

Local 4

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NOTIFIED MEETING

THE QUARTERLY NOTIFIED MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 8:00 P.M., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008, 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, 2008 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.



BUSINESS MANAGER LOU RASETTA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you and your families are well, and that you are all enjoying this beautiful New England weather.

The work outlook recently received a great uplift, with news that J.F. White was the low bidder on the large (\$115 million) bridge job in Chelsea, Massachusetts. Also, it was announced that the Barletta Company was low bidder on a (\$62 million) micro tunneling job. These two jobs, plus a number of other projects, hopefully will provide the cornerstone of a very productive era for Local 4. It should be noted that Local 4 was the most pro-active trade in pursuing these two jobs. We are always at the forefront when it comes to the pursuit of our work.

On the legislative front, the news could not be better. Through a collaborative effort with our signatory contractor groups, we were able to get the Massachusetts Prevailing Wage Laws amended, so as to provide a level playing field for our contractors. It should be noted that once again, Local 4 was the leader at the lobbying efforts which brought about this change.

At our September Body Meeting, Fund Administrator Gina Alongi and Assistant Administrator Malle Kasprzyk unveiled the workup of our new Dental Program. This program, which will be handled thru Delta Dental, will bring much improved benefits to our members and families. Much research has been expended to insure that our members would get the very best plan available. A complete explanation of all the new benefits, (beginning January 1) will be sent to everyone.

The subject of our wildly fluctuating U. S. economy is certainly on the minds of all Americans. Be assured that I and the Trustees of all of our plans are doing everything possible to closely monitor all of our funds. We are in touch daily with our money managers to insure that every effort is made to safeguard the hard earned dollars of our members.

I would urge everyone who is not registered to vote, to please do so. Labor will need every vote this November. Our International Union, and Local 4, has endorsed Barack Obama for President. We believe that he will be on the side of American Workers and that he will be attentive to the needs of working families.

In closing, I would also like to thank the membership for the tremendous attendance at our monthly union meetings. Much preparation by all of our staff goes into these meetings. We try our best to keep everyone informed and up to date on all of the issues affecting our great Local Union. Our Union is strong and vibrant because of the enthusiasm and the support of you the members.

Fraternally yours,
Louis G. Rasetta





WILLIAM MCLAUGHLIN

With the autumn season now upon us, I hope all is well with you and your families and you all enjoyed the summer. Entering the last quarter of 2008, I hope it is a busy one for the Operating Engineers. As we all know, the need for hours at this time of year is critical in maintaining benefit coverage for our

members and their families.

In East Boston, J.F. White is still presently constructing the M.B.T.A. Maverick Station transportation facility. This two year project has employed several members. J.F. White, W.L. French and Aggregate Industries are in the process of completing the final stages of a multi-million dollar runway project at Logan Airport. This job site has benefited many of our members over the course of this year. In Charlestown, Daniel O'Connell's Sons, Amerphil and G&C Concrete are underway on constructing a new Athletic Complex at Bunker Hill Community College. A.J. Welch and NADSI are at the Hood Milk plant building an addition to the existing structure. Wes Construction has just completed the construction of a new Boston Police Station located just outside of the Charlestown Navy Yard. J.F. White has just begun roadway reconstruction on the Tobin Bridge. In Cambridge, McCabe Construction Company along with Greenscape Landscaping Company are present on Oxford Street at Harvard University working on various contracts. At the Mt. Auburn Hospital, Walsh Brothers is completing a new addition and parking garage.

I am pleased to mention a couple of substantial projects that have gone our way in the North of Boston area. In East Boston, Barletta has been awarded the \$62 million micro-tunnel sewer relief contract. In Chelsea, J.F. White was the low bidder on the \$115 million Chelsea St. bridge job. In both cases, Local 4 along with our Signatory Contractors were successful in securing our market share in this industry. These two hard fought contracts are monumental considering the threat of non-union competition that exists today. Great job!

I encourage each of you to make every effort to get out and vote in this November's Presidential Election. We all know how important it is for the working class families such as ours in America to elect someone who cares about our values.

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

As always, thank you for your continued support.



KEVIN BENNETT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters! I hope you all enjoyed your summer. I am aware that the work opportunities in the Boston Area have been sluggish, but we are certainly hoping for a better fall season. Many of the larger building projects have been put on hold temporarily, due to the state of our economy.

I'd like to mention the importance of our upcoming Presidential Election. With members unemployed, losing their homes, and struggling with the high cost of energy and food, it's time for each one of us to use our voice to help elect a Democrat to the White House. It's not enough for us to just vote as individuals on Election Day. We need to encourage our families, friends and neighbors to vote for Barack Obama and Joe Biden.

With regard to upcoming projects, I have attended several public hearings of the Boston Redevelopment Authority. There is no shortage of developers looking to build in the city. Hopefully these developers will successfully obtain financing and create job opportunities for our members.

The South Boston Tunnel Project, which started last year, has reached its final destination of two miles. Thanks to the skilled and professional Operating Engineers, the tunnel came in under budget and five months ahead of schedule. On a personal note, I would like to extend my thanks to Local 88 Tunnel Workers and Local 103 Electricians for their help and support. The collaboration on this job reminded me of how things use to be with the Building Trades working together.

The Harvard Science Center in Brighton is the largest job site in my area with Albert J. Welch, J.L. Marshall, Donaldson, Barletta, L.J. Crane, S&F Concrete, Capco Steel and approximately 30 Operating Engineers. Filene's at Downtown Crossing and Russia Wharf at South Station have A.A. Will. Fan Pier Building One, one of six planned buildings, has Derenzo and Stearns Steel Erection on site. NASDI is demolishing the Joslin Clinic on Longwood Avenue and making room for a new 12-story clinic. In Mattapan, James W. Flett has the site work for a new Bio Lab.

I would like to thank our members who helped with the phone banks on September 15th, the night before the primary. As always, when we call for your help, you're there.

Many thanks for your continued help and support.



DAVID FANTINI

As we get into the fall season it is hard to believe it has been almost a year since I have taken over as Business Agent for the South Shore. Work has not been as abundant as either you or I had expected it to be, but there is some light at the end of the tunnel.

Although the calls to the Union Hall have been few and far between, there continues to be a large amount of ongoing work in the area. C.H. Nickerson is well underway on the Great Pond Water Treatment Expansion in Weymouth. The Braintree power plant with Bond and O'Connor has about 10 Operating Engineers on site. McCourt is setting up shop in Canton at the junction of routes 128 and 138, and expect to start the first week of October on widening 128 from Randolph to Westwood.

Kiewit was the successful bidder on the cooling tower project at Brayton Point. I have not heard what the actual bid was, but estimates have it somewhere around \$600 million with an April 1st start date. Hopefully it won't turn into April fools day! There is a large site package separate from the cooling towers that is out to bid, and will be done this winter. The bag house project with a price tag of \$350 million has been given a start date of spring 2010.

The Plymouth Town Committee just approved the Waverly Oaks site for construction of Plymouth Rock Studios by a 5-0 vote. There is a town meeting coming up soon that is the last hurdle. If you live in Plymouth we need your support with this, we have a 100% Union commitment for this project, which also has a price tag in the \$400 million range.

With elections just around the corner, it is imperative that we elect a Democrat as our next President!!!! To vote for John McCain after seeing his voting history spelled out in our last two International Newsletters would be a huge mistake. At a national level we have gone steadily backwards over the last 8 years and that would just continue with a Republican President. If you consider yourself a member of middle class America we need to elect Barack Obama as our next President.

I hate to sound like a broken record but I can not tell you how important it is to have the correct contact information on file with the Union Hall. It is extremely frustrating when you get a message with no phone number and the one on file at the office is not correct.

I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous fall season and hope to see you at a Union meeting.



THOMAS MCCORMACK

With the approaching fall season upon us, it sadly brings an end to our short summer and warm weather. But it's also a time to look forward to the upcoming holidays, which we all love to spend with family and friends.

Work remains steady along the 128 Perimeter in spite of the inflated fuel prices and very poor economy. Here are some of the projects currently underway: Walsh Brothers is the General Contractor for 2 of our projects in the North Shore Area; the new Mass General construction site in Danvers, and the Leahy Clinic Expansion project in Peabody. A.J. Welch remains working onsite for both of these projects. Across the way at the North Shore Mall Expansion project, Baldwin has just finished erecting the pre-cast on the outside of the new Nordstrom's Dept. Store building for Ibex Construction.

At the Burlington Office Park, new construction is underway with R.F. Roach working onsite for the Moriarty Company. Steel is up at the Shire Drug Project in Lexington and Fleet remains onsite for Bovis Lend Lease.

In Waltham, the construction of a new building for National Grid is underway with the Moriarty Company as the General Contractor. Prime Steel is doing the erection and Marois Brothers is doing the site work along with S&F for the concrete.

Greystone Equipment is currently erecting iron at the Newton North High School project for Dimeo along with Ernest Guigli and Sons doing the site work.

Work continues at the Westwood Station Project with J. Derenzo doing site work. The Legacy Place project in Dedham continues with K. R. Rezendes doing the site work. Greystone Equipment has moved in their M250 crane, and has just started erection on one of the main buildings along with Francis Harvey doing the footings.

In closing, please be assured that I remain diligent in my efforts to seek out more work opportunities for those of you who are unemployed.

As always, thank you for your continued support.



MICHAEL BOWES

As summer comes to an end and fall is knocking on our door I hope that everyone had a good summer and enjoyed some of the good weather.

Work in the area is still moving, just not as fast as we have been used to in the past years. Some of the work that is going on in the area is as follows. Costello Dismantling is tearing down the old U. S. Steel building in Worcester, and J.H. Lynch has the site work for the new Super Wal-Mart. Borggaard Construction has been awarded and is starting the Avalon job in Northborough at routes 9 and 20. NASDI is still working on the demo of the old Worcester State Hospital and The Dow Company has been awarded \$13 million in site work there. Aggregate Industries has been awarded \$12 million in paving work on I-190 and I-290. The Bristol Meyers job at Fort Devens is still moving forward and still bringing work for the members out of the hall. Ludlow Construction is still moving along on Rt. 12 reconstruction. Gilbane is the G.C. on the Genzyme job in Framingham and a lot of union contractors are working there. There are also a lot of jobs ongoing that I did not mention.

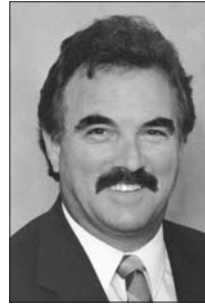
For some of the members that were not at the September 17th Body Meeting, Business Manager Lou Rasetta, Gina Alongi and Malle Kasprzyk told the membership of the change to Delta Dental as of January 1, 2009. I would tell everyone to watch their mail for an explanation of this plan.

I would like to thank all the members that helped out with the Primary race for Mike Moore for State Senate. We still have a way to go until the November 4th General Election. As this next Presidential Election comes before us, I would ask everyone to vote with jobs in mind. I can tell you that John McCain does not care about what we do as a Union. Do not forget to vote, every vote counts.

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



Schmid Pipeline Construction and members of the Operating Engineers Local 4 laying 30" pipe from the St. Croix River to the Baileyville Compressor Station in Washington County, Maine for Maritimes Northeast Phase IV project.



ROD GILLESPIE

Almost eight years ago George W. Bush was elected to the office of President of the United States. The very first week after being sworn in as President he signed an Executive Order banning Project Labor Agreement's (PLA) on any federally funded projects. This one act was and still is devastating to the Building and Construction Trades all over the country and especially the Operating Engineers. If John McCain is elected President organized Labor will continue to suffer even further as he is more anti-union than Bush. Our International Union just recently endorsed Barack Obama and asks that we give him and Joe Biden our votes and help elect Obama the next President of the United States. This election is critical for Local 4 and all of Labor. Also, Tom Allen is running against Senator Susan Collins. Senator Collins has voted 92% of the time with George Bush and will do exactly the same with McCain. Representative Tom Allen has been a great friend of Labor and a man I know personally. He is a champion of fighting for National Health Care for all, speaks out for PLA's, tougher wage, hour enforcement and raising the minimum wage. He deserves our vote. Also, running in the 1st District to replace Tom Allen is Shelly Pingree. Shelly was a Maine State Senator for years, and recently the President of Common Cause, also a great friend of the Operating Engineers. In the 2nd District Representative Mike Michaud is running for re-election and is a card carrying member of PACE. Mike was a forklift operator at Great Northern Paper Company for twenty-five years and knows nothing but Union bread and butter issues. So please get out and vote and support those candidates that support our issues. Four more years of the Republicans running the White House, organized labor will be just a shadow of what it is today after having eight years of Bush and Company. So please get out and vote.

On the work front things are winding down all over. The work in Easton with Boldt Co. is done. Schmid Pipeline is doing the cleanup on the Baileyville pipeline and due to the high cost of asphalt, the state of Maine DOT has put off its usual fall paving program until spring in hopes the cost will come down. The Westbrook Compressor Station is nearing completion as is the station work in Baileyville.

On a sad note, long time Brother Member and past Business Agent Oscar Gammon passed away after a long battle with cancer. Oscar was a well respected man, a great Operating Engineer and will be missed by all. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

Work safe and drive carefully.



CHRIS FOGARTY

With fall just around the corner and looking back, the late summer push is still going strong. For the first time in a few years the outlook for the equipment rental business has been very steady. The crane sales are still going strong and look to continue for the rest of the year. However, the dirt dealerships seem to be taking it right on the chin. With sales stagnant and no service being brought in, this sector is lagging behind the rest of the field. It seems as though contractors are renting equipment instead of owning it in these economic times.

The concrete pump industry had seen a major change in 2002 with a secondary market agreement put in place to help level the playing field for this industry. The time has come to revamp this agreement and bring it to 2008 standards. Through cooperation we will work on negotiating an agreement that will keep the industry moving forward.

Field Engineers are feeling the effect of the economy also. With the change from big projects to many small jobs, it has been difficult to land Field Engineers on long term projects. Many of the Field Engineers have taken advantage of our Training Center to broaden their skills.

I would like to take a moment to applaud many of the members working in the Shops. The industry has seen a major change since I first entered it 22 years ago. The hard working members in these yards work under individual agreements and negotiate at different intervals. It is a constant cycle of newly negotiated agreements, and agreements coming up for negotiation. Only through the talent and dedication of the members have Lou Rasetta and I been able to negotiate terms that are the best in the industry. This is something you should all be very proud of!

For all the membership it is gratifying to see the level of participation in many facets of this Local. Coming to meetings, attending rallies, working phone banks and getting involved in general. It is what a Union should be and when the call goes out Local 4 answers the bell every time.



PAUL DIMINICO

As the fall season is upon us, I hope everyone is in good health and had a great summer.

There are still many paving jobs in the area that have been ongoing all summer long. Also there are a few bridge jobs just starting up in the area. L.M. Holdings has just begun a bridge job in Rowley and S&R is starting one in Methuen. S&R's Newbury bridge job is on schedule with two 4100 ringers setting precast beams. It's quite a sight to see.

Work at Philips Academy in Andover has kept a few of our members working through French and Taibbi with three jobs going throughout the campus. Also, Andover Center is looking great with Newport hard at work on the road reconstruction project.

The Lowell power plant is nearly complete with the turbine exchange with J.F. White putting the finishing touches on. There are plans to add two turbines to this plant. The Billerica power plant seems to be getting more resistance from the town, and we are still waiting on a decision. Seabrook Station has a \$24 million office building out for bid and we will know in about a week who the contractor will be.

There are still many projects in the area that have been sitting idle due to the economy and up coming Presidential Election in November. Please exercise your right and be sure to get out and vote. We can't have another four years of a Republican President who is against unions!

As always if there is anything I can do for you don't hesitate to call. I wish you all the best.



A Picture of the tandem 4100 Ringer Crane picks at the Newbury Parker River site.



DAVID SHEA

I hope all of you enjoyed your summer. It seems every year I say how fast it went but this year seemed especially quick.

I would like to begin by congratulating this year's new class of apprentices. I have had several opportunities to meet and speak with all of them and was impressed with the character and desire to learn expressed by all. If you work with an apprentice, please take the time to pass on some of your knowledge and experience. It is our responsibility to help train the next generation of Operating Engineers so that we will remain the most highly skilled people in our craft.

On the organizing front, John Gaffny and I continue to aggressively seek those contractors doing the work of the Operating Engineer. We are currently speaking with several contractors from a variety of our jurisdictions including site work, crane rental, and supply houses. We have a few that are close to signing and I expect them to create some jobs for our members this fall. Quinn Brothers, who signed this summer, continues to be busy after working at Gillette Stadium and Fort Devens.

The Presidential Election is just weeks away and this could be the most important election of our lifetime. The labor movement has been under attack for the last eight years and it is crucial we elect a candidate who supports the issues that are important to union members. Organizer John Gaffny and I have been working closely with the AFL-CIO, providing our New Hampshire members with important information on each of the candidates. New Hampshire is a battleground state and could be the difference in this election. I urge all of our members to exercise their right to vote.

As always, thank you for the leads many of you have called in, and for your continued support.



JOHN GAFFNY

Fall is here, and I hope this Newsletter finds you and your family in good health. This is a very busy time of year with a number of important elections to take place. As Business Manager Rasetta stated at a recent Body Meeting, I had the opportunity to represent Local 4 at the IUOE Political Convention held in Chicago, Illinois. At the convention the political directors for the International stressed the importance of these upcoming elections on both local and national levels. Over the next few weeks the Business Agents and Organizers may be reaching out to the membership for help with phone banks, holding signs, labor walks and political rallies. It is important to support the candidates that have and will continue to support Local 4.

On the organizing front, David Shea and I continue to pursue companies that will provide job opportunities for our members. As always I would like to thank the members who have provided us with information about activity in their area.

I had a chance to meet the apprentices at the Engineers Training Center the first night of school. I would like to wish them all good luck in the school year and welcome the first year apprentices into the program.

In closing thank you for the help and support.



**APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION PERIOD IS
ONLY OPEN DURING
THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER!**

For information please call:
The Canton Engineers Training Center
781-821-0306



SAFETY CORNER

NEW TRENCH SAFETY REGULATIONS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC BECOME LAW

EXCAVATION & TRENCH SAFETY REGULATION 520 CMR 14.00

This new PUBLIC SAFETY regulation is required by statute and is designed to prevent the general public from falling into an unattended trench and suffering an injury or fatality.

Beginning on JANUARY 1, 2009 all excavators must obtain a permit prior to the creation of a trench made for a construction-related purpose on public or private land or rights-of-way in accordance with CHAPTER 82A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The definition of an EXCAVATOR - Any entity including, but not limited to, a person, partnership, joint venture, trust, corporation, association, public utility, company or state or local government body or public agency which performs excavation operations including the excavation of trenches.

The Engineers Training Center in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety will hold a two-hour seminar at the Canton Training Center to explain these NEW REGULATIONS. This is a MUST for all our operators who put a bucket into the dirt.

Call the Engineers Training Center at 781-821-0306 to attend this IMPORTANT SEMINAR.

BE SAFE.

Training Director
Bill Mooney

IN MEMORIAM

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

Lionel E. Bedard	Edwin F. Locke
Richard A. Bilodeau	James Q. McDonald
Newell J. Dyer	Willie J. Miller
Thomas Eiler	Edward L. Neves
John P. Farrington	Allan R. Riley
Dale E. Fish	Alfred D. Robinson
Oscar A. Gammon	Thomas W. Smithers
Anthony Genatossio	E. Robert Sylvester
Charles E. Harmon	Virgil Veiga
Nello J. Leonardi	William A. Ward
Edward C. Lis	John E. Welch

IN RETIREMENT

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

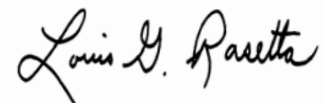
Phillip C. Bedard	Jessie A. Layton
Robert M. Boyce	Raymond A. Morrell
Willie B. Cook	Eugene L. O'Brien
Guiseppe Dandrea	Arthur J. O'Connor
Frank Dicarlo	Keith W. Patterson
David B. Fleming, Jr.	Stephen C. Perona
George E. Fyrberg	Paul J. Puffer
Christie Grande	Ronald P. Smithell
Kenneth Gibson	Janice M. Suenart
James J. Halstead	Robert J. Taranto
William R. Johnson	Kevin J. Trainor
Joseph M. Knox	Antonio D. Vasconcellos

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**WILLIAM J. LAFLAMME
AND
WILLIAM J. O'NEIL**

**NEWLY APPOINTED CO-SAFETY
OFFICERS FOR LOCAL 4**

Fraternally yours,



**Louis G. Rasetta
Business Manager**

Members: If you have recently moved or have a new phone number, please fill
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Thank you for helping us up-date our database.