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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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JAMES C. SPINOSA
PRESIDENT

BULLETIN – JUNE 2009

MEETINGS – June 4, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. – Membership Meeting
 June 9, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting
 June 10, 2009 – 6:30 p.m. – District Council Meeting
 June 17, 2009 – 12 Noon – Promotions Committee Meeting
 June 18, 2009 – 5:30 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

**The Business Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.*

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, MAY 25TH – MEMORIAL DAY – is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 if age 60 or over) in 2008. For those members who did not meet the automatic requirements, you must be available for work at least two of the four days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, May 26th – 29th) or submit written medical documentation covering the dates of the holiday week Monday through Friday, May 25th – 29th if on disability status. Only those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in 2008 are entitled to receive or file claims for paid holidays.

UNFILLED OFFICES – Any member interested in occupying a position on the Grievance Committee or Board of Trustees for a six-month term should contact Vice President Mascola. There are currently 15 unfilled Grievance Committee and 2 unfilled Board of Trustees positions. These positions will take effect on July 1st with the other offices on the ballot.

PMA ATTACKS LOCAL 63 DISPATCH HALL – PMA has notified Local 63 that it plans to move an issue to arbitration next week. Should they win, it will dramatically change the way we have dispatched our members for over 50 years. In this latest attack against the Union, PMA wants to throw out our decades old practice of dispatching our members by the “low man out” principle. Rather, they want to replace it with a new method, which they have devised, that would allow clerks who are scheduled for work for CWOG purposes to get a job in front of another clerk who is scheduled off for CWOG purposes, regardless of hours. They also want Steady clerks to be dispatched in the flow rather than going out on the Steady Board after Hall clerks are dispatched. For example, this would mean that a Hall clerk who checks in on ten (10) hours on a Saturday and is currently scheduled for CWOG purposes for Monday – Friday, would be offered a job after a Hall or Steady clerk on 150 hours who is scheduled to work on Saturday. This completely violates our joint working rules and the past practice in this port. Local 63 is prepared to aggressively defend this attack by our employers. As of the writing of this bulletin, this issue is scheduled for arbitration on Thursday, May 28th at 9:00 a.m. at PMA office in Long Beach.

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LOCAL 63 WEBSITE INFORMATION – Please check the website regularly to receive the most up-to-date information pertaining to issues affecting the Local. All arbitrations and LRC meeting dates, times and locations are also posted. These meetings (except Section 13.2) are open and interested Local 63 members are invited to attend these meetings. The website address is www.ilwu63.org.

REMINDER OF PMA IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 8.34 – Please note that PMA is now enforcing Section 8.34 of the Contract which states that members MUST work a minimum of one (1) shift per month unless they are on disability or an official leave of absence approved through the JPLRC or risk possible deregistration. Therefore, **in addition** to members on disability providing the Business Office with medical documentation, **they must ALSO provide PMA with written medical documentation covering their absence from the industry.** This may either be done in person at PMA's office – 300 Oceangate, 12th Floor, Long Beach or via U.S. mail to their mailing address – P.O. Box 21618, Long Beach, CA. 90801-4443. Please note that they do not accept faxed copies.

PCMSC REMINDER – All marine clerks are to observe all rules in the PCMSC. At this time, we are dealing with too many complaints regarding marine clerks not obeying the posted traffic signs at the various terminals. We have had several firings due to marine clerks not stopping at the stop signs. Please refer to Section 9 of the Safety Book and specifically Rules 904, 905, 909, and 910 of the PCMSC.

26TH ANNUAL BLOODY THURSDAY HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT – This year's event is set for June 19th at Wilhall Park in Wilmington beginning at 8:00 a.m. Cost is \$60 per team and once 70 teams have been registered it will be closed to additional sign-ups. Please contact Local 13 Day Dispatcher, Jesse Lopez at (562) 743-4642.

ILWU WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT – This year's event is set for June 14th. The deadline for registering to participate in this year's event is May 31st. The tournament is open to female members from Locals 13 and 63 and casuals. Those interested may contact Catrina Robles at (310) 367-2206.

TOBERMAN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER – The Center's annual donor drive begins in May and help is needed more than ever. Toberman has assisted low-income individuals and families for over a century and provides social services in the Harbor Area helping them move from poverty to self-sufficiency. Any financial assistance is welcomed and may be forwarded to 131 North Grand Avenue, San Pedro, CA. 90731 or by telephoning (310) 832-1145.