

Season's Greetings



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NOTIFIED MEETING

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

DUES REMINDER

DUES FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER, JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH, 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 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.

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 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.massafclcio.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, 2006



BUSINESS MANAGER

LOU RASETTA

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone! I hope that you are all enjoying the season, and I look forward to a prosperous New Year for all of us.

As we close out the year 2006, I am happy to report that it was a very good year for Local 4. In addition to significant increases in wages, our Fringe Benefits Funds also made great strides towards providing increased strength and stability, into the future. The amount of hours worked has remained constant despite the near completion of the Big Dig. Also, the New Year, 2007, holds great promise for a banner year for our members.

It was very gratifying to me, that our members, at the November body meeting, ratified my recommendation to provide for a 13th check for all our pensioners and their dependents. These men helped form our pension plan, and I will be forever grateful to them, and to all those who came before me in this great Union of ours.

I'd like to also take time to thank the many members who attended our Health and Welfare and Annuity seminars. Much hard work was put into the preparation of these meetings and I was very happy to see the large turn-out at most of the meetings. Fund Administrator Gina Alongi and her staff, and the people from Mass Mutual are to be congratulated on a job well done.

As the 2006 calendar year draws to a close, I am pleased to announce that Local 4's total net worth is quickly approaching ten million dollars. Our accountants, Schultheis & Panettieri, LLP have reported to me that our financials are in excellent shape, and that every penny is accounted for. Our entire office staff, headed by Office Manager Barbara Paine, was complimented by Vincent Panettieri himself, when he told me that they were amongst the most efficient that he has ever audited.

Our Apprentice & Training Program, under the direction of Bill Mooney and his staff, wrapped up another successful year, which included the purchase of new equipment and added courses for the advancement of all our membership.

In closing, I would like to acknowledge the fine work done by our Business Agents and Organizers. I am very appreciative of all of their hard-work, dedication and loyalty.

I wish all of you a happy Holiday Season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,
Lou



WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN

Happy Holidays! I hope this newsletter finds you and your family in good health and spirit throughout the holiday season.

As you all know, during the month of October we conducted our yearly Mass Mutual Investment Seminars which were held throughout eastern Massachusetts and Maine. I cannot stress enough how important and beneficial these seminars are to the welfare of our members and their families. Therefore, I would like to remind everyone the success and further continuation of these costly seminars are based on your participation.

Here are some ongoing projects in the Route 128 area. Testa Corporation continues site work on two projects at the Danvers State Hospital. This vast undertaking employs several operating engineers on both a housing development and medical clinic. Newly signed, Universal Walls, Inc. is also present with operators at this location. Also, these two signatories are near completion on the Lowe's Dept. Store in Saugus. Gioioso Brothers continues in Gloucester at a large water and sewer project. This multiphase project should provide ample opportunities. The Natick Mall expansion project continues to move forward. A number of contractors including Marois Brothers, Hallamore, Builders Resource, Marr and NES Shaughnessy are present at this site and employ a number of our members. Work also continues at the Burlington Mall with D.W. White and Universal Steel Erectors on the addition of a Nordstrom Department Store. J. Derenzo Co. and G&C Concrete remain at Bayer Pharmaceutical in Walpole constructing an addition to the current facility. E.T.& L. Corp. are in their final stages of two projects in the area; Brookline Town Landfill and Crosby Drive Roadway in Bedford. In Salem, Maxymillian Inc. is on a site job for MEC/National Grid with a couple of members present. McCourt Construction will soon begin bridge reconstruction on the multimillion dollar Winter Street/Route 128 bridge job in Waltham.

The Army Corps of Engineers estimates the dredging of the Salem Harbor is to begin shortly. The contractor, Great Lakes Dredge and Dock of Illinois will remove 160,000 cubic yards of clean dredged material for channeling to an offsite location. This \$2.4 million dollar project is scheduled to last approximately 3 months. Construction is soon to begin on two new public schools in the City of Waltham. The Whittemore and Fitzgerald elementary schools will be built under a successful Project Labor Agreement. The proposed \$1 billion offshore liquefied natural gas project in Gloucester is currently in jeopardy. This deepwater port terminal with 13 miles of pipeline is being faced with fierce opposition from some residents and members of the fishing industry. However energy needs for New England cannot be ignored.

Congratulations and good luck to Business Manager Lou Rasetta on his recent appointment by our General President Vincent Giblin to Secretary of the General Pension Plan.

Mark your calendars. Local 4's 110th Anniversary Celebration is this summer. Stay tuned....

**Labor Relations Division
Of
Construction Industries of Massachusetts**

***LABOR RELATIONS DIVISION
TO AWARD FIVE \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIPS
IN 2007***

Who may apply?

Any senior high school student who is the son, daughter or grandchild of an employee of a Labor Relations Division contractor member and who will be attending on a full-time basis an accredited four-year academic institution beginning in September, 2007 to pursue a construction-related course of studies, such as Civil Engineering, Construction Management, etc. Also eligible are current full-time college students pursuing such courses.

*For information and an application, please contact:
Ms. Pam Woods at 508-620-0055*



JOHN PANARO

The 2006 construction season is rapidly coming to a close. December is here and the weather is changing everyday. Work has begun to slow down already and the weather has not been an issue yet. Work continues to move

forward but not at the busy pace that we have experienced in the past few years.

Cambridge is busy in several locations. Flett has the excavation on Third Street. North Point continues to work on the third building of what will be eleven buildings on that project. McCabe has started a pipe job on Oxford Street that could run through the winter. Derenzo has the site work on the addition to Mt Auburn Hospital. J. F. White continues to work on the Harvard Square improvement project. J. F. White also started the bridge replacement on Walden Street. A. A. Will is doing all the excavation and G & C has the tower crane at the new Harvard Housing site. The Testa Corporation continues to work on the Mystic Mall in Chelsea. The Pier 1 project in East Boston has finally started with Derenzo doing the site work. J. F. White will be driving about 1,500 piles at the Pier 1 site.

The work projections for 2007 look very good. There are several large projects on the books for the spring of 2007. There are also several high rises slated for construction next year in Cambridge.

Reminder to everyone: The contractors are asking to see the 10 hour OSHA certificate before they let you go to work. This winter is a good time to visit the Engineers Training Center to acquire or renew your certificates.

Deval Patrick will be the Governor of Massachusetts in January. Only time will tell if our first Democratic Governor in many years will support the issues that concern the working men and women of the Commonwealth.

I applaud our members and their spouses who attended the numerous Benefit Seminars that were held throughout Local 4 territorial jurisdiction. It was good to see so many members take advantage of these excellent educational seminars.

I wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous 2007.



DAVID FANTINI

As we finish up another construction season I hope this newsletter is finding everyone in good health.

The November elections could not have gone any better for the working men and women of both New Hampshire and Massachusetts, and the Building Trades in New Hampshire are not wasting any time. I have attended several meetings since the election to participate in the drafting of bills that will be put before the legislature. Filed sub-bid, 10-HR O.S.H.A., mandatory health insurance, and workers comp. enforcement are just a few of the issues that we will be trying to address. We will not get everything we are looking for but we have to start somewhere.

The quarries and asphalt plants in the area are beginning to slow down and are planning on winter maintenance of varying degrees. If you are interested in some potential winter maintenance work as a welder/mechanic please give me a call.

I would like to thank the members that participated in the Seabrook shut down. It was my first one as an agent and it could not have gone better. I would also like to thank the members that attended the Mass. Mutual Seminar in Tewksbury. As always, the Merrimack Valley members showed up in full force and it was greatly appreciated. I hope those who attended found it to be informative.

With work in the area becoming harder and harder for our contractors to be competitive (especially on the private work) I will be looking for members to help with job actions that I will be conducting this winter.

The work outlook for next year looks very good with work in all areas of building, paving, site, and water & sewer. I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to what looks to be a good year in 2007.



KEVIN BENNETT

As we enter the Holiday Season, work in the Boston Area remains steady. One of the new projects getting started is the Post Office/Court House at Post Office Square. This huge 22-story building will undergo a complete renovation by Suffolk Construction with approximately ten

potential job opportunities. Another large project, Russian Wharf on the corner of Atlantic Avenue and Congress Street, will begin with two buildings being partially torn down, saving the architectural façade. Once the building front is braced, there will be ten months of slurry wall foundation work with a 33-story building coming up behind the original façade. At 303 Columbus Avenue, Trevi Icos has begun slurry wall foundation work on a new Condominium building. On Brookline Avenue, Dana Farber Institute has started work on their new multi-story hospital addition with Trevi Icos and East Coast Slurry being awarded the foundation package, and in Mattapan, J. Derenzo has begun site work for a large multi-unit housing project.

In November I attended the Boston Redevelopment Authority hearings on two new building projects. After several hours of debate, the B.R.A. voted to approve both projects – the rehabilitation of Filene's Store at Downtown Crossing with a new 30-story building adjacent to it, and a new hospital wing at Massachusetts General Hospital proposed as a 20-story addition.

As part of their Institutional Master Plan, Harvard University has announced plans for fifty years of construction work in the Brighton/Allston area. The plans include new classroom buildings, the Allston Science Complex with stem cell research labs, dormitories, sports facilities, a reworking of Storrow Drive and the possibility of a monorail system.

Save the Date – The 110th celebration of our great union will be held on July 28, 2007 at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. Plans are well underway, and we have reserved a block of rooms at a negotiated rate of \$184 for our group – not a bad rate for a Saturday night in Boston. Rooms are going fast, so please make your reservations as soon as possible. To register online go to <http://www.iuoelocal4.org> and click *more info and to register* for 110th Anniversary Gala Celebration link or call 617.236.2000 to register by phone.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our Health and Welfare and Pension seminars in Braintree, Taunton, Worcester, Tewksbury and Bangor, Maine. It was a pleasure meeting you and your families.

I wish all of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. As always, many thanks for your help and support.



NORMAN TEED

Season's Greetings Brothers & Sisters.

The winter season is slowly approaching our area, but meanwhile there is much ongoing work in the South of Boston Area. The only problem is that there has been too few work opportunities to get our

members out, who are unemployed and close to making their hours to qualify for benefits. Certainly this is our priority, where possible.

I want to thank the 20 members who participated at the Monday, November 20th, 2006 Building Trades informational picket line at the Meditech Building construction jobsite in Fall River. There are far too many construction projects in all of our areas in the private market where many trades are not competitive. The problem of illegal immigrants working on so many of these projects and being disadvantaged by unscrupulous corrupt employer/contractors is exasperating the issue of unfair competition. This problem must be addressed by the new incoming democratic administration at the State level and the new Congress at the Federal level. The working people of America must demand it, because it affects everyone at some level in the work place.

Welch Corp. has started work on the entry off Rt. 18, Weymouth into the former naval air station. Other projects for the start of the development by L.N.R. Corp. of the old base are presently being bid. If the weather cooperates, some of this work will start this winter. J. Derenzo Co. is very busy with site work on many jobsites in the South of Boston Area. A.A. Will Co. & Borggaard Construction Co. are busy on site prep work for retail stores at Gillette Stadium, Foxborough. Hopefully they will continue to perform foundation excavation & utilities for these buildings as they are released, but there is no guarantee as yet. Work is progressing on the Greenbush Commuter Rail Line rehab project with Metroplex Corp. nearing completion of the track installation. C.B.B., the joint venture general contractor hopes to have a test train running some time in January. E.T. & L.'s Sagamore Flyover Project at the Cape Cod Canal Sagamore Bridge area is progressing nicely with traffic flowing in both directions unimpeded where the rotary used to be a bottle neck for as many years as can be remembered. Walsh Contracting Co. is right on schedule doing all the excavation work at the new Mansfield Crossing Mall at the interchange or routes 495 and 140 in Mansfield, Ma.

I would like to encourage our brother and sister members to get involved in their town or city politics. Start attending

committee meetings for their public works projects and permit hearings on construction projects proposed in their communities. The Mass Building Trades can provide us with all information on any contractors past performance of work in our state and beyond. Also the Mass AFL-CIO can assist in this effort. We can help steer our communities in assuring that only responsible, reputable contractors are awarded work. This will help level the playing field in which our signatory employer contractors compete for work, which in turn gives union trades people the opportunity to earn a fair wage and benefits.

I wish all our members a happy holiday season. Stay healthy and work safely. I look forward to serving you in the New Year.



ROD GILLESPIE

After a slow start this past spring the paving crews around the state finished up in late November with some going into early December. Work continues on the new facility Lane Construction is building in the town of Washington. This will be a full service hot mix and

crushing plant and will employ several operating engineers well into the future. If any operators live within driving distance of Washington and would like to be considered for a spot there please call me in the Clinton office.

The paper industry in Maine continues to struggle as is evident with the lack of work for operators in those plants. Maintenance work has been spotty at best with just a hand full of operators getting a few hours work in Bucksport, Hinckley and Old Town. In New Hampshire at the now closed Berlin mill we have North American Dismantling Corp from Michigan, taking down, junking out and selling parts of the mill to overseas buyers. We will have a few operators working on this site over the winter months into the spring. The same has been going on in Westbrook at the old Sappi Mill. Mills are closing, jobs disappearing and products once made here are being shipped back from third world countries for us to buy. All this thanks to NAFTA, GATT and a few other so called world trade treaties. There is a good possibility of some work at Bath Iron Works this winter with the expansion of the yard for the construction of the new generation of destroyers to be built starting in 2008. Also, the Riverwalk Project in Portland including high-end condos, a parking garage and shops is expected to go this winter.

I would ask that if you have some free time on your hands this winter please take advantage of the training center in Canton or Medway. They have a new tower crane,

conventional and hydraulic cranes, hoes, gradalls, dozer etc. in Medway and O.S.H.A. 10, Hazmat classes and many others offered in Canton, all there for you to upgrade your skills and give yourself more work opportunities. Also, just a reminder, the end of 2006 is near. Make sure your union dues are up to date and current. Operators six months or more in arrears will be suspended at the end of December. With all the work coming in the future we don't want anyone to miss out on it.

In closing, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy prosperous New Year. Work safe and drive carefully over the holidays.



RON BURNAP

I would like to thank our members that gave their time to help in the State elections this fall. They helped with phone banks, labor walks, sign holdings, and a rally at the D.C.U. Center in Worcester. It was very important that Deval Patrick and Tim

Murray made it into the corner office in the State House. We now have a voice for all the labor issues that are important to us. It has been sixteen years since that has happened. Mitt Romney just cut over 2 million dollars for the City Square project in downtown Worcester. Tim Murray has worked long and hard making this project happen. I'm sure that when they make it to the State House, it will get right back on track. We have been waiting for this job long enough, it's time to knock it down and start building. Hopefully, we don't have to wait until spring.

On November 22, the bids went in for the fencing package for the Bristol-Myers Squibb job in Devens, MA. When you receive this letter, that work should have already started.

The bids for the four manufacturing buildings should be shortly after that. The fencing is 10,000 feet long with 10ft on either side, all sub-graded. The first phase which includes four new buildings, will be online in two years, making their new arthritis drug. It's going to be a very aggressive schedule.

There will be drug testing on the site and we have to make sure we have all the right certification licenses, from our training school. I don't believe that this will be a hazmat job. Along with the proper license, the two most important ones will be the O.S.H.A. 10 and Forklift Certification. When we sign up on the site we have to attend a site-specific orientation, and at that time I am going to insist

that all paperwork is on file. I think the forklift is going to be a key machine, and if we have everyone trained with the right paperwork, we can get the other trades off our equipment. When this job starts we will be under a microscope as far as safety and production goes. If we show the pride we have as Operating Engineers, we will be the number one building trade on site.

May you and your family have a safe and healthy Holiday Season.



Local 4 members showing support for Deval Patrick and Tim Murray at a rally at the D.C.U. Center in Worcester.



CHRIS FOGARTY

With the Holiday season now upon us I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and is looking toward a happy, healthy and prosperous Christmas season. As the new year lies ahead, we remain very optimistic about the work opportunities in the future. The demands for our qualified help were better towards the end of this year, and indications of the work continuing seem promising.

The Equipment Houses had a good year, seeing stronger than usual sales and rental revenues at all time highs. A very good sign with this trend in mind the prospect for a follow up next year looks optimistic. The high fuel costs made for a challenging summer and looked as if the whole industry was going to take it on the chin, the cost of steel and parts availability made it difficult to operate with efficiency for most companies. But with the costs stabilizing, the interest rates in check and the stock market on the rise the industry has seen a resurgence of sorts and looks as though it will continue right through the winter.

With competition so keen it is a good sign to see so many

companies moving in a positive direction. Because of such close ties to construction, the shops have always been a very good indicator of how the construction economy is moving and the work ahead next spring.

The concrete pump industry has been hit hard this past year. Without being redundant the same ills that plagued the equipment industry have been compounded by the shrinking housing market. The pumpers do a majority of their work in the private sector and rely heavily on the availability of this work.

The Field Engineers opportunities are slowly starting to change from relying on the large construction sites to smaller one and two men crews for smaller companies. With diligence being paid by all the Business Agents on informing our signatory contractors to use our talented Field Engineers, opportunities are starting to become more available.

It was good to see all the members who participated in the recent seminars held by the Health and Welfare office and Mass Mutual. I hope that all that attended will encourage other brother members to participate next year so that everyone becomes well informed and takes full advantage of the great benefits provided by Local 4.

In closing I am encouraged by continuing enthusiasm of the membership at the meetings. A lot of positive changes have happened in one year's time, and the future looks bright. The spirit of the Operating Engineers is alive and well! I again wish you all the best in the coming new year and please keep in mind our brothers in harms way that cannot be home with their families.

IN RETIREMENT

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

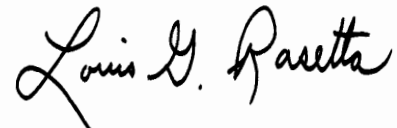
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IN MEMORIAM

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

Warren D. Armstrong	Henry C. Lane
Edward J. Carolan	John J. McDonough
Joseph Ciampa	Rance A. McEachern
John J. Collins	Joseph W. Roberge
Timothy L. Duggan	Manuel G. Simoes
	William J. Welch

Fraternally yours,



Business Manager