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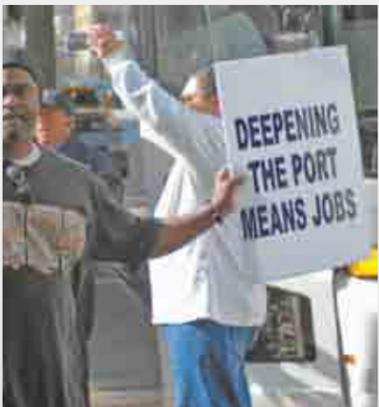
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The LA City Council voted to continue the harbor deepening project without delay. ILWU members packed the council meeting to stand in support of the dredging which will protect thousands of jobs in the harbor community. [page 5](#)



**Radical!** Skaters at "Third and Army" pose with ILWU pensioner Bill Ward (third from left) and Don Watson (second from right) in front of the Copra Crane at Islais Creek. Ward and Watson have led efforts to save the crane and create a museum honoring waterfront workers.

## Group working to preserve crane at San Francisco's Islais Creek reaches out to area youth

**P**ier 84 at San Francisco's Islais Creek is home to an aging crane that a coalition of environmentalists and labor groups are trying to preserve. It is the last remaining piece of machinery in the Port of San Francisco that was hand-operated by longshoremen working bulk cargo. Local skateboarders, however, know this place as "Third and Army" (Army Street has been renamed Cesar Chavez St.) and it is one of the most popular skateboarding locations in the country. It has been featured in Tony Hawk skateboarding video games and skaters travel from all over the world just to skate there.

Though now a place of recreation, this place was where ILWU members labored—loading and processing dried coconut or "copra" that was imported from the Philippines. For several decades, Local 10 longshoremen unloaded the copra from ships which was processed by Local 6

members in a nearby facility and used in a range of products—from coconut oil to soap, and movie theater popcorn "butter."

"There was a lot of sweating that went on here—a lot of production," said ILWU pensioner Bill Ward who

also serves as the President of the Copra Crane Landmark Association (CCLA), a coalition of labor and environmental groups racing to preserve the 5-story crane so that it can serve as a symbol for the working class of San Francisco.

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## LETTERS TO THE DISPATCHER

*Dear Editor,*

Local 19 held its elections for the 2011 term of office and the following individuals were elected to serve and represent Local 19. Could you please include this information in the upcoming issue of the *Dispatcher*?

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Thank you for publishing this information,

Fraternally,

**ILWU Local #19**

**Cameron Williams, Local 19, President  
 Seattle, WA**

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 San Francisco, CA 94109-6800 or email to [editor@ilwu.org](mailto:editor@ilwu.org)

*Dear Editor,*

This letter cannot say enough to thank all the brothers and sisters that helped with our struggle with U.S. Borax/Rio Tinto during the months of our contract negotiations which ultimately led to a lockout in 2010. I and many Local 30 members were impressed with how the International stepped up and helped us tremendously with organizing events locally and around the world. This put Boron on the map for many years to come and set an example for all labor unions to have hope for their union to take on giants such as Rio Tinto and have positive results as we did. It is people like you that give a slither of hope that union members will always survive due to their tenacity to hang in there and listen to their leadership in how to battle the enemy.

I personally want to thank the International officers for setting up our relief fund through the L.A. County Federation of Labor which helped many Local 30 members get money to help pay needy bills such as medical insurance and utility bills or other needs. The food drive was a tremendous help as well which fed a lot of members for that dreadful 3 and a half months we were locked out. I'm sure talking with brother Bruce Wade of the International Executive Board that they played an important role in spreading the word across the states in our need for support and help.

Our local personally thanks all the other locals for stepping up and donating money from their paychecks and personal donations for times that were hard during that period of time when the economy was in a recession. We personally thank all the countries around the world for their support in fighting and standing up against Rio Tinto and helping us win global support.

Lastly I want to thank President Bob McEllrath for his strong leadership getting this agreement finalized and getting us back to work and ending the lockout for all members of Local 30. I would also like to thank Ray Familathe and Willie Adams for their continuous support throughout this ordeal, for all their leadership skills at our

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### CORRECTIONS AND OMISSIONS

In the January *Dispatcher*, ILWU pensioner Sal Colla, pictured with International President Bob McEllrath, was misidentified. We apologize for the error.

## Local 30 members mark lockout anniversary in Boron

**D**ozens of Local 30 members gathered on a cold evening outside Rio Tinto's main gate to mark the one year anniversary of the 2010 lockout that began last year on January 31st.

Members offered their thoughts as it grew dark, making it difficult to see who was speaking, although several held candles to honor the many vigils and rallies that took place at "the line" outside the gate. "It was those union brothers and sisters from around the country and around the world came to help us out with food, money, and support", said one member. Another said, "We need to remember that the more

unity we have, the stronger we are. If Rio-Tinto had their druthers, everyone standing here would be done." Others went on to say that they're glad the lockout is over, but that tension remains inside the plant and that the struggle continues each day at the mine.

The lockout of 560 members and families lasted three and a half months until a settlement was approved by workers on May 17, 2010. Rio Tinto was forced to negotiate because of unity and support in the high desert communities and from solidarity that came from workers and unions around the world.

— Patti Orr



Union members mark the anniversary of the 2010 lockout by Rio Tinto with a vigil.

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# Celebrating the Civil Rights and labor struggles of Martin Luther King

The ILWU has a long and proud tradition of fighting for civil rights. The membership has demanded a principled defense of civil rights and civil liberties for all workers, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or political point of view even when those stands were unpopular with the public. And from its beginnings, the ILWU was a racially integrated union.

ILWU locals up and down the coast celebrated the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at labor and community events commemorating Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Some of those events included:

ILWU Local 6 hosted the city's Martin Luther King celebration at their hall in Oakland, CA. A standing-room only crowd that represented the diversity of Oakland gathered to honor the legacy of Dr. King. Oakland Mayor Jean Quan, and Representative Barbara Lee were among the elected officials who spoke at the event.

ILWU members in San Francisco also celebrated Martin Luther King Day at a labor breakfast.

Twelve-year-old Francisco Gaskin, son of ILWU member Frank Gaskin spoke at the San Francisco breakfast. He compared the legacies of Martin Luther King Jr., and Harry Bridges. He talked about the longstanding support of ILWU Local 10 members to the civil rights struggle and to remember Martin Luther King, Jr., who was an honorary Local 10 member.

"Martin Luther King Jr. had a dream and Harry Bridges had a vision.

Harry Bridges was born in Australia. He came to America and changed the labor movement in San Francisco. Together Harry and Martin Luther King Jr. fought different fights, but the outcome was the same," Francisco said. "On September 21st 1967 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at a Local 10 membership meeting. Leo Robinson and Dave Stewart, Local 10 rank and filers passed a resolution for all international unions in their union contracts making Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday a paid Holiday. Local 10 adopted it as a contract caucus for the Longshore Caucus. The Longshore division gained Dr. King's Birthday as a paid holiday."

Southern California ILWU local members celebrated Dr. King on Friday, January 14, as the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor honored Alvin Turner and Baxter Leach at annual MLK Jr. Labor Breakfast. Turner and Leach are two former rank-and-file AFSCME Memphis sanitation workers and veterans of the historic 1968 Memphis sanitation strike where Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated.



Francisco Gaskin speaking about the legacies of Martin Luther King Jr. and Harry Bridges



(L-R) Danny Miranda, ILWU Local 94 President; Kamala Harris, CA Attorney General; JoJo Cortez, ILWU Local 13 President; Bobby Olvera, Jr., ILWU Local 13 Vice President; Maria Elena Durazo, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor.



The Local 6 hall in Oakland, CA was standing-room only.



ILWU members, pensioners, and their families at the San Francisco MLK Labor breakfast.

## Dutch dockers win pension victory two years after San Francisco Protest



Solidarity and determination to wage a long fight helped Dutch dockworkers (FNV Bondgenoten) to win back some of the benefits they lost when a giant insurance company, Aegon, tried to rip-off their pensions. On January 12, 2009, General Secretary Niek Stam brought a delegation of Dutch dockers to San Francisco where ILWU and Teamster members organized a protest outside the Transamerica pyramid building which was owned by Aegon. Almost 30,000 former port workers will see pension benefit increases of more than 13.5%. Another 18,000 pensioners will also receive benefit increases according to terms of a settlement reached two years after the protest in San Francisco.

ILWU Local 23  
125th Anniversary Celebration  
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# ICEM representatives meet in San Francisco; solidarity efforts for Berkeley Bayer workers, Local 20 Rio Tinto workers discussed

Representatives of the ICEM (International Federation of Chemical, Energy, Mine and General Workers' Unions) North America region met in San Francisco, CA on January 26-27th. In June 2010, at the ICEM North America region meeting, ILWU International Secretary Treasurer, Willie Adams, requested that the ILWU be allowed to host this meeting in San Francisco.

"Several important struggles going on right now fall under the ICEM jurisdiction—the upcoming negotiations for Local 6 workers at the Bayer pharmaceutical facility in Berkeley, CA, and negotiations for Local 20 Rio Tinto workers in July," Adams said. "The ICEM agreed to help us with those struggles."

The ICEM is a global federation of trade unions representing 467 indus-

trial unions in 132 countries with member unions representing over 20 million workers worldwide. Global federations such as these allow unions to collaborate across borders and find solutions to common problems through global solidarity and cooperation. The ICEM North America region meets twice a year.

**"We are dealing with global companies and we need global support"**

ICEM member unions represents workers employed in a wide range of industries, including energy, mining, chemicals and bioscience, pulp and paper, rubber, gems and jewelry, glass, ceramics, cement, environmental services and others. In recent years the ICEM has focused its efforts on the pharmaceutical industry.



Local 6 Bayer steward, Christian Sledge, speaks with Michael Mersmann, of the IGBCE, the union that represents Bayer workers in Germany, about issues at the Bayer facility in Berkeley, CA.

Special guests included Manfred Warda ICEM General Secretary, Andrew Vickers, CFMEU (Australia), Michael Mersmann, IGBCE (Germany) and Sergio Gonzales, National Union of General Tire Workers of Mexico (SNTGTM).

The ICEM representatives met with several workers from the Bayer

facility in Berkeley, CA over lunch to discuss issues and explore ways that cross-border solidarity could generate solutions to common problems.

Mike Diller, President of ILWU Local 20 was also on hand to discuss the upcoming contract negotiations that local will be having with global mining giant Rio Tinto later this year. ICEM representatives pledged their support to Local 20 to ensure that workers there get a fair contract.

A possible merger of the ICEM with the International Metalworkers' Federation (IMF) was also discussed at the meeting. Such a merger would create a global federation of over 45 million workers.

"We are dealing with global companies and we need global support," Adams said. "By participating in these federations we are broadening our base. ILWU members in Local 6 and Local 20 who are getting ready to go into negotiations with these multi-national companies know they aren't alone."



ICEM North America regions representatives meeting in San Francisco, CA

## Rite Aid workers reject company scheme to overcharge families for health benefits

Hundreds of Rite Aid workers at the company's giant Southwestern Distribution Center in Lancaster voted on Friday February 4th to send management a loud and clear message.

By a 98% margin, workers rejected a company contract proposal that flopped in the shop because it was loaded with lousy terms, including:

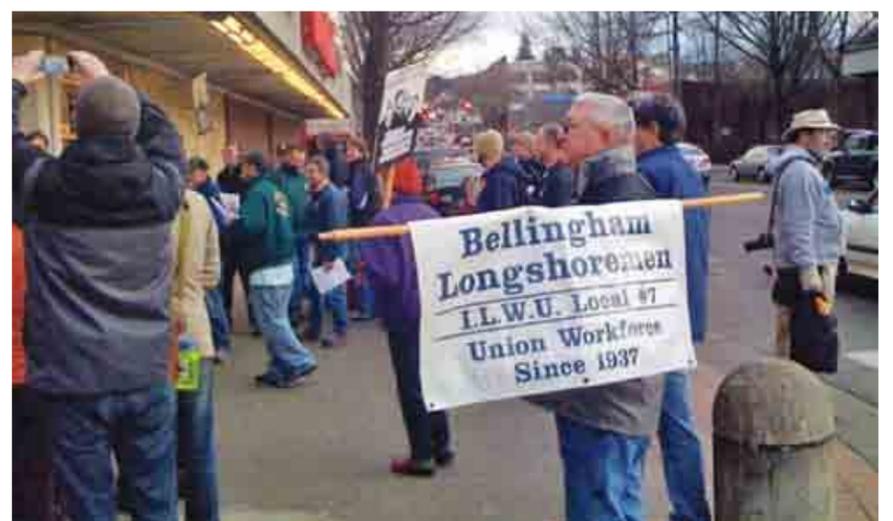
- Overcharging workers for health insurance up to 28 times over the increases being charged by health care providers.
- Offering only a skimpy 25 cent wage increase.
- Allowing the company to out-source jobs at any time.

Workers are formally notifying the company of the overwhelming turnout and rejection results, and expect management to respond by negotiating a more realistic contract proposal.

### Old problems are sparking unity and determination

Frustration inside the Distribution Center is growing because the company has failed to address other long-standing concerns, including compensation that is long overdue to almost 600 employees.

The problem started back in 2008 when Rite Aid violated the rights of 550 employees by sending them home early. Another 46 workers were illegally laid-off.



International Longshore and Warehouse Union participants in the Bellingham, WA action show their support for Rite Aid workers during the National Day of Action in December. Another national mobilization is planned around Valentine's Day.

Rite Aid was charged with violating federal labor laws by the National Labor Relations Board, and the company eventually promised to pay workers a total of \$830,000 – but workers have yet to see a penny of the money that they're owed.

It's hard for workers to understand why Rite Aid is refusing to pay them while CEO John Standley's

pay was recently raised from \$2.5 to \$4.5 million.

Anger over Rite Aid's refusal to pay workers for this settlement has been simmering in the Distribution Center for years. But Rite Aid's decision to boost the CEO's pay – while workers can't collect on their debts that the company promised to pay years ago – seems to be reaching a boiling point.

# Los Angeles City Council votes to continue with the Main Deepening Channel Dredging project

## Modernization of Port's infrastructure seen as vital to region's economy

The Southern California harbor area won a major victory on February 1st, when the Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to continue with the Main Deepening Channel Dredging project without delay.

The project was supported by many in the harbor area including the ILWU, the shipping industry and the Chamber of Commerce. The Port of Los Angeles stated that the harbor deepening project was vital to allow

access to super-sized container vessels and to ensure the Port of Los Angeles' keeps pace with changes in the shipping industry.

"Our core competitive advantage is to be able to handle these larger capacity vessels," said Jojo Cortez, President of ILWU Local 13, "This is our future, This directly impacts the future of our rank and file." Given the role of the Port's operations in the region's economy, the risks of potentially delaying the channel deepening project outweighed any other prospective projects on the table.



ILWU members standing in support of the harbor deepening project and save good jobs at the Port of LA.

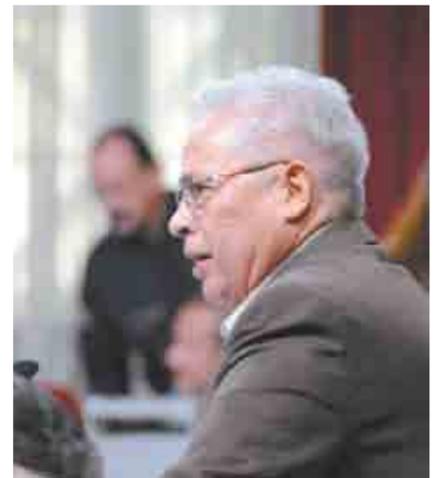
Port Officials have already received the necessary permits to dump dirt dredged from the Main Channel into a pair of unused slips at the Southwest Marine terminal. Any interruption of this project would have required the Port to find another place to store the soil which would have delayed the dredging project up to three years.

It was a victory for the ILWU and the entire economy of California. The Los Angeles City Council, the Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles Geraldine Knatz, and the Los Angeles Harbor Commission recognized the significance of the channel deepening project and upheld their decision to keep the project on schedule.

The best way for the ILWU to compete with today's rapidly increasing technological advances, is infrastructure. The channel deepening project will sustain thousands of jobs presently and for the future.



Southern California ILWU local members packed the house on Jan 28th in a subcommittee meeting of Los Angeles City Council. This was the last step before final vote at the Feb 1 Council meeting. In attendance along with rank and file members were JoJo Cortez ILWU Local 13 President, Danny Miranda, ILWU Local 94 President, Mondo Porras, ILWU Local 13 Sec.-Treas, Mike Trudeau, ILWU Local 94 Sec.-Treas, Rich Dines, Southern California District Council President.



ILWU Local 13 President JoJo Cortez spoke before the Los Angeles City Council.

## In it for Oakland

Now that the electoral victory in Oakland, CA has been won, the hard work for ILWU members is just beginning. Bay Area ILWU members continue to do their part working with the administration of Mayor Jean Quan to make Oakland a better place. ILWU members volunteered to help clean up the community of West Oakland and also turned out to a town hall meeting with Mayor Quan to lend their voice to help solve a range of issues from education, economic development, job creation, community safety, environmental concerns and issues around the Port of Oakland.



# Student activists rock Ohio with the ILWU

Over 250 student activists from dozens of college campuses across the country converged at the Ohio State University in Columbus for their annual conference in early February. The United Students Against Sweatshops (USAS) invited ILWU Vice President Ray Familathe to join them as a special guest.

USAS is an organization that corporations can't afford to ignore. Since forming in 1997, USAS has established affiliate groups on 150 campuses and racked-up an impressive record of wins against powerful corporations including Nike and Russell Athletic. In both those cases, USAS was instrumental in winning settlements for abused workers making their college-logo apparel.

"I went to congratulate these student activists for their work in the past, and thank them for their ongoing campaign to help Rite Aid workers," said International Vice President Ray Familathe who spent two days meeting with the students. Also on hand were ILWU Organizing Director Peter Olney and officials from the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 880 who represent Rite Aid workers around Cleveland, Ohio.

Familathe and the students weren't deterred by record-breaking snow-

storms and freezing temperatures that pounded the Midwest before the conference. The 250 activists began their meetings early in the morning and went late into the evening. They also found time to march in support of campus stadium workers on the Ohio State campus in Columbus who are fighting the giant Sodexo corporation for better wages, benefits, respect on the job, and union recognition.

When Familathe went to the podium, he told the students that he wanted to contact their parents and tell them how proud they should be for raising such hard-working children that want to make the world a better place. "What you're doing to help the Rite Aid workers is part of a bigger fight for justice and respect that has to keep moving forward with every generation," said Familathe, "and you're doing your part."

Familathe's speech was part of a panel that shared recent struggles by workers in the U.S. and abroad, including garment workers in Honduras and the Dominican Republic, along with campus workers at the Ohio State University and the College of William and Mary in Virginia.

Familathe outlined the Rite Aid campaign and the important role that students are now playing. "You mobilized across the country on December 15 to support of Rite Aid workers, and



ILWU VP Ray Familathe with LA-based USAS member Marcos Perez.

now you're rising up again to mobilize for actions on Valentine's Day." He praised the students for their willingness to take on long-term struggles and help workers in other countries.

Familathe noted that the ILWU also has a long history of supporting workers and communities in other lands. "Our slogan is 'An Injury to One is an Injury to All,' and we mean it. When Nike workers were organizing for justice in Honduras, the ILWU told Nike corporate that we load and unload your finished goods, and that we didn't like how they were treating workers who made the products."

In the Dominican Republic, USAS organizers are supporting Alta Gracia,

a factory that produces "sweat-free" clothing – made by union members – that can be sold on college campuses in the U.S. Also on hand were organizers from Honduras who worked with USAS activists to protect union members from government and corporate attacks.

"We respect the ILWU because you're our predecessors in international solidarity and have always reached out to stand with workers in other countries," said Teresa Cheng, USAS National Organizer. "We look forward to joining with you to support Rite Aid workers in Lancaster, Ohio, New Jersey and wherever workers are fighting for their rights."

# Group working to preserve crane at San Francisco's Islais Creek reaches out to area youth

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Ward, along with ILWU pensioner and CCLA Secretary Treasurer, Don Watson and labor historian Harvey Schwartz recently shared some of the history of the pier with a group of skaters in an effort to reach out to a younger generation and educate them on the history of the place they now use as a skate park.

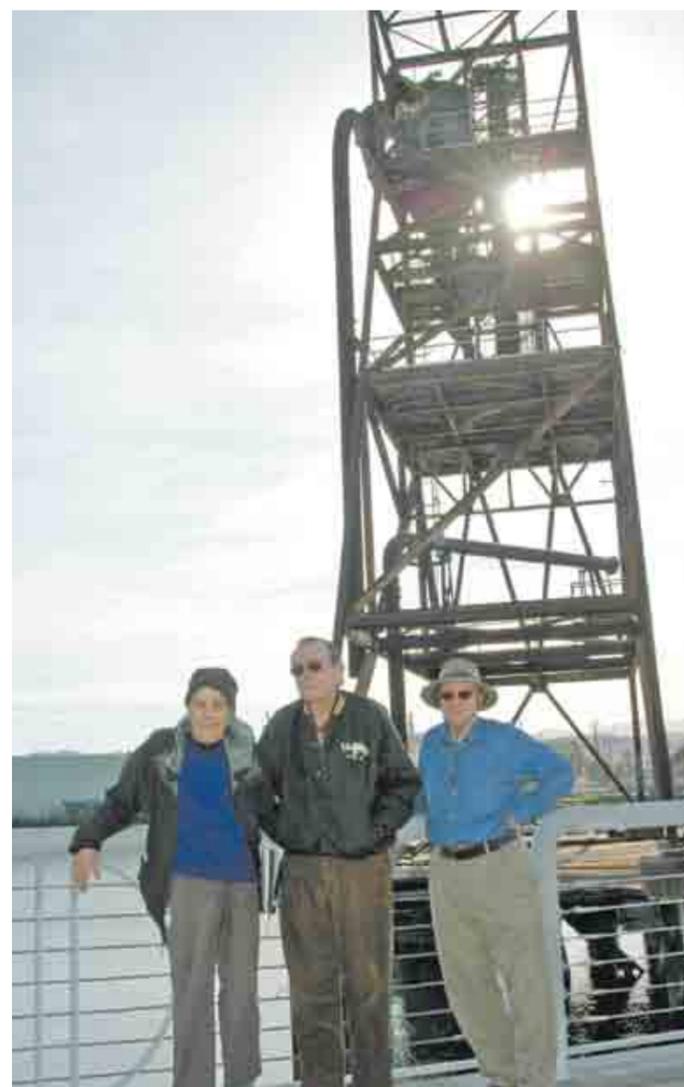
"A lot of skaters aren't really too focused on the history, but it's cool to know," said local skater James Michael Ryan. "It gives you a little more understanding of where you live. As you get older you start looking into this kind of stuff."

Plans to preserve the crane also include re-creating the Pier 84 Walking Boss shack which would serve as a mini-museum.

For more information on how you can help, contact the CCLA at 415-775-0533.



Don Watson watches local skater James Michael Ryan perform tricks on his board.



(L-R) Don Watson, Bill Ward and historian Harvey Schwartz in front of the copra crane at Islais creek.

# Lingering holiday spirit

The *Dispatcher* received several reports and photos about holiday donation efforts by ILWU locals that didn't arrive in time for the report on Page 3 of the January issue.

Local 21 members in Longview, WA donated \$1000 to their local "Community House" charity and approved another \$500 to help the Emergency Support Shelter in Kelso.

In addition to supporting a Toys-for-Tots drive in their community with local merchants and the Firefighters

Union, Local 10 members enjoyed a holiday celebration for children and families organized by the Bay Area Longshoremen's Memorial Association (BALMA). Entertainment at the event included clowns, face-painting, balloons, a sketch artist, and magic show. Over 300 kids and families enjoyed treats like cotton candy, churros, hot dogs, corn dogs and pizza. The Hall was transformed into a holiday wonderland by a talented team led by Beth Susim with Sabrina Giles, Joy Daniels, Ken Smith and Kelly Kane and many other volunteers.

The following day, BALMA helped with an annual holiday lunch sponsored by the Bay Area Pensioners. An extensive buffet with all the trimmings was enjoyed by hundreds of pensioners, friends and family.

"The recession has been extra-hard on casuals and their families, so we wanted to make sure they had a special holiday party this year," said BALMA President Frank Cresci. "And without our pensioners, none of us would be here."



Santa took time out of his busy holiday schedule to join the Local 10 party.



ILWU Local 10's holiday party included lots of entertainment for the kids.

Bay Area pensioners hosted a great holiday buffet.

# Local 502 Longshoremen make the difference for local food bank

The longshore brothers and sisters of local ILWU 502 in Surrey, British Columbia, came out to make a difference during the holiday season. Every year hundreds of pounds of food are collected at the union hall for the Surrey Food Bank. This year their initiative took a new turn. Along with the regular food drive they decided to embark on some extra fundraising to help those in need. Altogether they raised \$2660 for the food bank. These funds were collected by means of a 50/50 drawing and other unique ideas formulated by Union member Grant Tabin.

The generosity was further displayed when the winner of the draw, Sunny Grewal, donated all his win-

nings. The local's dispatcher Rocky Thompson also made a substantial contribution by personally donating \$300.

Every year the local's General Secretary Rob Ford and Business Agent Kenny O'Donnell help serve the annual Christmas dinner at the Legion. Unfortunately, this year they were not able to take part. Therefore, this second plan was embarked upon in addition to the food drive. Over the years various Longshoremen locals in the Vancouver area have raised thousands of dollars for the various food banks. This fundraising by Local 502 was in addition to the other regular programs. The food bank is thankful to all the brothers and sisters of Local 502 for their generosity.

In addition to the food bank Local 502 is regularly making contributions to local charities and fund raising events.



L-R) Grant Tabin (Asst. Dispatcher), Rocky Thompson (Dispatcher), Kelly Smith (Business Agent), Scott Morrison (Executive Committee), John "Johnny Canuck" Collins (Executive Committee & Retired ECCW Professional Wrestler) And Tim Farrell (ILWU 2nd VP) pose behind the Local 502 union flag.

# Workers and unions help topple Mubarak in Egypt



As the *Dispatcher* goes to press, it appears that workers in Egypt have played a decisive and under-reported role in helping topple Egyptian dictator Hosni Mubarak. Union members in textile plants, post offices, sanitation services and the Suez Canal organized job actions across the country on February 9th - the day before Mubarak announced his resignation. Journalists at the nation's most influential newspaper, Al Ahram, combined demands for better wages with insistence on more political independence. Five thousand unemployed youths stormed a government building in Aswan, 6,000 Suez Canal workers held a job action and 2,000 pharmaceutical workers in Quesna went on strike. One trade union official said, "most strikers say that the resources of the country have been stolen by the regime." Strikes and other job actions have increased dramatically since the year 2000 when the International Monetary Fund, corporations, and U.S. government officials pushed Egypt to adopt "neo-liberal" economic agenda based on "free market" policies that raised unemployed and lowered living standards for most workers while favoring the wealthiest Egyptians. For more information about the Egypt's labor movement, see the excellent port: *Justice for All - The Struggle for Workers Rights in Egypt*, A Solidarity Center report authored by Joel Beinin. [www.solidaritycenter.org/files/pubs\\_egypt\\_wr.pdf](http://www.solidaritycenter.org/files/pubs_egypt_wr.pdf)

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meetings that kept our members strong and what it takes to be a strong union member during hard times. Finally I want to thank all our Local 30 members for fighting the fight to the very end.

In solidarity,

David L. Liebengood, President, Local 30  
Boron, CA

Dear Editor,

I wanted to send a big "thank you" for including me and the American Radio Association (ARA) in the fine LEAD Conference in San Diego last year. It was the best union gathering I've been to - very healing and strengthening.

Leslie Lincoln

Aboard the Matson Steamship, SS Kauai

## TRANSITIONS

### NEW PENSIONERS:

**Local 13:** Stanley W. Debski; Thelma J. Pettway; **Local 23:** Peter J. Angelus; **Local 27:** G. Brandon Price; **Local 46:** Daniel Tinoco; **Local 63:** David R. Valadez; **Local 94:** William M. Evdokimoff

### DECEASED PENSIONERS:

**Local 4:** George A. Carter Sr.; **Local 7:** George M. Nelson; **Local 8:** Allan M. Bakken; Elmer G. Mouser; Virgil Mays; **Local 12:** Archie Spurgeon (Esther); Jack Jacobson; Jimmie L. Perry; **Local 13:** David D. Bustamante; Richard G. Young; Anthony G. Klarich; Louis J. Madrid (Anna); **Local 27:** Duane L. Starks; **Local 34:** Carl Zenn (Rosemary); Glen A. Christenson; **Local 50:** Lewis E. Falconer; **Local 63:** Earl M. Mills; **Local 63:** Paul D. De Hate; Marijan Grgas (Mary); **Local 92:**

Clifford Hauff; Roger L. Sonneland; **Local 94:** Wilfred J. Felando; Eddie Marconi; Leslie D. Winston; **Local 98:** Alex L. Ginnis

### DECEASED SURVIVORS:

**Local 8:** Kathleen E. Carroll; Margaret Lund; Virginia L. Burback; **Local 10:** Virginia Samaduroff; Maria Sutherland; Ellen P. Brandon; Stella A. Thompson; Carrie J. Lee; **Local 13:** Alicia M. Reyes; Ann Fults; Dorothy Huhta; Mattie Walker; **Local 18:** Ilene Rizzo; **Local 19:** Patricia F. Mc Cormick; Ethel Remington; **Local 24:** Donis M. Goodin; **Local 34:** Doris I. Deshaies; **Local 40:** Marcia M. Mulkey; **Local 52:** Virginia Shubert; **Local 63:** Anne R. Potter; **Local 94:** Mary H. Abreu; Louise A. Trani; **Local 98:** Marie A. Irwin; Mildred Edwards

## A Helping Hand...

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