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MARINE CLERKS ASSOCIATION
LOCAL 63 LOS ANGELES and LONG BEACH HARBORS

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PRESIDENT

BULLETIN – MAY 2019

MEETINGS: May 2, 2019 – Thursday – 6:00 p.m. – Regular Membership Meeting (Hall)
 May 8, 2019 – Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. – So. Cal. District Council Meeting (Ste. 204)
 May 15, 2019 – Wednesday – 9:30 a.m. – Regular Clerks LRC Meeting (Ste. 204)
 May 15, 2019 – Wednesday – 12:00 p.m. – Board of Trustees (Ste. 200)
 May 16, 2019 – Thursday – 12:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting (Ste. 200)
 May 21, 2019 – Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – ADA Meeting (PMA)
 May 21, 2019 – Tuesday – 2:00 p.m. – Grievance Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)
 May 28, 2019 – Tuesday – 12:00 p.m. – Promotions Committee Meeting (Ste. 204)

Locals 13 & 94 will hold a Stop Work Membership Meeting on May 2nd

**THE BUSINESS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 27th
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

NOMINATIONS OPEN APRIL 1st – MAY 1st – All nomination forms must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the cut-off day, Wednesday, May 1st, for the following offices: Secretary/BA, Day Business Agent/Patrolman, Dispatcher (4), Board of Trustees (3) six-month term, Grievance Committee (16) six-month term, Memorial Association (7), Promotions Committee (4) six-month term.

PAID HOLIDAY – MONDAY, MAY 27, 2019 – MEMORIAL DAY – Is an automatic holiday for those members who worked at least 1300 hours (1200 hours if age 60 or over) in 2018. Those members who worked at least 800 hours (700 hours if age 60 or over) but less than 1300 must work two (2) of the four (4) days that week exclusive of the holiday: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday - May 28th, May 29th, May 30th, or May 31st, to qualify for the paid holiday, or if out on disability during that week, they must request that the Business office file a holiday claim on their behalf with the appropriate medical documentation covering them for that week. *Remember, only members who **worked** at least 800 hours (700 if age 60 or over) in the previous year, are entitled to file a holiday claim or receive holiday pay.*

ANNUAL HEALTH PLAN CHOICE PERIOD – for eligible active and retired longshoremen is taking place during the month of May for Plan changes effective July 1, 2019. In addition to the May health plan choice period, eligible members may change their medical and/or dental plans once at any time during the Plan Year. Choice Forms, enrollment applications and summary plan descriptions for medical and/or dental plans are available in the Business Office. Forms must be completed by the Member and submitted to the Benefit Plans Office as soon as possible and no later than May 31st to ensure timely notification to the medical plans before the July 1st effective date.

PENSION WORKSHOP – Retiring soon? Your ILWU-PMA Area Welfare Director, Sam Alvarado will be holding a very informative Pension Seminar for Locals 63 and 94 members at the Local 63 Dispatch Hall on Friday, May 3rd, from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Please plan to attend as he will provide important retirement information on how you qualify, how to apply, welfare coverage after retirement, Medicare Part B, and explain “The Bridge” and “The Window”.

MESSAGE FROM LOCAL 63 BUSINESS AGENTS - Protect Our Jurisdiction. We are all aware that the different computer systems being used on the terminals do not always work. Many times, UTR's do not get messages due to connectivity issues and/or problems with container numbers. Please do not receive or ask equipment operators for container numbers or container positions over the radio, this is clerk work!

DOUBLE BACK – The following motion was voted on and passed at the April 4th Membership Meeting: *A member must have a zero balance on their account with the Local in order to Double Back.* This will go into effect on Saturday, May 4th so please have your account in order prior to this date.

32nd ANNUAL ILWU/PROPELLER CLUB SEAFOOD FEAST – The Annual Seafood Feast and Scholarship Fundraiser will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the San Pedro Fish Market (Ports O' Call) Berth 78, in San Pedro. Tickets are \$60.00 per person in advance and you can register online at: www.propellerclubalb.org or call: (714) 316-5269, for more information. (No children under 16 admitted.) The ILWU/Propeller Club Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to honor the memory of longshore workers who have lost their lives working on the waterfront, and fund scholarships to local high school seniors entering college.

FIRST BLOOD MEMORIAL PROGRAM – The ILWU Southern California Pensioners will once again be holding their annual “First Blood” ceremony on Wednesday, May 15th at 12:00 noon. This event honors all those brothers and sisters who lost their lives while working on the waterfront here in Southern California. There will be a short 1 hour presentation held at the Harry Bridges Bust located on Harbor Blvd. between 5th and 6th Streets in San Pedro. All members, family and friends are welcomed and encouraged to attend and join the ILWU family to remember those we have lost throughout the years.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB 14th ANNUAL ILWU/PMA LUNCHEON – Each year, the ILWU and PMA come together to raise money to support the Boys and Girls Clubs of Los Angeles Harbor. The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Los Angeles Harbor does an outstanding job serving over 9,500 at-risk youth annually with the most comprehensive child development programming possible. This non-profit must fundraise all the money needed to operate 13 sites in the Harbor area and sponsor such successful programs as “College Bound,” which provides daily college pathway support services to over 2,200 harbor youth each year. This year’s event will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, June 14, 2019, at the L.A. Harbor Boys & Girls Club located at 100 West 5th Street in San Pedro. Our Special Guest Speaker will be Marc Brown, Co-anchor for ABC 7 Eyewitness News.

WELFARE CLAIMS – Members who did not work the required number of hours to qualify for Welfare Plan benefits to continue beyond June 30, 2019, will receive written notification from the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans that a welfare claim must be submitted. The Local will not automatically submit a claim for you. You **must** call or come into the Business Office to request a claim be submitted. It is your responsibility to provide the necessary information and request that a Welfare Claim be processed on your behalf. To ensure that you do not lose coverage on July 1, 2019, the ILWU/PMA Benefit Plans office must receive your completed claim no later than May 31, 2019. Please call the Local 63 Business Office if you have any questions: (310) 521-6363.

VACATION CLAIMS – Members who did not work the required number of hours to qualify for all or part of their vacation payment due to disability status in 2018 must contact the Business office to request a claim be submitted on their behalf. May 17th, 2019, is the final deadline for an approved claim payment on June 7th, 2019. Any questions regarding a denial of this claim must be directed to Betty Pleas at PMA’s Long Beach office.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REMINDER - 1) All members are responsible for calling their own Replacement for comebacks on a double-back. Please refer to Rule GW-33 which states: Any Clerk on a mandatory comeback, who doesn’t wish to comeback on a key ship job such as Supercargo, Floor Runner, Car Runner, must call his own replacement through the hall and take the following day off. Additionally, your Reap must be called in a timely manner; Day Shift cutoff time is 5:30 a.m.; Night Shift cutoff time is 1:30 p.m. Failure to do so may result in being cited to the Grievance Committee and a fine. 2) Supercargoes and Chief Supervisors must inform members what payroll hours they will receive for that particular shift for check-in purposes. Any changes made after the fact must be communicated to the members in a timely manner.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA WELFARE DIRECTOR – Sam Alvarado will be present at the Local 63 Business office on **Tuesday, May 14th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., for any Local 63 members who need his services. Please call the Local 63 Business office ahead of time to schedule your appointment. **Appointment times fill up quickly, scheduling in advance is recommended.* Local 63 Members who are unable to meet with Mr. Alvarado on this date may still call and/or make appointments at his office located in R.P.V. at: 28924 S. Western Avenue, Suite #202, by directly calling the office and speaking to his assistant, Olivia at: (310) 833-5144.

NO PARKING IN FIRE LANES – We continue to receive Employer Complaints on members who park their vehicles in the Fire Lanes at the end of their shifts. As per Section 9 of the Safety Code: There is NO parking in Fire Lanes and windows must be rolled up at the end of each shift.