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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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PRESIDENT

BULLETIN – JUNE/JULY 2014

MEETINGS: July 10, 2014 – Thursday – 6:00 p.m. – 2nd Shift Stop Work Membership Meeting (Hall)

July 9, 2014 – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – So. Cal. District Council Meeting (Ste. 204)

July 16, 2014 – Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – Regular Clerks LRC Meeting (Ste. 204)

July 17, 2014 – Thursday – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Ste. 200 EB room)

July 15, 2014 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)

July 29, 2014 – Tuesday – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Mtg. (Ste. 200 EB room)

The Business Office will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

ELECTION RESULTS – SECRETARY/BA – Richard Finlay; DAY BUSINESS AGENT – No nominations; DISPATCHERS – Steve Pekich, Anthony “Tone” Lauro, Ray Box, John Carranza; BOARD OF TRUSTEES – No nominations; PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE – Patricia Aguirre; GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE – Penny McConnachie, Dave DeVries, Greg Peyton; MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION – Adrian Diaz, Mike “Big Daddy” Carranza, Ray Box. *Nominations will be accepted at the July 10th Membership Meeting for all unfilled positions listed above.

PAID HOLIDAY, FRIDAY, JULY 4TH – INDEPENDENCE DAY– Is a normal work day and an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 hours if age 60 or over) in 2013. For those members who did not meet the automatic holiday requirements, they must be available for work at least two (2) of the four (4) days exclusive of the holiday (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, June 30th, July 1st, 2nd or 3rd). If a member worked less than 1300 hours but at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) and is on disability during the holiday week, he/she must request the Business Office to file a claim on their behalf or if on vacation during the holiday week, notify the Records Clerk. *Reminder – only those members who **worked** at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2013 are entitled to receive or file for paid holidays.*

NO WORK HOLIDAY, SATURDAY, JULY 5TH – BLOODY THURSDAY – Is a dead day. As was agreed-to in past negotiations, Bloody Thursday is a no work holiday, but is NOT a paid holiday. No work shall be performed between 8:00 a.m. July 5th and 8:00 a.m. July 6th, except for military cargo, passenger vessels, and on-dock rail. As the holiday occurs on a weekend, Monday, July 7th will be paid at the over-time rate only for those who work that day.

80TH ANNUAL BLOODY THURSDAY PICNIC – This year’s event will take place on Saturday, July 5th from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Peck Park in San Pedro. Other related events will be the Bowling Tournament on June 25th at Palos Verdes Bowl in Torrance, call Rosa Golden at 310-930-3420 for more information. Members interested in participating in the Car Procession for the memorial service must meet at 9:00 a.m. at Roosevelt Memorial Park in Gardena to stage the cars for the procession. The memorial service will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. with the procession to the picnic at Peck Park; for more information call Angel Blanco at 562-244-6570.

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. Members who are unable to meet with him on those days may still call and/or make appointments for his office on Western Avenue in San Pedro at (310) 833-5144. July dates are the 10th and 24th. Please call the Local 63 Business Office for either of these dates to make an appt between his hours of 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. *Appointment times fill up quickly, calling in advance is recommended.*

HEALTH BENEFITS EDUCATION WORKSHOP – Local 13 in conjunction with our So. California Welfare Director will be hosting a workshop on how to read an EOB and understand the appeal process for the Benefit Plan for all Southern California Locals. This workshop will take place on July 17th from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the ILWU Memorial Hall located at 231 West “C” Street in Wilmington. This workshop will NOT be a forum to discuss individual problematic claims or collective levels and any disruptive discussion will not be tolerated.

SUPERCARGO & 30% ISSUES MEETINGS – Effective April 3rd and until further notice these monthly meetings will be held from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Harry Bridges Institute (Ste. 209) prior to the Regular Membership Meetings.

CLARIFICATION FOR WORKING RULE P-15 – SUPERCARGO QUALIFIES FOR CREDIT - “Any marine clerk who volunteers for any 30% jobs on the day side may use that job for credit toward qualifying for Key or Basic”. *Clarification:* when working as a Supercargo each day (initial starts and comebacks) may be counted toward Key and Basic qualifying.

TWIC CARDS – The TWIC office has now re-opened. Please check the date on your card; do not allow your card to expire and lose valuable work days unnecessarily.

ONGOING DESMOND BRIDGE CLOSURES – As preparation for the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project, the contractor closed the southbound I-710 freeway to westbound Ocean Blvd. connector ramp as of May 10th. The connector will be demolished to clear a path for the new bridge foundations. The closure will remain in effect for approximately 30-months until the new bridge and approach structures are constructed. Updates and details can always be found on the project website at www.newgdbridge.com.

REMINDER TO ALL CLERKS – PCMSC Rule 907 – “A vehicle operator shall carry out the following procedures: set brakes and shut off motor when leaving vehicle”. Recently there have been issues with trucks coming out of gear when parked but left running and have resulted in serious yet avoidable injuries. **NEVER** leave your truck with the engine running; **ALWAYS** shut the engine off.

PMA VISITOR PARKING FEE – The Officers have been informed that effective May 1st, visitors parking at the Molina Center when conducting business with PMA will no longer be able to pay with a credit card/debit card; only cash will be accepted as payment for parking in this structure.

ATTENTION MEMBERS - It is imperative that your contact information is up to date in the Business Office. The Staff recently sent out a form requesting personal updates for all of our members but not everyone has complied. We are nearing the end of our current contract; should the need arise the ability to reach our members with vital information will be imperative.

BATTLESHIP IOWA DISCOUNT TICKETS – Tickets are available online for 25% off the regular price of admission exclusively for ILWU members. Members may go to www.tickets.pacificbattleship.com and type in ILWU Local 63 for the company/organization name; and ILWU as the store name. Battleship IOWA and Queen Mary combo packages are also available.

ILWU SO. CALIFORNINA “WALK THE COAST” FUNDRAISERS - Due to contract negotiations, *Walk the Coast* in Los Angeles will be concentrating on their annual Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament which will take place on Thursday, August 14th at the Normandie Casino, 1045 W. Rosecrans Avenue in Gardena. To register, please call Bro. Sidro Felix (L. 13) at 310-972-9772. Entry fee is \$75 and the first 100 registrants will receive a free event t-shirt. Player check-in will begin at 6 p.m. and cards will be in the air at 7 p.m. Players do not need to be experts to play. For the past 2-years this fun event has raised thousands of dollars for the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

ILWU Local 46 will hold its *Walk the Coast* event in Port Hueneme on Saturday, August 9th which will include an ocean-view walk that will begin at 10 a.m. from the Dorrill B. Wright Cultural Center and end at the historical lighthouse on the Promenade with a BBQ and live entertainment. Registration for the walk is \$25 which will cover the walk, BBQ, entertainment and event t-shirt. Pre-registration is preferred, please contact Bro. Jesse Ramirez (L. 46) at 805-490-1678.

Members preferring just to donate to this worthy cause may go to www.ilwuwalkthecoast.org. Let's all join in the fight against Cancer!!