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STRIKE VOTE UNANIMOUS!

On the morning of Sunday, June 5, 2005, hundreds of Local One members turned out for a Special General Membership Meeting at the Meadowlands Sheraton in East Rutherford, New Jersey. With nearly three weeks left until the expiration of the ALA/MLA Master Contract, President LoPresti summoned the membership to hear a detailed report from the Unions full committee on where we currently stand in these difficult negotiations.

Many thanks to Teamsters Joint Council 73, and their President Don DiLeo for providing the IBT shuttle bus to and from our headquarters building in Manhattan.

The number one issue is medical coverage and both sides are still far apart on how to pay for

it. We actually began formal talks with the employers late last year when we agreed to open the contract solely to discuss our Sickness and Accident Fund while we still maintained a healthy surplus in the funds reserves.

Those talks helped frame our differences but did not bring us a full solution. The Union and its members agreed to change providers and to pay more out of pocket costs while the bosses refused to kick in anything more. We satisfied one half of a 7 million dollar projected shortfall by ourselves and still the MLA refuses to help. Now we need to nearly double the weekly premium to maintain our level of benefits and the bosses are only offering creative ways to utilize our own money to bridge the gap.

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Negotiating Committee from left: V.P. Tony Scotto, 1st V.P. Gene Kreis, Secretary-Treas. Anthony Caifano, Pres. Patrick LoPresti, V.P. Anthony Paretti, Prep Dept. Rep. Lou Mangini, Pressman Rep. Kevin Harjes, Operator Rep. Bob Thau. Not pictured is Tender Rep. Martin Phillips.

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Dan Brush, *Vice President*

Questions or comments should be directed to the Secretary-Treasurer.

Schawk Campaign

When Schawk downsized its New York City operations, moving 16 of 33 union employees from 28th Street to a non-union 33rd Street facility and laid off the remaining 17, President LoPresti said Schawk was turning its back on the very people who helped it achieve such great success.

Unsatisfied with Schawk's severance package offer and their refusal to cover our transferring members with a collective bargaining agreement, the 28th Street employees voted unanimously to reject it and Local One went into high gear with a campaign to bring the ugly truth about the actions of Schawk to the public. Since early April, the Local has mobilized our members to leaflet outside the new non-union location as well as strategically selected sites informing people that Schawk is not respecting the rights of their workers.

The Executive Council Board voted unanimously to hire Labor Research Advisors for six months to help coordinate our corporate campaign. LRA is the Teamsters primary media marketing company which makes it easier for us to utilize the vast resources of the International. In addition to leafletting, press releases and rallies, the Local has reached out to our Brothers and Sisters in Chicago and 7 other cities who are also in contract negotiations



Secretary-Treasurer Anthony Caifano outside the New York headquarters of Schawk, bringing the workers message to news reporters from NY1 News and WBAI Radio.

with Schawk. We held a press conference outside the Schawk facility on 33rd Street where we were strongly supported by our good friends Senator Tom Duane and Secretary-Treasurer Chris Silvera of Local 808 of The Teamsters who both spoke on behalf of the workers.

The campaign is now in full swing and we are getting great support from our Teamster Brothers and Sisters who donated their time and effort to support us at a Solidarity Rally on June 16th, along with local labor leaders from all walks of life. President LoPresti has made a firm commitment to our members at Schawk saying "We want our people to be covered with coordination of benefits and a collective bargaining agreement that guarantees their working conditions."



First VP Gene Kreis and Schawk Shop Delegate Vinny Anello, along with Teamsters Joint Council 25 and their tractor-trailer, campaign at Schawk's Corporate Headquarters in Chicago.

Officers Sworn In At January 27th General Meeting



President LoPresti shaking hands with newly retired First Vice President Joe Curto, who administered the Oath of Office to all of the recently elected officers.



Pictured left to right: Vice President Dan Brush, Vice President Tony Scotto, Vice President Anthony Paretti, President Patrick LoPresti, First Vice President Gene Kreis and Secretary-Treasurer Anthony Caifano

Summer 2005 Retirees

Rudolph Sala	Photographer
Jerome Haslach	Stripper
Paul Villamagna	Pressman
Gerard Hall	Photographer
Pablo Santiago	Pressman
Joseph Curto	Pressman/1st VP
Matthew Tully	Pressman
Joseph Miranti	Pressman
Daniel Collins	Pressman
Arthur Ebner	Pressman
Anthony Scioscia	Pressman
Robert Buonato	Stripper
Maria Mancuso	General Worker
Robert Conner	Pressman
Richard Bethel	Pressman
Stephen Arena	Pressman
Walter Hamm	Pressman
Victor Castro	General Worker
Robert Lewis	General Worker
Benjamin Albala	Platemaker
John Stimpfle	Operator
Victor Santoni	Pressman
Dominick Simone	Pressman
Michael Harjes	Pressman
Jesus Marrero	Pressman
Sheldon Wagner	Stripper
Herbert Flores	General Worker
Angel Garcia	Pressman
Jerome Gewirtzman	Pressman
Edward Taggart	Operator
Arthur Slipian	Pressman
Raymond Barnes	Operator
Thomas Rooney	Pressman
John Cocuzza	Pressman
Walter Cook	Pressman
Joseph Colicchio	Pressman
Richard Galati	Photographer
Stanley Knipl	Pressman
Richard John	Pressman

UNION MEETINGS REMAINING FOR 2005

Tuesday, September 27th

Tuesday, October 25th

Tuesday, November 22nd



Hundreds Turn Out To Show Strong Support for the Local in Contract Negotiations



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We have tentatively agreed to put any wage increase towards the health fund as well as using our General Fund to cover existing unemployment benefits and all of our educational costs yet the MLA still refuses to pay anything more.

After meeting 8 more times in June and July the bosses are still \$60.00 per member per week short of the necessary contributions. We do not think it's unreasonable to demand that the owners come up with the additional money since everything else is already being carried on our backs.

To add insult to injury almost all of the MLA shops are delinquent with their payments currently

owed to the fund.

After reports and comments from the negotiating committee as well as our General Counsel, all questions were answered and President LoPresti called for a vote from the floor. The membership voted unanimously and vigorously to authorize an industry wide strike if deemed necessary. The option of reaching a contract without demonstrating our resolve was growing slim and both sides agreed to a cooling off period.

We hope to get back to the table in early September and will continue to keep you updated with negotiation bulletins.



2005 Labor Day Parade

Join Your Local One Brothers and Sisters—Bring the Family

Saturday, September 10th – 11:00 AM

Local One will all be meeting on 45th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues
Refreshments including Sandwiches and Soda will be served to all attendees.

The President's Letter



A
POSITIVE
COURSE

This year 2005 began my 13th year in Office. With 113 being the address of our Headquarters in New York, I like to think of 13 as a lucky number for us all. The last 13 years have been the proudest and most rewarding years of my life. They required some very hard work by all of the members and officers of our organization working together which is why we are so successful.

Many changes had to be made, and they were made. The results have been a much more positive course for our union. Looking ahead, there is still a ton of work to be done. We will work hard together as a "TEAM". There is no letter "I" in the word "TEAM".

"UNITY" is and will always be our success. Our newly elected Officers are in place and working well with my office and the administration. Without your understanding, loyalty and solid support, I could never have successfully advanced the interest of our members and our Local. And so, on behalf of the Officers and especially myself, what can I say but thanks a million.

Merger: We did not prevail in our efforts to convince our Brothers and Sisters in the G.C.I.U. to reject the proposed merger agreement with the Teamsters. There is no point to any speculation about what might have been. The real changes facing the labor movement are not internal but external as we battle employers determined to out-source our work and drive down our standards of labor. I accept the decision of our membership and I intend to do everything I can to make this work for our Local and our members. As you can see I have met with the Teamsters General President James P. Hoffa. Our meeting was a success and our goals are mutual; to make the merger as productive as possible. Most important to me on a personal level was that our meeting concluded with the joining of our hands.



Fraternally,

Patrick LoPresti
President

*Pictured at left-Teamsters President James P. Hoffa and Local 1-L President Patrick LoPresti. We thought a good title for this photo would be:
Power • Leadership • United*

In Memorium

06208	George Schlauch	Pressman	11-21-04	1P	Samuel Skibitsky	Photoengraver	02-17-05
00525	William Rifkin	Platemaker	11-23-04	07029	Sebastian DiGiacomo	Paper Handler	02-17-05
09734	Henry Hassan	Paper Handler	12-01-04	04415	James Coates	Platemaker	02-24-05
15155	Lucy Puglisi	Finishing Dept.	12-06-04	03973	Howard Vonnesen	Platemaker	02-26-05
04829	Hubert Doerr	Operator	12-09-04	12189	John Fitzgerald	Stripper	02-27-05
1P	Fred Schuster	Photoengraver	12-09-04	13024	Rogelo Cruz	Press Tender	02-27-05
1P	Charles Tatarian	Photoengraver	12-10-04	14003	Alexander Pico	Operator	03-01-05
01308	Gilbert Guilery	Dot Etcher	12-12-04	03608	Antonio Lago	Pressman	03-08-05
08074	Solomon Cohen	Stripper	12-15-04	12471	John McManus	Pressman	03-08-05
1P	John Spina	Photoengraver	12-15-04	16198	John Carbone	Operator	03-12-05
11889	Alfonso Duarte	Pressman	12-30-04	1P	Stephen Bickerton	Photoengraver	03-12-05
02272	Ralph Gerardis	Dot Etcher	01-01-05	1P	Frank DeLude	Photoengraver	03-13-05
1P	Augustin Powers	Photoengraver	01-03-05	11218	Joseph Gitto	Photographer	03-14-05
08863	Harry Monkarsh	Photographer	01-07-05	07608	Ruby Goldstein	Photographer	03-15-05
1P	Frank DiDio	Photoengraver	01-07-05	08118	John Graham	Photographer	03-15-05
1P	Harry Melidonian	Photoengraver	01-08-05	00276	Howard Meyer	Stripper	03-18-05
1P	Joseph Carey	Photoengraver	01-08-05	07367	Vito Giacoia	Pressman	03-18-05
11143	Anthony Piazza	Pressman	01-11-05	11588	Paul Calantropio	Pressman	03-19-05
13923	Harvey Gilburd	Press Tender	01-15-05	13835	Stephen Buono	Stripper	03-19-05
07289	William Haggerty	Platemaker	01-15-05	06510	Hugo Cestola	General Worker	03-26-05
03142	Milton Hess	Platemaker	01-16-05	09604	Millie Parillo	Platemaker	03-27-05
1P	Michael Stock	Photoengraver	01-16-05	08019	George Ajemian	Stripper	03-31-05
06047	William Schweizer	Stripper	01-17-05	04030	Joseph Famiano	Paper Handler	04-01-05
05663	Theodore Greene	Operator	01-18-05	02160	Frederick Boardman	Platemaker	04-03-05
1P	George Bunzick	Photoengraver	01-19-05	05197	Jack Beitsch	Stripper	04-05-05
08731	William Derragon	Operator	01-21-05	07421	Narciso Cruz	Operator	04-07-05
15373	Donald Godin	Stripper	01-21-05	06026	George Evans	Photographer	04-09-05
1P	Vahan Buruchian	Photoengraver	01-21-05	09243	Anthony Barletta	Platemaker	04-10-05
10058	Joseph Valenti	Pressman	01-23-05	07286	Gertrude Gomez	Finishing Dept.	04-10-05
00700	Zigmund Zary	Platemaker	01-24-05	04856	Samuel Goldberg	Dot Etcher	04-17-05
06307	James Sexton	General Worker	01-26-05	13428	George Klein	Pressman	04-21-05
06280	Fred Alongi	Pressman	01-27-05	05978	Eric Quick	Photographer	04-22-05
01348	William Baumann	Pressman	02-03-05	08997	Gerard Gregorio	Platemaker	04-24-05
15744	Sidney Black	General Worker	02-07-05	05861	Roger Rossiello	Pressman	04-24-05
11095	Silvio Parisi	Operator	02-09-05	08123	Joseph Maresca	Stripper	04-25-05
1P	George Smith Jr.	Photoengraver	02-09-05	09844	Alvin Adler	Platemaker	04-25-05
11777	Vincent Distephano	Pressman	02-14-05	03697	Louis DePace	Pressman	04-25-05
1P	Carmen Palermo	Photoengraver	02-20-05	01462	Arthur Poulos	Stripper	04-29-05
10540	Morris Lagery	Stripper	02-22-05	08988	Joseph French	Stripper	05-03-05
01184	Armondo Gallo	Platemaker	02-08-05	07849	Ciro Coletti	Pressman	05-11-05
01856	Joseph Linden	Stripper	11-05-04	06580	Laurence Costigan	Operator	05-14-05
1P	Louis Chadik	Photoengraver	02-11-05	03355	Martin Gagliardi	Pressman	05-20-05
1P	John Dermanjian	Photoengraver	02-14-05	08455	John Harre	Operator	05-28-05

Art McCullough



Retired Vice President Arthur T. McCullough passed away at his home in Wallingford, Conn. on March 31st at the age of 67. Pres.LoPresti said "Art's experience and expertise in the GCIU helped pave the way for Local One as the newest members of the International and helped ensure a successful merger."

Art served as President of the former Local 298M from 1983 until 1998. In that time he nearly doubled the size of the local through organizing and mergers. At the end of 1998 by a strong majority vote of both memberships he merged into Local One-L and became one of our Vice Presidents.

In 2000 he became the second Local One officer to be elected to the G.C.I.U. General Board replacing retiring President Emeritus Stan Aslanian. He also served for many years as a Vice President of the New Haven Labor Council and Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut Allied Printing Trades Council, but we will always remember Art as an Organizer which was his true passion.

Art is survived by his wife Janice; daughter Linda; sons Stephen and Craig and seven grandchildren.

For all he did on behalf of the Union movement as well as the membership of Local One he will always be remembered and greatly missed.

Rest In Peace.