

INTERNATIONAL
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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA 90731

BULLETIN – MAY/JUNE 2012

MICHAEL A. PODUE

PRESIDENT

MEETINGS – June 21, 2012 – Thursday - 6:00 p.m. – 2nd Shift Stop Work Membership Meeting

June 13, 2012 – Wednesday - 6:30 p.m. – So. California District Council Meeting

June 19, 2012 – Tuesday - 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting

June 21, 2012 – Thursday - 5:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting

June 21, 2012 – Thursday – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

**Due to the Convention/Caucus, the Membership Meeting for the month of June will be changed to the above noted date; this will also change the Executive Board meeting time (see above). Additionally, due to the July 4th and 5th holidays, the July Membership meeting will be held on July 12th as a 2nd Shift Stop Work Meeting.*

The Business Office will be closed on Monday, May 28th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, MAY 28TH – MEMORIAL DAY – is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2011. 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, or Friday, May 29th, 30th, 31st, or June 1st). If you worked less than 1300 hours 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 2011 are entitled to receive or file claims for paid holidays.*

WELFARE PLAN OPEN ENROLLMENT – Any active or retired member who wishes to change his/her medical and/or dental plan may do so during the month of May by completing the appropriate form(s) in the Business Office; the change will then take effect on July 1st. This enrollment month is in addition to one (1) month of the member's choice during the year who may wish to change their medical and/or dental coverage(s).

ILWU SCHOLARSHIPS – The list of schools that have scholarship applications available to graduating students is posted on the Local's website. Each school has its own application and selection process; for additional information check the website.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will be present on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month 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. The Kaiser representative will be available on May 24th from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; the DHS representative will be in attendance on June 14th.

30% MARINE CLERKS MEETING – Due to the Convention/Caucus, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27th at Noon and 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the day and night shifts (light meals will be served). The meeting will continue the roundtable discussion and prioritize an action list of various goals in both sessions.

PENSION QUALIFYING YEARS – The annual Pension Status Reports were mailed to members from the Benefit Plans Office this past March. For those members who had less than 800 hours in any year(s) prior to 2007, were on state disability during that year(s) and HAVE NOT already filed a claim with the Benefit Plans, please see Filomena Peyton in the Business Office. Members *may* receive up to an additional 200 hours with the appropriate medical documentation to help them qualify for a good pension year if they have not already filed a claim for that year.

25TH ANNIVERSARY ILWU/PROPELLER CLUB SEAFOOD FEAST – This year’s event is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Ports O’ Call’s San Pedro Fish Market. Tickets are \$40 per person in advance and will be available in the Local 63 Business Office. No children under the age of 16 are admitted to this event. All proceeds go to the ILWU/Propeller Club Memorial Scholarship Fund which will assist local high school seniors entering college.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARINE CLERKS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – This October, our Local will be celebrating an important milestone. The Officers are calling on all active and retired Marine Clerks to check their photo collections for photos of Marine Clerks on the job and/or at the Hall regardless of time period. These photos may also include Marine Clerks at important charitable or political events. Please bring these photos to the Business Office for the attention of President Podue. Photos may be donated to the Local or returned to after reproduction based upon request. Please identify the individuals in the photo(s), the location and approximate time period, whenever possible. Questions may be directed to President Podue or Director of Administration, Robert Maynez at the Business Office (310) 521-6363. This celebration is slated to be a most memorable one, more info to follow!

26TH ANNUAL BLOODY THURSDAY BOWLING TOURNAMENT – will be held on Wednesday, June 27th at Palos Verdes Bowl located at 24600 Crenshaw Blvd. in Torrance. Entry fee is \$40 and includes a t-shirt, prize money & lane fees. Interested members may contact Rosa Golden at (310) 930-3420.

29TH ANNUAL BLOODY THURSDAY HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT – will be held on Friday, June 29th at Peck Park in San Pedro. Entry fee is \$50.00 per team with a 70 team limit and registration begins at 8:00 a.m. for a 9:00 a.m. start. Interested members may contact Jesse Lopez at (562) 743-4542.

ILWU WALK THE COAST – SATURDAY, AUGUST 11 – Per ILWU Longshore Division Caucus action, the Longshore Division Locals, coastwise, will be holding annual fundraising events on the second Saturday of August, in an effort to combat various forms of cancer. This year’s event, entitled “ILWU Walk the Coast,” will be held on Saturday, August 11th and will benefit Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation (fundraising events in Los Angeles and Oakland) and the Pancreatic Action Cancer Network (fundraising event in the Northwest). At this year’s inaugural event, ILWU Locals 13, 63 and 94 will host a fundraising event for Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation, which raises funds for research projects to find cures for childhood cancers. This year’s event will be held at the SSA Outer Harbor 54/55 warehouse with all donations going directly to the Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation. This free event is open to the community and will include music, food, and entertainment for the whole family, including a short, family-friendly walk. “ILWU Walk the Coast” is seeking volunteers to assist in various areas such as entertainment, decorations/signage, media, traffic control, information table, silent auction, etc. Any member from Local 63 who would like to volunteer to help with this 1st annual event, please contact Robert Maynez at (310) 521-6363 x 13 or email at rmaynez@ilwu63.net.

RULE REMINDERS - The Officers have again received numerous complaints on the following PCMSC Rules and remind members to report the following issues to their immediate supervisors on the job to avoid complaints being filed against them for not reporting.

Duties of Employees:

Rule 602: An injury of any kind, irrespective of its severity, shall be reported immediately to the foreman, walking boss, or man in charge of operations, by the injured person, if they are physically able to do so. If not, the injury shall be reported by any other person in possession of the facts.

A Vehicle Operator shall carry out the following duties:

Rule 901: Shall test brakes, shifting mechanisms, accelerator mechanisms, windshield wipers, steering gear, warning safety lights, horn and, where equipped, seat belts and mechanisms for raising, lowering and tilting before starting work. Upon completion of the inspection, the vehicle operator shall immediately report any defects to the foreman, walking boss or other employer representative on the job, who shall act promptly to correct the defect in the gear, vehicle, machinery or any unsafe working condition.

APRIL’S “ASK” END OF THE BULLETIN – “Looks as if you could use the assistance of a Marine Clerk”, which Chief Supervisor, at which dock, uses this polite manner of maintaining our jurisdiction? **Answer: Judy Ardron.**