

INTERNATIONAL
LONGSHORE &
WAREHOUSE UNION



MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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BULLETIN – JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013

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PRESIDENT

MEETINGS – February 7, 2013 – Thursday – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting (Hall)
February 13, 2013 – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – So. Cal. District Council (Ste. 204)
February 19, 2013 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee (Ste. 204)
February 21, 2013 – Thursday – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Ste. 200)
February 26, 2013 – Tuesday – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee (Ste. 204)

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS – The total amount of dues paid in 2012 was \$2737.26. Total amount of Coast Pro Rata and International Per Capita paid in 2012 was \$944.34 for a total amount paid of \$3681.60. Any member who was off due to an excused disability on file in the Business Office should multiply the above amount(s) times the number of months they paid these figures to Local 63. Disability “dues” are \$81.93 per month, this amount is forwarded to the International for the Per Capita and Pro Rata. The Local is responsible for paying this amount to the International for each member of the Local whether it has received the amount from the member or not. Those members who were not part of Local 63 for the entire year should multiply the above amount(s) times the number of months they were in the Local to have their actual amount paid for 2012.

CAUCUS CALL – The next Coast Longshore Division Caucus has been scheduled for April 15 – 19, 2013 in San Francisco. As per the motion passed at the September 2012 Executive Board Meeting and passed at the October 2012 Membership Meeting, Local 63 will be sending six (6) of the eleven delegates in addition to the President to this Caucus. Per Article X, Section 3 of the Marine Clerks Constitution and passed at the January 2013 Membership Meeting, all members will be assessed a one-time amount of \$36.00 which will be added to their dues amount during the month of February 2013 for the Caucus expenditures. Caucus assessments **must** be paid by all active members regardless of disability status. Those members who are not on dues check-off must pay this assessment via cash, check, money order or credit card in the Business Office or via US mail. Members who wish to present Caucus Resolutions for consideration should submit them to the Business Office no later than the April 4th Membership Meeting.

VACATION CLAIMS – Members who did not work the required amount of hours to qualify for all or part of their vacation payment due to disability status in 2012 must contact the Business Office to request a claim be submitted on their behalf prior to February 15th for an approved claim payment on March 8th or by May 17th for a final approved claim payment on June 7th, 2013.

VACATION/PENSION/WELFARE/HOLIDAY REQUIREMENTS – Please be aware that **each** of these benefits have very distinct criteria. Receiving one (1) or more of these benefits by having a claim submitted does not necessarily ensure that any of the other benefits will be attained. The Business Office staff makes every effort to file claims for any of these benefits that a member may be in jeopardy of losing due to not meeting the individual requirements. Ultimately, it is the member’s responsibility to request that a claim be submitted on their behalf should there be a need. If a member is uncertain of the requirements for any of the noted benefits, they may request information in the Business Office or by contacting the appropriate office (i.e. PMA or the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans Office).

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY – FEBRUARY 18TH – WASHINGTON’S BIRTHDAY – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2012. Those members who did not, must work at least two of the four (4) days exclusive of the holiday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, February 19th, 20th, 21st or 22nd. Members who are on disability during the holiday week and who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) but less than 1300 hours in 2012 must submit a doctor’s note to the Business Office covering them for the holiday week and request that a claim be submitted on their behalf. *Only those members who worked at least 800 hours in 2012 (700 if age 60 or over) are entitled to receive or file for paid holidays in 2013.*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH – LINCOLN’S BIRTHDAY – Is NOT a paid holiday – and is a normal work day. Only those members who work on this date will be paid at the overtime rate of pay.

TWIC INFORMATION UPDATE – the current locations for replacement or renewal of TWIC cards are as follows:

- 1) TWIC Enrollment Center – Avalon Plaza, Suite 114, 460 Carson Plaza Drive, Carson, CA. 90746
hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 2) TWIC Enrollment Center – 2501 E. 28th Street, Suite 105, Signal Hill, CA. 90755
hours of operation: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

TWIC help desk phone number: 1-866-347-8942.

REMINDER FROM THE WORK CARD COMMITTEE – Members who are returning to work from disability status or vacation, cannot check-in and square-off, they must either Flop or take a job.

SO. CALIFORNIA DISTRICT COUNCIL – Members interested in representing Local 63 on the SCDC may contact President Podue in the Business Office. The SCDC meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in Suite 204 of the Memorial building. This is a good way to learn about the political arena and how our union plays a role in its own future.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will continue to be present on the 2nd and 4th Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for any Local 63 members who are in need of his services. He will set up office in the small conference room located in the Local 63 Business Office. Members may call ahead to make an appointment or just stop by on these same days monthly. These are dedicated days for Local 63 members only. Members who are unable to meet with him on those days may still call and/or make appointments for his office at (310) 833-5144. February dates will be the 14th and the 28th.

“UNITE TO FIGHT BLOOD CANCERS” PRESENTS – The Ryan Rossi and Elizabeth Carter Memorial Concert will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 9th at the Warner Grand Theatre in San Pedro. This event will benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and will feature noted bands such as One Ten South, One World, Azure and Quintana. A limited number of free tickets are available in the Business Office at a first-come–first-serve basis for members who may wish to attend this worthy cause. Tickets will also be available at the door on the evening of the event at a cost of \$25.00 each.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH – “An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity” – Martin Luther King, Jr.