was a day, a week, or the entire time, you all did a great job.

As a Trustee on your Pension and Annuity Plans, I am proud to say that we have taken some aggressive steps to make sure the Pension is on strong footing, and that it remains there well into the future. It is that time of the year again and Mass Mutual will be holding seminars throughout our area over a two-week period in October. I strongly urge you to attend one of these meetings. We will be in Tewksbury on Oct. 26 from 7-9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on 4 Highwood Drive. I hope to see you there. I would like to congratulate all of the 50 year members that

received their pins at the September meeting. It is because of your hard work that we enjoy the conditions and benefits we have today. THANK YOU!

I wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season and if I can be of any help please don't hesitate to call.



RON BURNAP

The news on the City Square in downtown Worcester is very promising. This week the agreement between the City and the Berkeley Investment Group is ready to sign. Outside of Boston the City Square project is the largest downtown revitalization project in Massachusetts history. It will include a 1,000 car underground parking garage on top of which will be 400,000 square feet of retail space, and 1 million square feet of new office space, along with 650 housing units. It will be built on more than 20 acres in the heart of downtown Worcester. The first phase should take four years to complete, with the rest taking two years to complete. With everything else going on in Worcester, the new court house, RT 146, the rebuilding of Washington Square, and a new parking garage behind Union Station. Everything will come together with the rebuilding of this very important project. This will be the last piece of the puzzle to bring all these things together.

Bristol-Myers Squibb in Devens is still going forward and we are waiting to see who the General Contractor is going to be. The Building Trades are trying to get a Project Labor Agreement for this job. By the time this letter goes out we should know who the GC will be. The first stage which starts in Dec. 2006 will include four new buildings, including a water treatment facility and a 660 million dollar manufacturing plant. S&R Corporation has completed all the demolition on the 91 acre site, and once it starts it will be on the fast track to complete.

It has been a very frustrating year so far in the Worcester area. With not enough jobs to go around, it's like we have been spinning our wheels. But, the future seems bright with these two projects (which is more than I can remember in 35 years). Late this year things should start us in the right direction for 2007.

Please make sure you have the OSHA 10 Certification and Haz-Mat and whatever else you need from the Training Center. Many members missed some good assignments because they didn't have the right paperwork which our contractors require. Also, please remember to vote this November. Thank you.



CHRIS FOGARTY

The fall season is already upon us and it is starting to look good. The late construction push will soon start and the equipment houses are busier than normal. It is encouraging to see some of the overtime hours return for these members.

As you know a pension line letter was sent out to all the members with a brief explanation of what steps need to be taken to ensure that our pension is on solid ground. I would like to address the members of 4D those of which I mostly represent that these changes profoundly affect. Most of you I have spoken to either directly or as a group now have a better understanding as to why these changes are necessary. I am here to answer those questions you may have about the recent changes and how it affects you as an individual. Feel free to call me directly and I will assist in understanding what this all means.

At the last Union meeting it was great to see so many fifty year members there to be honored for their service in the Local. It was special to me to be able to personally thank Brother Edward Hancock for recommending that I be brought in the Local twenty years ago, thanks again Eddy.

It was also enjoyable to spend some time at the Apprenticeship program and speak to the newer members of the Local about what this great Union has done for me and what the 4D, 4E and concrete pump operators are all about. The apprentices are not exposed to these members that much and now I feel they have a greater appreciation for what they do.

Negotiation is still ongoing with several companies we represent for renewal contracts. The biggest of these being Nations Rent (soon to be Sunbelt), seems to be coming to an end. The reason I am singling out Nations is because it has been nice to see five separate locations of 4D members come together with one cause in mind.

4E member Lester High has been hired by the training center to implement a program to have surveyors work in conjunction with the equipment operators we wish him success in getting this program off the ground. In closing, please be mindful of the dangerous environments we work in. Stay healthy, drug free, work safe and keep a good attitude, a simple formula for a long and prosperous career.



ROD GILLESPIE

The work around Maine has improved after a very slow start this past spring. The operators with Lane Construction are busy at all locations and work is underway for the new plant in the town of Washington. This will be a permanent hot-top plant with a 100 year life span quarry and will provide several jobs for operating engineers in the near future. Tetra Tech FW has a hazmat job going in Topsham and Snobel is back on site at the Maine Medical hospital expansion in Portland. North American Site Development is still at the old S. D. Warren paper mill in Westbrook doing demolition on the boiler house and other attached buildings with a completion date sometime in November. Irving Equipment has several crane operators scattered around the state setting modular homes and hanging iron at the University of Maine in Orono and Gorham with several other steel erections jobs waiting to start.

Talks are ongoing with Maritimes Northeast regarding next year's construction of five compressor stations and a small amount of pipeline work. On Saturday September 23rd the Building Trades held a job fair downeast in Perry in preparation for the proposed Quoddy Bay LNG facility. The Local 4 training center brought up the crane simulator for interested folks to try. This was quite an attraction and was the talk of the job fair. We've been asked to do this once again in November or December in the Calais area. My thanks go out to Bill Mooney and staff for their efforts. It is a long haul as you know from Medway to the downeast area. Thanks again.

On October 28th and 29th, the Health & Welfare Office and Mass Mutual will be having seminars on health & welfare, pension and other important issues. Free flu shots as well. On Sunday, Mass Mutual will be presenting their educational seminar on your annuity money. Please make every effort to attend these important events. There is a lot of work in putting these programs together as well as a long ride from Boston to get here. Please come out and support your local union's hard work on your behalf.

In closing, our condolences go out to the families of long time union members in their passing. They are Brothers Devon Baron, Earle Jones and Bob Lovely. They will be greatly missed by all. Enjoy the fall foliage and drive safe.



NORMAN TEED

Brothers and Sisters,

Work opportunities in the South of Boston area are slowly improving. Some long awaited projects are finally showing some activity, while

a few others have hope of starting before winter sets in.

Fortunately, Walsh Contracting Corp. won the site work at the Mansfield Crossing Shopping Mall off Rt. 495 and Rt. 140 in Mansfield, against stiff non-union competition. Land clearer Second Generation Co. has started clearing this site as excavation has begun.

J. Derenzo Co. has been busy in many of our areas including South of Boston. This company has started Phase II of the Easton Shopping Mall at Rt. 106 and Rt. 123. This employs about 10 of our members in Easton, MA. They finished Phase I earlier this year. The company has many of our members working diligently at the former Hingham Shipyard, as does NASDI Corp. demo-ing and preparing the site for construction of commercial space, housing, and a new marina. Derenzo has other site work projects ongoing in our area as well.

Rumors are flying that improvements to the entrance road off Rt. 18, into the former Weymouth Naval Air Station, are about to be awarded and started as soon as possible. The first project, including about 500 units of senior housing and assisted living units, on the former base are scheduled to start before the end of this year along with some demo work to be awarded. E.T.& L. was low bidder on a \$7,000,000 road rehab contract on a section of Rt. 18 near the entrance to this former base. This year the State is scheduled to release this project.

The Building Trades anxiously wait the awarding of contracts for hotels and mall areas on both ends of Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, MA. We hope that the majority of this work will go to union contractors. Local 4 has had all the site work for the expansion of 50 acres of parking areas and preliminary site work for the Patriot's first commercial site near the practice dome. This employed many of our members with Borggarrd Construction Co. and A.A. Will Corp. Let's hope our contractors are successful bidding this future work scheduled to start this year.

As I have recommended in the past, network with your brother and sister members, about work opportunities with contractors they are employed with. Most jobs are

manned before the Business Representative is called by our Employers.

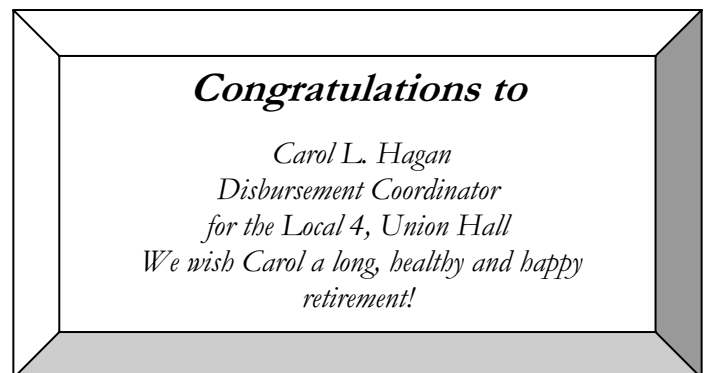
Many of the ongoing projects such as the Sagamore Flyover, Greenbush Rail Line Extension, New Bedford Harbor clean-up and the Brayton Point power plant emissions improvement project continue to employ many of our members. Our sewer and water contractors and bridge rehab contractors have many projects ongoing in the South of Boston area.

Lastly, I would like to ask you to help when contacted to participate on phone banks, walks and visibilities during this current election season. This is a golden opportunity for us to get a Democrat elected as Governor, as well as other Offices across our state. This will be an opportunity to get many more construction work dollars approved, and projects started at the State level, if we are successful.

I look forward to serving you in what I hope will be a busy fall and early winter season. Stay healthy and work safely.



Pat Hunt, Sr. and John Campbell visit the Portsmouth, New Hampshire hall. Congratulations to both of them who, combined, have one hundred and seventeen years of service.



Congratulations to

*Carol L. Hagan
Disbursement Coordinator
for the Local 4, Union Hall
We wish Carol a long, healthy and happy
retirement!*

IN RETIREMENT

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

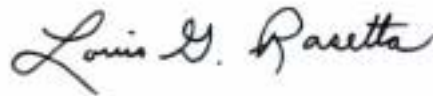
Antone Barreiro	Thomas McMahon
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Alfred T. Bufalino	Michael Perry
John A. Carbone	Warren T. Prince
Leonard Catabia, Sr.	Frank Purpura
Joseph D. Connor	Arthur Reidy
Bruce Dube	George M. Santos
Randall Faneuf	Neil Sousa
Frank W. Langlois	John Thibodeau
Adolph Levins	Robert Vitale

IN MEMORIAM

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

Devon E. Baron	Robert A. Lovely
James O. Bowker	Francis P. Negrotti
Fred Cardoza	Frederick R. Pagliaro
Richard A. Carson	Michael J. Phillips
Edward T. Fahy	Ronald H. Richburg
Glenn Johnson	John J. Riley
Earle R. Jones	Ralph Strozzi
Rodney E. Hale	Peter H. Snow
Raymond M. Hallberg	Michael H. Sullivan

Fraternally yours,



**Louis G. Rasetta
Business Manager**

