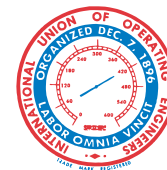


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NOTIFIED MEETING

THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2011, AT FLORIAN HALL, 55 HALLET STREET, DORCHESTER, MA. THE OFFICERS WILL READ THEIR QUARTERLY REPORTS.

DUES REMINDER

DUES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2011 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.

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

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.



BUSINESS MANAGER **LOU RASETTA**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Let me begin by wishing you and your loved ones a safe, happy and prosperous summer. I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the season, and again, I thank everyone for your dedication and loyalty to Local 4.

I am happy to announce that we have just concluded negotiations for our new, three-year Master Agreement, and that the terms and conditions were unanimously ratified at our June Body Meeting. I am very proud of the negotiating team we have, and they should be commended for all of their hard work at bringing about the successful conclusion of these meetings.

Make no mistake about it, these bargaining sessions were tough, and the Contractors were adamant in their demands. They cited the poor economy, non-union competition, etc., as the basis of their position. Local 4 countered that we are not responsible for the bad economy, and that no one, no one, does more to fight the non-union element than we do. At the end of the day, Local 4 emerged, as I said we would, with a fair and equitable agreement. We preserved our sacred 40 hour guarantee, and secured a 6% increase in the total wage and benefit package over the next 3 years.

Our new agreement books will be printed shortly and we will make them available to you as soon as possible. If you have any questions about any of the terms or changes, please feel free to contact me or any of the Agents.

I will say again that our strongest bargaining chip was, and always has been, the skill and professionalism of the Members of Local 4. I personally am profoundly proud to have the honor of representing you as your Business Manager, and I look forward to serving you in the future.

I would like, at this point, to congratulate long-time Board Member and past Business Representative, Anthony Fusco, on his recent retirement. Tony has been a tenacious advocate for Local 4 over a thirty year political career. He always spoke his mind and stood up for what he thought was right. We wish Tony and his family health and happiness, and I thank him for his service to Local 4, and for his loyalty and friendship to me.



Brother Bob Carter has been unanimously elected by the Line Officers to fill Brother Fusco's unexpired term of office on the Executive Board. Brother Carter is a highly respected, long-time member of our Local. He has served in a number of capacities, and I am certain that he will also be a valuable addition to our Board – Good Luck and Congratulations to Bob.

On the Fringe Benefit front, I will be re-assigning Brother William McLaughlin from the Trustee position on the Health and Welfare, to the Trustee position on our Pension Fund. Also Brother Dave Fantini will be moving from his position as Trustee of the Pension Fund, to Trustee of the Health & Welfare Fund. Both of these men have done great work for our funds, and I feel that both will benefit from the exposure to a different Fund.

Also, sincere congratulations go out to our graduating class of apprentices. They all have done a fine job as Local 4 Apprentices and we wish them well.

I recently attended a Sunday cookout in Wareham, honoring Brother Randy Delgado, who was seriously injured in a work related accident. Along with most of our Business Agents, and the many members who were in attendance, it was a great sight for all of us to see how well Randy is doing on his road to recovery. Events such as these highlight the spirit of family that we all share for each other. Good Luck to Randy and we hope to have you back at work soon.

In conclusion, I am happy to report that the work situation continues to improve. If you are unemployed, please make sure to have all of your licenses and upgrades, and to keep in touch with the Agents.

Again, I wish you all a Happy Summer Season.

Fraternally,

Louis G. Rasetta



WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN

With the summer now upon us and the good weather finally here, I hope you and your families are well and enjoying this great time of year. Although this past spring was not as prosperous as expected, I am optimistic work in the north of Boston area will show signs of improvement as the season progresses.

Here are a few of the current projects in my area. At Logan Airport, J.F. White is underway on a \$50 million Runway Extension project. Suffolk Construction and Dow Corporation are also present at the long-awaited \$300 million parking garage. In East Boston, R. Zoppo is gearing up for a drain replacement contract. McCourt Construction and Southeast Directional Drilling are on site for NSTAR on a multi-million dollar utility project. Many Operating Engineers are employed at these sites.

I would like to congratulate Business Manager Lou Rasetta and his negotiating team for their outstanding efforts in securing a new 3-year Collective Bargaining Agreement for the membership of Local 4. Considering the current state of the economy and the threat of non-union competition, to come away from the bargaining table with this contract was a great accomplishment. This will enable us to continue with an increase to our wages, and secure our conditions and benefits for our members and their families.

I would like to recognize long time member and Executive Board Officer, Anthony Fusco on his recent retirement. His many years of dedication and service to Local 4 will not be forgotten...all the best! I would also like to applaud Robert Carter on his appointment to the Executive Board. His experience and knowledge will be a great contribution to our Board.

Many thanks to Lou Rasetta on my recent appointment as a Trustee to our Annuity and Pension Plan. I look forward to working with Lou, Gina Alongi, Kevin Bennett and our management trustees in this new role.

My congratulations also go out to the Class of 2011 Apprenticeship and Training Program. Your hard work and dedication over the last four years in this nationally recognized program will surely set the stage for a prosperous career with the Operating Engineers of Local 4. If there is ever anything I can do to assist you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me.

A friendly reminder ... please keep current with your monthly dues.

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



KEVIN BENNETT

As we enter the summer construction season, work in the Boston area is better than it has been for the past two years. On June 22, 2011 I attended the groundbreaking of Fan Pier in South Boston. Vertex Pharmaceutical is building their Global Headquarters with Turner Construction. A.A. Will and Allied Pile have begun the site work for two high-rise buildings being constructed simultaneously. Mass Mutual Financial - the company that manages our annuity and savings - is one of the biggest reasons this project has begun in Boston, and is a hundred percent pro-Union. Thanks to Ken Pouch of Mass Mutual for financing this mega project.

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is also constructing its world headquarters in downtown Boston. East Coast Slurry and A.A. Will are well under way with the foundation for this twenty-two story tower. The University of Massachusetts in Boston has begun work on a new science center. Walsh Brothers Construction, Vynorius Pile Driving and A.A. Will are in the process of installing 300 concrete piles. The Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate will also begin construction at UMass Boston this summer. Harvard University has begun work at 125 Western Avenue for their new Harvard Innovation Laboratory, with Moriarty Construction and J. Derenzo doing the site work. Further down on Western Ave. Moriarty Construction has started the Charles View Redevelopment Project. There will be twenty-two buildings on this site, including two, four, six and eight story buildings. Over at Boston University Bond Brothers is constructing The Center for Student Services, a seven-story building. There are many other smaller projects ready to begin this summer as well.

With the settlement of our new three-year contract, I would like to thank Business Manager Louis Rasetta and his negotiating team. During these hard times in our country, this contract settlement was not easy. The ace we hold in our pockets during negotiations is you, the members of Local 4. Your talent and professionalism are well respected in our industry.

Congratulations to Executive Board Member and friend Tony Fusco on his recent retirement. I look at Tony and think of the great history of Local 4, and all he has been involved with as an elected official for so many years. Best of luck Tony, to you and your family.

Congratulations also to Bobby Carter on his appointment to our Executive Board. Bobby is an outstanding member of Local 4 and has earned the respect and admiration of everyone in our local.

Finally, thank you to all who helped with the picket line at Northeastern University.

As always, thank you for your help and support. It is greatly appreciated.



DAVID FANTINI

Greeting Brothers and Sisters, I hope this newsletter is finding you all in good health.

I will begin by saying that it was once again an honor and privilege to be part of the negotiating team led by Business Manager Lou Rasetta. In an economy like the one we are experiencing now, where other groups are losing benefits and conditions and taking pay cuts, to secure a contract with minimal language changes and a 6% pay raise was great work!

Congratulations to Tony Fusco. Tony has been a fixture in Local 4 politics for more than 3 decades! Thank you for all of your service to Local 4. I wish Tony and Mary Lou a long and healthy retirement.

Also congratulations to Robert Carter for being unanimously elected by the constitutional officers to finish out Tony's unexpired term.

After more than seven years as a pension trustee, Business Manager Rasetta has asked me to move to the H&W and Delinquency boards. It will be a challenge to get up to speed, but it is an opportunity and I look forward to serving in this new capacity. President McLaughlin will be replacing me on the Pension Board and I wish him all the best. I know he will do a great job.

On the work front, things continue to be steady. Along with the ongoing work that I have mentioned in previous newsletters, Carlin Contracting, Revoli, Guigli, Albanese Bros., Albanese D&S, ET&L, and DOC, just to name a few, have all either recently been awarded or started work in the area.

Cell phones, and sad to say, drug tests have been an issue as of late. You need to know that these are two issues that leave a Business Agent in an almost impossible position to defend you if there is a problem on the job. And if God forbid, there is an accident and they find you are impaired or were on the phone, losing your job would be the least of your worries!

I hope you and your families all enjoy a healthy and prosperous summer and hope to see you at a meeting.



THOMAS MCCORMACK

The long-awaited warm weather is finally here, and with it, hopefully, will come a more productive construction season.

I would like to start by congratulating our Business Manager Lou Rasetta and our entire negotiating team on our recent hard fought battle to secure a new contract. During these very difficult economic times, we are very fortunate to have a leader like Lou, who remained steadfast during the whole process on our quest to secure a fair and viable contract for both sides. **JOB WELL DONE!!**

I would also, like to take a minute to congratulate brother member Tony Fusco on his recent retirement and wish him many healthy and happy years. Also congratulations go out to brother member Bob Carter on his recent appointment to the Executive Board.

Work remains steady in my area. I would like to mention a few of the projects currently ongoing. In Brookline, Michels Tunneling Co. has recently started the micro-tunneling project along Beacon Street for P. Gioioso and Sons Inc. This project should run right through the end of the season. At Boston College in Chestnut Hill, at Stokes Hall, J. Derenzo remains onsite for Walsh Brothers and next door at Gasson Hall, Grande Masonry is still involved with the re-facing of that building.

Recently the Barletta Co. has started work on the Service Road Bridge over the Charles River in Newton. And Barletta is still currently involved with the Hultman Aqueduct project over in Weston.

Site work continues by Atlantic Dismantling and Site Corp. at both Natick High School and Danvers High School projects. McCourt Construction Co. is underway on Route 128 in Dedham with the road-widening project, and also still working down on the Winter St. Bridge project in Waltham.

The Pihl Co., along with R.D.A., is working down at the Nahant Beach Reservation Rehabilitation project. R.D.A. is constructing a new sea wall along the beach.

Albanese Brothers Inc. is currently involved in the installation of water mains and piping along Route 1 from Lynnfield to Saugus. The Consigli Co. has hired W. L. French to do the site work at the new Middle School on High Rock Street in Lynn.

Hopefully with the warm weather upon us, work will continue to blossom and provide more opportunities for our members who are currently out of work.

Also, a reminder to all, to make sure all of your licenses are up to date and your dues are current.

In closing, as always, I would like to thank you for your continued support, and wish you and your families a great summer season. I look forward to seeing you at our Body Meetings.



MICHAEL BOWES

As we start to move into the summer season, work in the area is on an upswing. Most of the contractors in the area have got their regular people out to work, and we have seen some opportunities out of the hall.

I would like to say how proud I was to be able to be part of the negotiation team for local 4, and to say what a great job Business Manager Lou Rasetta did for the members of Local 4. Our new contract will provide us with financial stability while maintaining the working conditions that we all enjoy.

Here is a look at some of the jobs that are going on in the area. The CSX rail yard project in Worcester has finally started. William Charles Construction out of Chicago has the site grading, and has started to take guys from the hall. Marois has the site utilities and has two crews going now. Schnabel and Vermont Lumber and Stone have the retaining wall portion of the job and are also starting to gear up. The City Square job has also started, with NASDI doing the demo. Daniel O'Connell's Sons has started the work for the new Gateway Project for W.P.I. Albert Welch is still going at the Albert Sherman Center, as well as at Uxbridge and Fitchburg. D.A. Collins has started a haz-mat clean up job in Acton at the old W.R. Grace site. J.H. Lynch, D&R, Aggregate, and P.J. Keating all have paving work in the area. P. Gioioso is still working on their utility project in Framingham. There are many other jobs that are going on in the area also, that I am actively seeking jobs for members that are still looking for work.



Brother Joseph Flammia and Apprentice Matt Cole are on the M-250 setting iron for J.F.Stearns at the New Albert Sherman Center in Worcester.

I would like to thank all the members that gave their time to Career Day at the Laborers Training Center in Hopkinton. As usual, Local 4 and our Training Center had a great showing for this event. I would like to congratulate Brother Tony Fusco on all his years of service as an Executive Board member, and wish him well in his retirement. I would also like to congratulate Bobby Carter on his appointment to the Executive Board. I am sure he will do a great job.

In closing, I look forward to working with all of you now and in the future. I wish you and your families a safe and happy summer season.



PAUL DIMINICO

As the summer season is upon us, work in the area is steady.

As you all know, negotiations are finally over. I would like to commend Business Manager Lou Rasetta and the negotiating team on a job well done! I would also like to say it was an honor to

be part of the team.

I would like to congratulate Tony Fusco on his retirement. Tony has done a great job as an Executive Board member and as an operator for many years. I wish Tony and his family best of luck! Also, I would like to thank Business Manager Lou Rasetta for appointing me to fill Tony's spot as a Union Trustee. I feel privileged for the opportunity to serve you as a trustee.

There are a few jobs in the area that are up and running. UMass has their nanotechnology building, with NCI doing the site work. Dow is working on the Lowell General Hospital and the Rt. 97 Groveland Bridge. The Lawrence Duck Bridge and the Tyngsboro Bridge are both being restored by S&R. Barletta has two Manitowoc 888 clamming on Hynes Bridge in Amesbury. Cairns is moving along on Rt. 93 Exit 3 in Londonderry N.H., and Pihl is on the tail end of their Lawrence Rt. 28 bridge job.

The quarries in the area are all operating to their potential and there are several paving jobs going in the area.

I would also like to report that the Seabrook shut-down has been instrumental in helping many members get off to a great start for the season. The Seabrook contract, which has been held by Williams, will now be managed by Shaw. After speaking with Shaw, I believe that this will be a smooth transition.

Walsh Northeast has just received their letter to proceed for the University Bridge in Lowell. This is a \$31 million job that will be starting in about a week. I am very hopeful that there will be some new opportunities arising for our members.

As always, if there is anything I can do for you and your families, please do not hesitate to call.

I wish you all a great summer season!



ROD GILLESPIE

Work around the state of Maine is slow, as many of you know. There are several operators chasing pipeline in areas like Nevada, Oregon, Florida and PA, working thousands of miles from home because of the lack of work here in Maine.

We have operators working on the Wyman Dam in Bingham with Voith Hydro LLC. This rebuild will be finishing up by the end of June, and will resume again in September on turbine #3. The Berlin, N.H. Power Plant rebuild has been held up recently by a small group of Biomass companies, acting as interveners trying to prevent the project from going forward.

We should hear any day on the results, pending a decision by New Hampshire PUC. After several meetings with Lane Construction, we were able to secure a three year contract with decent increases each year, even in this terrible economy. Wage and benefit improvements, along with an increase in travel pay the second year will make a good contract for the operators with Lane.

We are still in negotiations with Mid Maine Waste on their contract renewal. This trash to energy facility in Auburn has twenty-five operators working at the plant, and is jointly administered between Local 4 and Local 877. The crane and equipment rental yards are starting to pickup more business, but still a long way to go before they are at full capacity.

Enjoy the summer month's ahead, work safe and drive carefully.



CHRIS FOGARTY

The summer is now upon us, and it looks as though we will have a new Master Agreement for the next three years. Congratulations are in order to Business Manager Lou Rasetta in negotiating a fair contract, which will enable our contractors to bid competitively, and keep our conditions which have been hard fought for in our long history. The climate out there is not favorable with the economy being the way it has been. We can only look forward and continue to work hard. Also, I would be like to mention the new graduate apprentices, congratulations are in order for you also and you should wear it well and make us all proud of your accomplishments.

The work climate in the equipment houses has been better than I have seen in a few years. Many of the companies that are signed with us have put back people that have been laid off for some time, and started to increase their numbers in some areas. Some of the smaller houses see this as the time to expand, and it has created new opportunities, and a long time signatory company with Local 4 is soon to close its doors. I would like to acknowledge the great relationship of over forty years with the Casey family and the Operating Engineers; we wish you well in the future.

The CSX job in the Worcester area is starting to bear some fruit for our Field Engineers, and I hope this trend continues with more jobs becoming available. Business Agent Mike Bowes did a great job at securing work for the Field Engineers and with help from all of the agents we will be able to recapture more of this market share.

The concrete pump industry is moving along better than in previous seasons, but it seems to be a slow and steady rise that gets hampered by bad weather. With summer in our sights, this should bump things up a bit.

In closing, I wish you all a safe and prosperous summer that should take us well into the fall construction season.



Lou, Bill, Kevin, David and Dave at fundraiser for Randy Delgado's cook-out



DAVID SHEA

Finally summer is here, and I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. The summer season always seems to go by so fast, so take the time to enjoy the weather.

I would like to begin by congratulating Business Manager Lou Rasetta for a great job in negotiating a new 3-year contract. In these challenging times, where many are struggling just to maintain their status quo, Local 4 was able to secure fair and equitable raises. These increases will help our members, and our benefit funds remain strong during this difficult economy and into the future. We are fortunate to have Lou as our leader.

I would also like to congratulate Brother Tony Fusco on his recent retirement. Tony has served as an elected officer for many years and has always demonstrated dedication and loyalty to Local 4 and its members. Best of luck and enjoy your retirement Tony. Congratulations to Brother Bobby Carter on his recent appointment to the Executive Board. His character and experience will be a valuable addition to the board.

On the organizing front, we continue to make progress signing new contractors, which will create current and future job opportunities for our members. Some of these new companies are: BTB Construction, a curbing and concrete flatwork contractor; ERSI (Environmental Remediation Services, Inc.) a contractor who specializes in demolition and environmental work. We also have newly signed agreements with Central Landscape Construction and Lorenzo D. Corporation.

As always, organizing is a team effort and we would not be successful without the assistance of many. I would like to thank Business Manager Lou Rasetta, all of the Business Agents, and the many members who have helped at one time or another. Please contact me if you have any information on any contractors within our jurisdiction, or if you would like to get involved. Your help can make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Congratulations to the
Local 4 S.A.C.
AFL-CIO Scholarship Winners**

\$2,500 – Marissa Pavao

Daughter of Octavio M. Pavao

\$2,500 – Curtis Sullivan

Son of Daniel H. Sullivan, III

\$1,500 – Victoria Wagner

Daughter of Richard K. Wagner

\$1,500 – Riley Flanagan

Son of James M. Flanagan



Director of Organizing Dave Shea with Chris Sullivan, Victoria Wagner, and Marissa Pavao at the Scholarship Dinner.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**2011 GRADUATES OF THE
HOISTING AND PORTABLE ENGINEERS,
LOCAL 4 APPRENTICE AND TRAINING PROGRAM**

ALLAN R. BURNS

MATTHEW H. COLE

STEVEN FERNANDES

CHAD R. FERREIRA

JAMES HAUGH

QIANA JOHNSON

RENE A. MATHIEU

DONALD T. MITCHELL, JR.

DARAL D. QUITMEYER

ALESE A. SADLER

FRANK SOUZA, II

BRIAN J. SWEENEY

WENDY R. WALSH

SAFETY CORNER

**WHY DO I NEED TO BE CRANE CERTIFIED?
WHICH TYPES OF CRANES REQUIRE CERTIFICATION?
DOES THE TYPE OF CRANE I USUALLY OPERATE FALL
UNDER THE NEW OSHA CRANE STANDARD?**

These are the most common questions I get asked regarding crane certification. The "new crane standard", which was years in the making, is a very comprehensive and lengthy document. There were countless issues that needed to be addressed in the new document that were never addressed in the old standard. One of the most important topics discussed throughout the rulemaking process was, which type of crane would require certification and which would not.

OSHA states that, "the standard applies to power-operated equipment which, when used in construction, can hoist, lower and horizontally move a suspended load, unless such equipment is specifically excluded from coverage."

The following is a list of some of the applicable equipment that requires crane operator certification.

Mobile cranes, including crawler mounted, wheel-mounted, rough terrain, all-terrain, commercial truck-mounted and boom truck cranes.

Tower cranes (fixed jib and luffing jib) and self-erecting tower cranes, knuckle-boom cranes, derricks, floating cranes, cranes on barges, locomotive cranes, carry-deck cranes.

Dedicated pile drivers, service/mechanic trucks with a hoisting device, monorail mounted cranes, pedestal cranes, portal cranes and straddle cranes.

Equipment that is covered under the standard will still be covered when used with crane-attached or crane-suspended attachments. Such attachments include, but are not limited to: hooks, magnets, grapples, clamshell buckets, orange peel buckets, concrete buckets, draglines, personnel platforms, augers or drills, and pile driving equipment.

There are some special rules/conditions, which may apply to certain pieces of equipment that may or may not require crane operator certification depending on the application and use of the equipment. Some examples of equipment that may fall under this special rule may include: service/mechanic trucks with a hoisting device, side-boom cranes, knuckle-boom cranes, overhead and gantry cranes.

Undoubtedly there will be addendums and interpretations added to the crane standard in the future that may add, delete or modify the equipment listed here. My hope is if you are operating or want to operate one or more of these types of cranes that you have either acquired, or are in the process of obtaining, your operator certification.

Have a great summer!!!

Bill LaFlamme
Co-Safety Officer

IN MEMORIAM

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

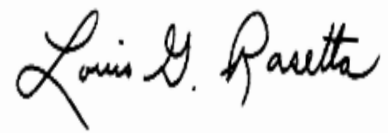
Clifton A. Anderson	Richard T. Goldrick
Frank Barilone	Thomas S. Graves
John H. Brodrick, Jr.	Bryan Jewell
Andrew J. Caraber	Edward M. Mahoney
James L. Corbin	Raleigh A. Myers
Ralph L. Dascanio, Jr.	Robert C. Siney
Carmen C. DiMuzio	Richard M. Warren
Richard F. Donahue	

IN RETIREMENT

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

Bruce Bennett	Peter Mancuso
Harold E. Brown	Richard M. Nardone
Kenneth G. Colburn	Raymond C. Osterman
John J. Connolly, Jr.	Thomas R. Power
Anthony J. Fusco	John H. Roach
Raymond A. Gilbert	Norman D. Robertson
David J. Gregory	Richard B. Rolfe, Sr.
Edward Haglund	James Sprout, Jr.
Richard J. Hebert	Charles B. Tangerini
Kenneth E. King, Jr.	Wayne A. Yablonsky

Fraternally yours,



**Louis G. Rasetta
Business Manager**