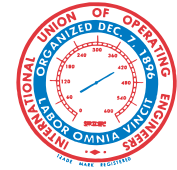


# Local 4

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## NOTIFIED MEETING

April, 2010

**THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010, AT FLORIAN HALL, 55 HALLET STREET, DORCHESTER, MA. THE OFFICERS WILL READ THEIR QUARTERLY REPORTS.**

## DUES REMINDER

**DUES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE, 2010 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 jobsite.

*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.

Quarterly dues are due on the first day of each quarter.

**Mail Dues to: 16 Trotter Drive, Medway, MA 02053**



## BUSINESS MANAGER

### LOU RASETTA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As I look forward to the up-coming construction season, I hope that you and your families are all well. I am confident that the work situation will be improving very soon, and that we will have many new employment opportunities for all of our members.

After speaking with Governor Patrick at the Building Trades Convention in Plymouth, I was convinced that the long awaited, (and overdue) stimulus monies have finally been allocated. Local 4 has done everything possible to secure the majority of this work for our Union Contractors. If all goes accordingly, the results of our efforts should begin to bear fruit very shortly. As a matter of fact, at our recent staff meeting, the Agents all reported that they are beginning to receive calls from our Employers for jobs about ready to begin. As I have said, we will not rest until each and every one of you is gainfully employed.

At a recent visit to our members in Maine (Presque Isle and Bangor) we had the pleasure of meeting with many of the Lane Company employees. A vast amount of topics were discussed, such as allocation of their upcoming raise, working conditions, etc. It was very encouraging to see such a large turn out of enthusiastic, dedicated Local 4 people. I would like to offer a special tip of the cap to Brother Bruce Green. His input and loyalty means a great deal to this Local Union.

At this time – I would also like to congratulate Brother Paul Mogavero on his long and distinguished career with Local 4. Paul has always been an upstanding, talented engineer, and a devoted trade-unionist. His long tenure as an officer of Local 4 has been marked with dignity, dedication and loyalty. I congratulate him on his retirement, and wish him and his family a long and happy retirement.

I would like also to acknowledge, once again, retired Apprenticeship Director Bill Mooney. His efforts to ensure a seamless transition to his successor, John Gaffny, have been inspirational. Our Apprentice and Training Program, (the best in the country) did not miss a beat. Thank you again to Bill Mooney – your father would be proud.



Also, concerning the Apprenticeship Program, we will be taking applications in the month of November. It would be helpful to potential candidates if you were to have a C.D.L. license, and/or a hoisting license of any kind. Additionally, any certificates or accolades you may have received should also be submitted.

In closing, I would like to once again thank all of the members for their continued support and loyalty, especially throughout these difficult economic times. We will get through this downturn, and emerge stronger and even more united. I am convinced, without a doubt, that the team of Business Agents, Organizer and all other Officers that I have put together is the best ever. Their dedication and concern for each and every one of you is a matter of great pride to me.

I wish you and your families good health and prosperity throughout the year.

Louis G. Rasetta  
Business Manager



**WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN**

With the long, cold winter now behind us, we can look forward to this much anticipated new construction season. We all know how much of an impact these winter months can have on our business. Finally, we made it to spring! I am hopefully optimistic that this new

year will provide much needed opportunities for the Operating Engineers.

Here is an update on the few projects that are underway in the north of Boston area. In Cambridge, at Discovery Park, many signatory contractors are present at the construction of a multi-million dollar research laboratory and parking garage. At this site are James Stearns, J. Derenzo, Blakeslee Prestress and Imperatore, who are all currently employing several operating engineers. Additional phases are planned for this project. At Harvard University, early stages of construction have begun on the Fogg Art Museum. This project consists of the demolition and the addition to the existing facility where Skanska and North American Site Developers are present. J. F. White remains busy at the Craigie Drawbridge job on McGrath Highway. At Harvard Law School, work on the construction of a state-of-the-art education facility is in its final stages. Also, Barletta Engineering will soon begin the construction of a \$25 million pedestrian overpass near Boston Sand & Gravel. This project should provide opportunities for our members.

Having recently attended the Massachusetts State Building Trades Conference, I was happy to hear about the proposed Suffolk Downs resort-style casino project. This billion-dollar undertaking would consist of gaming, a hotel, restaurants and shopping mall. It will provide thousands of construction jobs as well as permanent positions. However, this all hinges on our legislators passing the Casino Bill. This time around, we do expect to have this bill passed. Therefore, I urge all of you to please contact your state legislators in support of this initiative.

Please keep current with your union dues in order to remain in good standing.

Just a friendly reminder that business representatives are available at our South Boston satellite office located at 147 W. Fourth Street. Telephone 617-269-1330

Monday – Kevin Bennett  
Tuesday – Tom McCormack  
Wednesday – closed (refer to Medway)  
Thursday – Chris Fogarty  
Friday – Bill McLaughlin

In solidarity, as always, I thank you for your support.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
LOCAL 4 S.A.C.  
AFL-CIO SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

**\$2,500 – Michael Keating**

Son of Paul L. Keating, III

**\$2,500 – Emily Jarmolowicz**

Daughter of Scott J. Jarmolowicz

**\$1,500 – Eric Tran**

Son of Eric H. Tran

**\$1,500 – Kayla St. Germain**

Daughter of Stephen St. Germain



**KEVIN BENNETT**

As I write this news article, March is upon us, the sun is shining, and the hope of more job opportunities is in the air. Many jobs are poised to start if the developers can obtain financing.

Some new projects that have begun are: The Kennedy Library at Columbia Point with Albert J. Welch doing the site work, The South Boston Tunnel Project with Gioioso and Sons working on the odor control system at Columbia Circle, and a new road project with McCourt Construction on Dorchester Ave.

I attended a meeting at New Balance World Headquarters in Brighton where New Balance showcased its expansion plans for the next ten years. Phase one includes a ten-story building, an indoor skating rink with two to three sheets of ice, an indoor tennis court, and the possibility of an indoor soccer field. Phase two includes several smaller buildings and a new park with a baseball field, and phase three proposes a new interchange on the Massachusetts Turnpike between Newton and Allston.

The Massachusetts Port Authority also held a meeting for a new bypass road in South Boston to accommodate heavy trucking coming out of Conley Terminal. In attendance at the meeting with me were Boston residents Paula Morgan, Lendy Ware, and Raymond Fontaine – all of whom always answer the call when we need Boston residents for important night time meetings. Although this job is a year away, there is great potential for Local 4 when this job gets underway.

To date there have been two stimulus funded projects in the Boston area. A \$33 million housing project in Roslindale with North American Site Developers and J. Derenzo has employed our members. This job is fifty percent complete with more demolition, foundation, and site work scheduled for this construction season. The other stimulus funded project, a housing project, is in Roxbury with R. F. Roach doing the site work. Other stimulus projects are waiting for funds to be released.

On March 10, 11, and 12 we attended the 91<sup>st</sup> Massachusetts Building Trades Conference. Governor Deval Patrick, Lieutenant Governor Timothy Murray, Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo, Senate President Therese Murray, State Treasurer Timothy Cahill, and Representative Martin Walsh of South Boston all addressed the Delegation. The main topic by all was JOBS, JOBS, JOBS. Although I know it is an election year, I left the convention with a better feeling about the future work outlook.

Best wishes to Paul Mogavero, long time Executive Board member and congratulations to David Shea on his appointment to our Executive Board, Eric Tran for his new position as Guard, and Richard Allard as newly appointed Conductor. All four gentlemen are a credit to our Local.

As always I thank you for your help and support.



**DAVID FANTINI**

As this long New England winter finally comes to an end, I know that you are all eager to get started on the 2010 construction season. I am hopeful that it will turn out better than the last couple of years.

Kiewit continues work on the Brayton Point closed loop cooling tower project. The towers have started to go up and will be up by the end of the year. Since the writing of the last Newsletter, Kiewit has been awarded the contract to build a new scrubber at Brayton Point for Dominion. This project should be about \$400 million and will start this year.



The first Cooling Tower at Brayton Point approaches 100 feet on its way to 500 feet.

Williams Plant Services presently have several Engineers working on security upgrades at the Pilgrim Power Plant. There are more projects planned for the plant over the next couple of years.

It has been a very busy winter for the estimating departments of our contractors. Lynch, Gioioso, Derenzo, and Cardi, just to name a few have all been successful bidders on projects all over the area.

At this year's Massachusetts Building Trades Conference we had many politicians tell us how hard they are working for all of our members. Governor Patrick announced a PLA for a large UMass project, but other than that there wasn't much to report. I hope they realize that they are dealing with real people and real lives and that their actions, good or bad affect us all. Dragging their feet for a couple months on a project means the difference between a good year and a bad year for so many!

I would like to congratulate Brother David Shea on his appointment to the Executive Board. David has served the Local well for the last 6 years as Conductor, and no doubt will do the same on the Executive Board. Business Manager Rasetta could not have picked a better candidate and he was unanimously elected by the Line Officers. Dave's appointment was to fill the unexpired term of Paul Mogavero. Paul was a long time Executive Board member, elected for the first time in 1992. Brother Rick Allard was chosen to take Dave's place as Conductor. Rick will do a great job in his new position.

I hope everyone enjoys a prosperous 2010 and I hope to see you at a meeting.



### **THOMAS MCCORMACK**

With the winter season finally behind us, we can now look forward to the springtime, warm weather and hopefully a busy work season for all.

I would first like to take this opportunity to congratulate Brother David Shea on his appointment to the vacant seat on the Executive Board, which was previously held by long time member Paul Mogavero who recently retired. I would also like to wish Paul and his family a long and healthy retirement.

Congratulations go out also to Brother Rick Allard who was recently appointed to fill the vacant position left by David, as our Conductor.

I would like to mention some of the ongoing projects in my area along the Route 128 perimeter. P. Gioioso & Sons continue their water and sewer work along various side streets in Gloucester. In Salem, Newport Construction has recently begun work on the \$7 million reconstruction project of Bridge Street (Route 1A) from the Beverly-Salem Bridge to Washington Street.

Also on the North Shore, in Nahant, Pihl Co. has just been awarded a \$15 million contract on the Nahant Beach Reservation Rehabilitation project and hopefully plans to get underway this spring. The McCourt Company is due to begin construction on the Lynn/Saugus bridge replacement on Route 107. Further down Route 128, McCourt also remains onsite at the Winter Street Bridge project across 128 in Waltham.

Ernest Guigli & Sons still remain onsite at both the Newton North High School project and the Norwood High School project. Steel erection has been completed at Norwood High School. Over in Wellesley, at the new Wellesley High School project, J. Stearns Company has just moved a crane onsite and are preparing to start erecting steel for the new building. Newport Construction is still doing utility repairs along Washington Street in Dedham.

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in the best of health. In closing, I would like to thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Body Meetings.



### **MICHAEL BOWES**

I would like to start out by saying that I know it has been a long winter for a lot of our members. With that said, I would like to say that the work outlook in the Worcester area looks to be good this season. It appears that some of that Federal Stimulus money has finally been let out and work is going to start.

Here is a look at some of the work that's going to start this spring. P. Gioioso has been awarded a water tank job in Spencer, a sewer job in Worcester and a \$25 million sewer job in Framingham. Albanese Bros. has been awarded a sewer job in Worcester along with Borges Construction. Green Acres Landscaping has been awarded a job in Milford. A.F. Amorello has been awarded a roadway reconstruction job on Rt. 131 in Southbridge. J.H. Lynch was awarded the Pulaski Blvd. roadway reconstruction job in Bellingham and a paving job on Rt. 20 in Shrewsbury. P.J. Keating was the apparent low bidder on the Rt. 146 & Chocolog Road reconstruction job. Newly signed Construction Management & Consulting Co. has a job in Marlboro and the Centech Park job in Shrewsbury.

WES Construction has the Norfolk Sewer Treatment Plant job. Holy Cross College is just starting their new dorm project with A. J. Virgilio starting the site work. Along with these jobs, I still have many jobs listed in the last newsletter that are also going to start this spring.

On the job front, CSX Railroad is looking to put a large rail yard in downtown Worcester. This project alone is a \$100 million job. We have met with the Mayor of Worcester and CSX and we have their assurance that this job will be 100 percent union. This job is on a fast track and is set to start in late summer. The site package is out to bid for the \$405 million job at UMass the Albert Sherman Center that Berry Construction (Suffolk) won.

I would like to take this time to congratulate Brother Dave Shea on his appointment to the Executive Board. Congratulations to Brother Richard Allard who will fill his spot as Conductor. I know that they will do an outstanding job in their new positions. I would like to wish Paul Mogavero a long and happy retirement. Paul has been a faithful member of our Executive Board since 1992.

I would like to remind everyone if you are looking for work, to make sure you call all the Agents to seek work opportunities.

In closing, I look forward to working with all of you now and in the future, and appreciate your support.



**PAUL DIMINICO**

As the spring season is upon us I hope everyone enjoyed the winter holidays!

There are a few bridge jobs in the area that are currently working and will be starting shortly. MIG is working on Rt. 38 and Rt. 110, a job that consists of four bridges. S&R is beginning to demo the deck of the Tyngsboro Bridge, Pihl is moving right along on their Rt. 28 Lawrence job and LM Holdings is also working on a bridge in Lawrence. Barletta has just won a \$30 million bridge in Amesbury; also the Rt. 95 Bridge in Amesbury will be bidding shortly with a \$285 million price tag.

The quarries are back up and running. They are reporting that they plan on having a busy season. The paving and milling crews are starting to be called back to prepare for the season.

Lowell has a couple major jobs that will produce some opportunities once they are up to speed. The first is the Appleton Mills project. NASDI has been working on phase 1 demo and Marr has moved in a couple tower cranes. Derenzo should be moving in shortly to start the site work. The second job is a \$100 million nanotechnology center at UMass, which Turner will be starting soon. UMass has also purchased the Tsongas Arena and has plans to build a hotel and convention center alongside of it in the very near future.

In New Hampshire, Cairns is moving along on their Rt. 93 expansion. There is also the next phase going out to bid in May with a \$31.5 million estimate. I would like to congratulate Rob Cyr for winning the election as the new Steward of Seabrook Station! I know he will do a great job for the men and women of Local 4, as did Bill Ernest. There are also a few water & sewer jobs in N.H. that Albanese Bros., Cardillo and DeFelice will be working on this season.

I would like to congratulate David Shea on his appointment to the Executive Board, Rick Allard to his appointment as Conductor and wish Paul Mogavero best of luck on his retirement for his many years of service.

I know it's been a tough winter and we are all doing our best to get these jobs up and running to make more work opportunities for our members. As always I will do whatever I can to help you and your families!

I want to wish all of you and your families a great spring!



Baldwin Crane making a twin pick of a satellite base at MIT in Westford, MA



**ROD GILLESPIE**

The winter of 2010 in Maine may well go down as one of the smallest amounts of snow on record with just a trace in February and very little in March as of this writing. I want to begin by thanking Business Manager Lou Rasetta and Chris Fogarty for coming to Maine and meeting with the operators that work for Lane Construction. Lou, Chris and I met with the operators in Presque Isle on March 15<sup>th</sup> at noon and again in Bangor at 7 p.m. to discuss the wage increase, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, with Lane Construction. The members chose to allocate for improvements in the health & welfare and pension with money left over for a good wage increase. Next year this time we will be negotiating for another three year contract to make more improvements. Lane has already picked up several large projects to start the season and should be very busy in all locations.

We are still waiting word on the bid results for Central Maine Power's \$1 billion transmission line project from Orrington, Maine to Newington, New Hampshire. This is a job that will be spread out over four years and involves five large sub stations and up to four hundred miles of land clearing - both new lines and widening of existing transmission line corridors. A much needed project to put our members back to work.

The equipment and crane rental yards have been slow this winter, but there are signs of improvement around the state. The stimulus money for work on Maine's three seaports, highways and bridges should generate some work as well. The bids are going in on the rebuilding of the boiler in Berlin, New Hampshire (the old paper mill site) and are estimated at \$50 million. This is the same boiler we rebuilt in 1993 with Babcock & Wilcox.

I want to thank the Training Center for conducting a haz-mat refresher course at our Union Hall in Clinton on March 20<sup>th</sup>. This is much appreciated by all.

In closing, I want to remind everyone with time on their hands to take advantage of our Training Center and work on getting your CCO, CDL, haz-mat or forklift certifications. This is a free service to all Local 4 members and could give you more work opportunities when the work comes our way.

Enjoy the spring weather, work safe and drive carefully.



**CHRIS FOGARTY**

In like a lion out like a lamb, so much for that gopher telling us six more weeks of winter. Spring looks as though it is right around the corner. It has been a long winter season and most of us are ready to get to work. The work climate is that of which we have not seen for sometime and it looks as though we could be through the worst and looking at an up tick in the forecast. With uncharted waters ahead of us it is hard to get a grasp on the outlook this construction season will bring the membership of Local 4. The equipment industry is going through a huge transition and everyone is running lean and mean, the piece of the pie for new business has shrunk to new dimensions. Companies are selling off used, leased and RPO (rental purchase) equipment and not turning over the equipment they intend to be used this year.

With all that said, the spring will be the best indicator of what kind of year this could be. We are all very hopeful of getting all these projects off the ground to put a shot into the arm of our local economy. At the recent Building Trades Meeting in Plymouth, the Governor, Speaker of the House and many other various politicians friendly to the building trades spoke on the upcoming work in our state. They spoke of all the potential work for this season and for the near future. I hope that it is not just campaign season rhetoric.

The concrete pump industry seems to have stabilized a bit for now with the loss of the housing market; the commercial projects are carrying the day. The pump industry is eagerly awaiting news of the stimulus package with all of the bridge work slated in the area, and will be a huge boost for the industry.

The Field Engineers play a vital role in all this work and with new technologies coming on board the Training Center will be looking to put some classes in place. We are going to put on a class to teach about how to use scan equipment. Be looking out for further notice of that class as soon as we have it up and running.

I would like to congratulate Dave Shea on his appointment under a unanimous vote by the Executive Board to the post held by Paul Mogavero for many years. Best wishes to Dave in his new endeavor and Paul in his retirement.

We are in holding pattern, so hang tight for those of you not working right now. Do not give up on preparing yourself for the new season by getting to the Training Center and getting properly licensed and sharpen up any skills you may not have. That is what separates Local 4 from the rest, we have the talent and the ability to use it, so be prepared for anything that comes along.



**DAVID SHEA**

Spring is finally here and I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. Although this past winter was very difficult by any standard, there are signs that things are slowly beginning to pick up.

Aggregate Industries Asphalt Plant in Chelmsford re-opened March 1<sup>st</sup> for maintenance and expects to be in production by the second week in April. Soon they will be grinding the roads and calling the paving crews back.

Many of the utility contractors are beginning to go back to work with April 1<sup>st</sup> being the target date for opening up the roads. Proia Construction, one of last years newly organized companies, will be beginning road work in Salem.

Atlantic Site & Dismantling is currently doing the site work at the Boston Police Station Area B in Roxbury, and is set to begin phase II on a school in New Bedford. Construction Management and Consultants Inc. is currently working on projects in Chatham, Lawrence, Haverhill and the Portsmouth Navel Yard. They have also won several new projects scheduled to start this spring.

On the organizing front, we have been meeting with several contractors covering a wide range of our jurisdiction. We are close with a few and hope to have some new signings soon. As always, our goal is to create as many jobs for our members through organizing as possible. Please contact me if you have any information that could be helpful.

I would like to thank Business Manager Lou Rasetta for appointing me to the Executive Board. It is an honor to serve our Local in a position with so much history. I would like to congratulate my predecessor Paul Mogavero on his retirement and thank him for his many years of service to Local 4. I'd also like to congratulate Rick Allard on his appointment as Conductor.

Thank you for your help and support and I wish all of you a safe and successful season.

**OSHA 10 Hour Replacement Cards**

The 10 Hour OSHA Outreach Training Program requirement for the State of Massachusetts has been in effect since July 1, 2006.

Many of you took advantage of the training we offered early in 2004, making your card five years or older. OSHA's policy on replacement cards is they will not replace a card that is older than five years, because they are not required to keep records after the five year period. If you have lost your card and it is five years or older, you will be required to take the class again. The cards are obtained through the West Virginia University Outreach Training Center. We do not have replacement cards at the Training Center. We must send a request with the student's information, trainer name, and training date. After they validate that you took the class, they will issue us a replacement card for you. Keep in mind that this process can take up to four weeks. Please check your card and make sure it is legible, as many contractors will not accept them if they cannot clearly read the name. This applies to operators who took their OSHA class with the Local 4 Training Center. If you obtained your card from another agency outside of Local 4, you will have to get in contact with them to obtain a replacement card.

At this time, Massachusetts does not have an expiration date for the OSHA card. Connecticut and New Jersey have instituted a 5 year policy on their OSHA program which states that you must retake the 10 Hour OSHA class every five years. If you plan on working out of state, please check to see what their policy is on the OSHA program.

Please "think twice" and be safe!

Bill O'Neil  
Co-Safety Officer

**IN MEMORIAM**

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

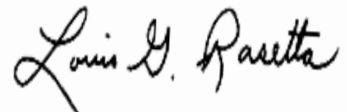
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Joseph Corso	John A. Pacella
John J. Driscoll	Anthony Pandiscio
George P. Erhard	James W. Perry
Arthur Falk	Virgil B. Tabicas
	Malcolm W. Tracy

**IN RETIREMENT**

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

Meredith W. Adams	Matthew P. Lyons
Daniel G. Albert	Andrew L. Maffei
David A. Borge	Michael Manners, Sr.
Florenico B. Botelho	Edward P. McLaughlin, Jr.
Douglas G. Brown	Richard A. McQuesten
Joseph Chopchitz	Henry W. Memmo
Robert Couture	David B. Miller
Robert C. Delaney	Paul D. Mogavero
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Frederick W. Graeben	Francis A. Silveria
Ronald C. Hajj	Gerald F. Sivret
James H. Johnson	Arthur B. Studley, III
Russell N. Kenn, III	Massood Tavallai
Ronald M. Lannigan	Thomas R. Wickers
Joseph A. Lipoma	John J. Wojciechowski
	Charles E. Zuccola

**Fraternally yours,**



**Louis G. Rasetta  
Business Manager**