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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA 90731

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BULLETIN – JULY/AUGUST 2013

MEETINGS: August 1, 2013 – Thursday – 6:00 p.m. – 2nd Shift Stop Work Meeting (Hall)
August 14, 2013 – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – So. Cal. District Council (Ste. 204)
August 15, 2013 – Thursday – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Ste. 200)
August 20, 2013 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee (Ste. 204)
August 27, 2013 – Tuesday – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee (Ste. 204)

**Please note that the Membership meeting for August will be a 2nd shift stop work meeting.*

PROPOSED DUES INCREASE – as mentioned in the June/July bulletin will be temporarily postponed until addressed at the next Local 63 membership meeting to be held on Thursday, August 1st, at 6:00 p.m.

PAID HOLIDAY – SUNDAY, JULY 28TH – HARRY BRIDGES BIRTHDAY – is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2012. For those members who did not meet the automatic holiday requirements, you must be available for work at least two (2) of the four (4) days exclusive of the holiday (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, July 30, 31, August 1, 2). As this year's holiday falls on a Sunday, the overtime day shall be observed on Monday, July 29th. If you worked less than 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) during 2012 but at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) and are on disability during the holiday week, you must request the Business Office to file a claim on your behalf; or if on vacation that week, notify the Records Clerk. *Reminder – only those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 hours if age 60 or over) in 2012 are entitled to receive or file claims for paid holidays.*

ILWU's WALK THE COAST EVENT FOR ALEX's LEMONADE STAND FOUNDATION – On Saturday, August 10, 2013, ILWU Locals 13, 63, and 94 will host their 2nd annual fundraiser on behalf of Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation in the fight against childhood cancer. This community event will take place at the Outer Harbor 55 warehouse (Miner St.) in San Pedro starting with a family friendly one-mile walk at 9:30 a.m. and continuing with food, live music, kids' jumper games, face painting, Japanese Taiko drum performance, WWII fighter plane air show, fire boat display, silent auction, car show, and much more. To pre-register for the car show, please contact Benny D'Aquanno for further details at (310) 386-6071. Additionally, there will be a Texas Hold'Em poker tournament held on Tuesday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Normandie Casino in Gardena. The first 100 registrants will receive a free Poker Tournament t-shirt. To pre-register for the Poker Tournament, please contact Sidro Felix at (310) 972-9772. The ILWU Walk the Coast committee is seeking more volunteers for the event day and to bring in silent auction items. To volunteer, please contact Robert Maynez at the Local 63 Business Office. For more information and to contribute, please go to www.ilwuwalkthecoast.org.

LABOR DAY TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICAN WORKER ABOARD THE BATTLESHIP IOWA presented by Go Country 105 FM, held on Saturday, August 31, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at 250 S. Harbor Blvd., San Pedro 90731. There will be game booths, community & service booths, great food and live entertainment. Save up to 45% off Battleship IOWA tour tickets if purchased in advance. Just \$10.00 at www.labattleship.com NOW! All visitors will be entered to win a pair of Cirque Du Soleil tickets to a VIP Preview Show of *Totem*.

SAFETY REMINDER – PCMSC Rule 921: "When operating motor vehicles or other power-operated equipment provided with an operator restraint system or seat belt, all operators shall have the operator restraint system or seatbelt properly fastened whenever the vehicle is in motion."

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. Scheduled dates for August are the 8th and 22nd.

FIDELITY 401(k) APPOINTMENTS – A representative will be available in Local 63's Labor Room (Ste. 204) on Wednesday - July 31st, Monday - August 19th, and Monday - September 16th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Members who wish to have a one-on-one appointment regarding their investment(s) may call to reserve a time by calling 1-800-642-7131 or online at <http://www.fidelity.com/atwork/reservations>.

TWIC RENEWAL UPDATE – Members should check their TWIC cards to confirm when they will expire. Do not get caught unable to work because your card has expired! The current locations for replacement or renewal of TWIC cards are as follows:

- 1) TWIC Enrollment Center – Avalon Plaza, 460 Carson Plaza Drive, Suite 114, 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.

Transportation Worker Identifications Credentials (TWIC) help desk phone number: 1-866-347-8942

NEW TIME CARD COVERS & DECALS – New and improved time card covers have arrived in the Business Office and are for sale for \$3.00. These covers are slightly larger, are made of a more pliable plastic and represent the Local's colors. In addition, new Local 63 decals in either white or silver-metallic are also available for \$4.00 each.

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICERS – in less than a year, we will be in Contract bargaining with the employers. It's time to be prepared. As many are aware, the ILWU has been under attack by the employers, up and down the Coast. In the Northwest, our ILWU Brothers and Sisters have been locked out at various grain terminals and our Brothers and Sisters in Portland are in a jurisdictional battle at ICTSI. Another huge struggle is our ongoing battle over our health and welfare benefits that we bargained for in 2008 and previous Contracts. Many of our members, their families, Pensioners, and local healthcare providers are being faced with unpaid bills; which is causing great stress on the ILWU family. This issue with unpaid bills was recently returned to Coast Arbitrator Kagel in an attempt to reach a resolve on the matter. Coast Arbitrator Kagel held a hearing on this issue over a 4-day period, July 16 through 19, at the ILWU International, which was attended by the Presidents of ILWU Locals 13, 63, 94, along with various Area Welfare Directors and other Local Presidents, coastwise. A decision from the Coast Arbitrator is pending. We will update the Membership when we receive his decision. Brothers and Sisters, we are in a battle....NOW. It is 2013, a year before Contract expiration, and the employers have already started maneuvering into position with a P.R. campaign regarding our Benefits. This is a sign of what's to come. A recent Journal of Commerce article entitled, "Employers See 'Long, Hard' Talks With ILWU," stated that "West Coast waterfront employers are formulating their bargaining strategy for the 2014 Contract negotiations with the International Longshore & Warehouse Union, and it appears that the main issues will center around pensions, healthcare and, especially, jurisdiction." So as you can see, we are in that battle as we speak, and Contract negotiations haven't even started. So it's time for all members to be prepared to weather a long and arduous storm. The employers are hunkering down. Let's be prepared. We need to be united and show the employers that the ILWU will not be divided. This is the time for every ILWU member to stand together in unity and remember what we fought for throughout the history of the ILWU and we must be ready to fight again!

Remember, **UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL.**

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "Everybody was pulling together in 1934. We had across the board unity of all kinds of guys that later on turned vicious and red-baiting and so forth, but not then. We had a beautiful united front." -Harry Bridges; *An Oral History about Longshoring, the Origins of the ILWU and the 1934 Strike.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY HARRY ~ JULY 28, 1901.