

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

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BULLETIN – NOVEMBER 2009

Happy Thanksgiving!!

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PRESIDENT

MEETINGS – November 5, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting
 November 11, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. – District Council Meeting
 November 12, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting
 November 18, 2009 – 12 Noon – Promotion Committee Meeting
 November 19, 2009 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting



NOMINATIONS OPEN – OCTOBER 15 – NOVEMBER 16, 2009 – For the following offices: President/BA; Vice-President/BA; Sergeant-at-Arms (1); Board of Trustees (3); Executive Board (11); Labor Relations Committee (1); Grievance Committee (20); Promotions Committee (3); Dispatchers (4); Caucus/Convention Delegate (5). Election shall be by referendum ballot, mailed no later than November 24, 2009. Postmark deadline for return of ballot shall be midnight, December 9, 2009 or turned into the Business Office by 5:00 p.m. on December 9, 2009. Results will be posted by 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2009. **Please note that the Officers and Executive Board have extended the nomination period by one (1) day due to the official closing date falling on a Sunday this year.*

NOMINATION PROCEDURES - A member filing for office must have dues paid up to the current month, and must show eighteen (18) months continuous membership in the Local. Any member desiring to be a candidate for any office in the Local shall secure from the Business Office a printed form which he/she shall properly fill out designating the office to which he/she aspires and containing the signatures of ten (10) members in good standing. To be eligible to run for any office or committee, one must have attended six (6) Membership Meetings within the year preceding the regular election for the December ballot. The **Business Office** will fill out the top portion of the nominating form to designate the office the member seeks to hold at the time the form is issued. A nominating form circulated and signed before the office is designated is not valid. Members who obtain signatures on blank nominating forms or who change the office sought after the signatures have been obtained will be disqualified from running. The Business Office will issue each potential candidate a separate nominating form for each office the member is considering running for. A member who is unsure which office he/she plans to file for should complete a separate form for each potential office. **However, under Article IV, Section 1(F) of the Constitution, members may only file for one (1) office excluding the office of Convention/Caucus Delegate. Further, a member filing for the office of President or Vice President may also file for Executive Board.** Once a member has submitted a nominating petition to the Business Office, that petition will not be returned to the candidate for any reason. A member who has filed a valid nominating petition for an office may only withdraw his/her name from candidacy for that office by submitting a notice of intent to withdraw from candidacy *in writing* to the Business Office before the ballot is printed and mailed.

THANK YOU TO THE SAMOA DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEERS – The Local 63 Officers would like to thank all of the ILWU members, and especially the Local 63 members, who stepped up and volunteered their time on October 14 to load 15 containers of dry foods, medicine, blankets, and other essential items onto the vessel “Cap Tapaga” for the tsunami victims in the Samoa Islands. These selfless efforts reflected well on Locals 13, 63 and 94. For more information on helping, please see www.ilwu63.net.

BUSINESS OFFICE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE – The business office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th in observance of the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

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PAID HOLIDAY –WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th, VETERANS' DAY – is a normal work day and an automatic holiday if you worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over). If you did not, you must be available to work at least two of the five days exclusive of the holiday date, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Friday, November 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th.

PAID HOLIDAY – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH, THANKSGIVING DAY – is a no work holiday. You must be available to work at least four days, exclusive of the holiday date, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday, November 23rd, 24th, 25th, or 27th. If you are off work on a disability, you must submit written medical verification covering you for the appropriate time in order to have the business office file a claim on your behalf. Please note that only those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2007 are eligible to receive or file for holiday claims.

INTERIM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – The Trustees of the ILWU-PMA Welfare and Pension Plans have appointed Tony Sogliuzzo, #35032, as Interim Area Welfare Director in Southern California while Ron Costa is on a leave. Mr. Sogliuzzo will serve in this interim position from October 5, 2009 through November 27, 2009. The address and telephone number of the Area Welfare Director's office remain the same: 28924 S. Western Ave., Ste. 202, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275, telephone (310) 833-5144.

12TH ANNUAL "FEED THE COMMUNITY" DAY – This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, November 24th at the ILWU Memorial Hall in Wilmington from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The goal this year is to feed 1,500 families for Thanksgiving with each basket capable of feeding up to 10 people. Donations can be made at the ILWU Local 13 dues office or mailed to Local 13 at 320 Golden Shore Drive, Suite 300, Long Beach, CA., 90802. Checks may be made payable to ILWU, Local 13 with "Thanksgiving Event" written in the memo section. Volunteers are needed for Monday, November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the ILWU Memorial Hall for the prepping of the baskets and on Tuesday, November 24th from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the ILWU Memorial Hall for the distribution of the baskets. For more information, please contact Local 13 member, Lisa Tonson at (310) 266-9973.

LAST PAYROLL/VACATION DATE – The last day for payroll and 2009 vacation is Friday, December 25th. All vacations earned must be completed by this date for credit to be applied to 2009. It is **extremely** important that members remember to post their vacation hours on the **front** of their work cards in addition to the inside of the card to be assured of receiving accurate vacation credit; and although vacation may be taken as either 5 to 7 days, vacations may only be applied for credit in increments of 40 hours (i.e. 40 hrs = 1 week, 80 hrs = 2 weeks, etc.).

INJURIES AND ACCIDENTS ON THE JOB INVOLVING MARINE CLERKS: We would like to remind the membership that the Pacific Coast Marine Safety Code Rule 602 requires that you contact the person in charge of the operation immediately following an injury of any kind on the job. In the case of accident or injury involving a Marine Clerk, you need to contact your Marine Clerk Supervisor or Supercargo. Marine Clerk Supervisors and Supercargoes are required to notify the Business Agent in such cases: Day Business Agent (310-345-1448) and Night Business Agent (310-345-1449). Do not speak to Management involving the facts and circumstances of the accident until a Local 63 Officer is present.

ILWU TWIC UPDATE – The Coast Committee has responded to PMA's announced plan to participate in a TWIC test reader pilot program, whereby ILWU workers would need to swipe their TWIC cards in order to enter the terminal. The following Employers have announced their intention to participate in this program: in Los Angeles, APL; in Long Beach, Total Terminals International, SSA, and Metropolitan Stevedoring. In a recent response to PMA's plan, the Coast Committee has demanded to bargain over these issues before the TWIC reader pilot project is implemented. We will keep the membership updated as this issue develops.

OCTOBER 30 ACTION IN SUPPORT OF ILWU RITE AID WORKERS – The ILWU's Organizing department is planning rallies on October 30th, to support the ILWU's efforts to secure the Rite Aid workers' first collective bargaining agreement. For more information on how to participate, please call Peter Olney, ILWU Organizing Director, at 415-775-0533 ext. 220.