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Seat at the table: *ILWU International President Willie Adams was invited to the White House to meet with President Joe Biden and other members of his administration to discuss the supply chain crisis. In the photo are (left side of the table, front to back): Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka, ILWU President Willie Adams, Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero, Port Envoy John Porcari; (right side of the table, front to back): National Economic Council Director Brian Deese, President Joe Biden, Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg.*

ILWU President Willie Adams meets with President Joe Biden to discuss supply chain crisis at historic White House meeting

n October 11th, ILWU President Willie Adams received a call that he won't soon lorget: "First thing in the morning on Indigenous Peoples' Day, I received a call from Biden Administration Port Envoy John Porcari on behalf of the President asking if I could fly to Washington and join him for a meeting with the White House," President Adams recalled. "My response was yes." On October 13th, ILWU International President Willie Adams attended a meeting with President Joe Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, National Economic Council Brian Deese, Port Envoy John Porcari and key supply chain stakeholders from business, labor, and government to discuss the ongoing supply chain crisis.

The meeting was a part of the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing effort to address the supply chain challenges caused by the enormous surge in cargo since the onset of COVID. President Adams, along with Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero and Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka, attended the meeting in person while the other industry stakeholders joined the meeting virtually. Although it is easy to take a picture of ships at anchor at our ports, the facts are cargo bottlenecks lie farther down the supply chain. The result is containers sitting at the ports and causing backlogs and congestion. Because of increased pandemic-related consumer demand, an unprecedented surge of container cargo began arriving at West Coast ports starting in July of 2020.

In addition to increased cargo volume, there have been equipment and labor shortages in the railway industry, congestion in Midwest rail yards, labor shortages and congestion at warehouse and distribution centers, and chassis and labor shortages in the local and long-haul trucking industry. In June of 2021, President Biden launched a Supply Chain Disruptions Task Force that is focused, in part, on transportation and logistics bottlenecks. In August, John Porcari was appointed Port Envoy to coordinate the many entities that control the decentralized transportation and logistics supply chain that gets goods from ships to shelves. After the October 13th meeting, President Biden announced at a press event that the Port of Los Angeles would expand to 24/7 operations to continued on page 7



ILWU Officers, IEB, Coast Committeemen, sworn-in

he ILWU's in-coming and outgoing International Executive Board (IEB) met on October 20-21. The ILWU's Titled Officers and Local 10 IEB member Melvin Mackay attended at the ILWU International Offices in San Francisco with everyone else participating via Zoom.

The outgoing IEB met to review and act on the reports of the International Balloting Committee and the International Election Procedures Committee. Following the meeting of the outgoing IEB, the ILWU's Titled Officers, the Coast Committeemen, and the International Executive Board members that were elected this year were sworn in for their three-year term.

After taking the oath of office, the new Executive Board met to conduct business. Executive Board members delivered area reports that addressed a range of issues including the ongoing impact of the COVID pandemic, the supply chain crisis, new organizing efforts, and ongoing and upcoming contract bargaining.



ILWU International Titled Officers: From left to right are Vice President (Hawaii) Paul "Sam" Kreutz, Vice President (Mainland) Bobby Olvera, Jr., President Willie Adams, Secretary-Treasurer Ed Ferris.

Coast Committeemen

Coast Committee California Frank Ponce De Leon (Local 13) Coast Committee Northwest Cam Williams (Local 19)

Hawaii Vice President Paul "Sam" Kreutz (Local 142- Longshore)

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Mainland Vice President Bobby Olvera Jr. (Local 13)

Secretary-Treasurer Ed Ferris (Local 10)

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Melvin Mackay (Local 10)

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> Inlandboatmen's Union Jay Ubelhart (IBU)

Office Clerical Unit Local 63 John L Fageaux (Local 63 OCU)

Roll Call: Wild Lilac teachers present and ready to bargain

International Executive Board

s the pandemic drags on, most "frontline"/ "essential"/"hero" workers can easily agree on at least one thing: it's been a difficult slog. The teachers and support staff of preschools across the United States are no exception.

Many of these centers have remained open and throughout the pandemic, workers have put themselves in the crosshairs of dozens of potential vectors: unvaccinated and often enough, unmasked children, many of whom belong to families of nurses, doctors, and other essential workers. In fact, it is the staff of preschools that have allowed many families to continue working and serving the public, for the greater good, over these last 18 months. of joining ILWU Local 5. Due to that embrace of union rights and especially the right to collective bargaining, workers at Growing Seeds have had a forum to address grievances and tackle the issues presented by the pandemic, in addition to regular contract negotiations. Faced with issues at their own center, Wild Lilac workers were keen on the idea of organizing so they too could approach their concerns collectively and in support of each other.

After working with organizers,



The workers of Wild Lilac, in Portland, Oregon were inspired when they saw that other preschool teachers had organized and joined the union. In March 2020, workers of Growing Seeds had a landslide vote in support the workers formed the Wild Lilac Union (WLU) under the umbrella of ILWU Local 5. In late August, they notified their employer of their intent to unionize and unlike many employers, the director and several board members of the school voiced their support for workers' right to organize. Because of this, the union and employer quickly came to an agreement on the scope of the bargaining unit and a short 10 days later, ballots were in the mail. However, not to take for granted an election win, workers kept up the momentum in their

communications with each other and organized a rally that was graciously held on school grounds, two days after the vote started. The result of their hard work and focus in supporting their community was 86% votes cast in support of unionization.

Since their victory, the WLU has been hard at work with preparing for negotiations, including hosting membership meetings, holding nominations for the bargaining team, and conducting member surveys to develop bargaining demands.

Now the second group of preschool workers to organize with ILWU in the Portland metropolitan area, the hope is yet more workers in the field will see the possibility of organized labor in their industry and together with the ILWU in support, workers can raise the wage, benefit and working condition standards of centers throughout the area.

– Ryan Takas

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Local 19 Votes 93% in favor of LDC grain agreement

Makes major progress in bringing foreign grain exporters in line with American employer

ongshore workers from ILWU Local 19 who work at the Port of Seattle's export grain terminal in the North Harbor voted in favor by a 93% yes vote to ratify a new collective bargaining agreement with Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) following three years of tough negotiations with the Netherlands-based corporation.

Negotiations for the new agreement began in the spring of 2018, and the previous agreement expired on May 31, 2018. The improvements in this new successor agreement are significant because:

1) This agreement achieves wage parity and creates a level playing field with the American-owned grain exporter, TEMCO, which was previously paying a higher rate than the foreign-owned LDC. TEMCO, a joint venture of Cargill and CHS, employs ILWU grainhandlers at its facilities in the ports of Tacoma and Kalama, Washington, and Portland, Oregon. 2) The ILWU believes this historic agreement with LDC will pave the way to bring negotiations with other foreign-based grain exporters in line. The other foreign-based corporations hiring ILWU workers in the Pacific Northwest grain terminals include:

- United Grain Corporation (UGC)

 owned by Mitsui of Japan, operating at the Port of Vancouver USA, Vancouver, Washington.
- Columbia Export Terminal (CET) owned by Marubeni of Japan, operating at the Port of Portland, Oregon.
- EGT, owned by Korea-based Pan Ocean/Harim and U.S.-based Bunge, operating at the Port of Longview, Washington. This LDC agreement will serve as a benchmark for 2022 negotiations between ILWU and EGT.

"This new grain agreement between the ILWU grainhandlers on the docks and the European employer brings both parties into the future to build upon our decades of successful, profitable movement of grain in the Pacific



Northwest. It includes advanced training programs, workforce stability, and operational improvements that will improve working conditions and productivity for the benefit of America's farmers and workers," said ILWU Coast Committeeman Cam Williams.

"In addition to the other improvements, the grain negotiating committee succeeded in ending a two-decadeslong practice of a non-ILWU subcontractor performing maintenance work," said Rich Austin, Jr., Local 19 president. "This accomplishment will return jobs and jurisdiction back to the ILWU where they belong."

ILWU workers continued to work and export grain during negotiations. Bargaining was difficult, but in the end, negotiations resulted in a collective bargaining agreement that preserves good, family wage jobs for workers. The men and women of the ILWU have loaded grain for export in the Pacific Northwest since 1934.

ILWU/ITF honored at 2021 Maritime Industry Salute



Honoring Seafarers: *ILWU* International Vice President Bobby Olvera, Jr. accepted the award from the International Seafarers Center on behalf of the ILWU in honor of seafarers. He was joined on stage by Local 94 President Danny Miranda, Local 63 President Mike Podue, Local 13 President Ramon Ponce de Leon, and PCPA President Greg Mitre.

n September 16th, the ILWU and the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) were honored by the International Seafarers Center (ISC) of Long Beach-Los Angeles.

Guy Fox, Chairman of the ISC

thanked ILWU workers for their outstanding efforts and record-breaking movement of containers throughout the pandemic.

"What has traditionally been an invisible system is now visible to everyone," Libatique said, noting the attention that the country's broken supply

The ITF was recognized by the ISC "for their advocacy, defense support and promotion of all ship crews worldwide...and for their ongoing strong advocacy, for maritime workers everywhere both seagoing and shoreside." ITF Inspector Stefan Mueller-Dombois accepted the award on behalf of the ITF.

The Seafarers Center also recognized the ILWU for its "outstanding professional performance to ensure safe, secure, efficient, and environmentally sound cargo handling," and "for its ongoing strong support of the International Seafarers Center at Long Beach/ Los Angeles harbors and...for its ongoing strong advocacy for both seafaring and shoreside workers everywhere."

ILWU International Vice President Bobby Olvera, Jr. accepted the award on behalf of the ILWU. He was joined onstage by ILWU Local 13 President Ramon Ponce de Leon, Local 63 President Mike Podue, Local 94 President Danny Miranda and Pacific Coast Pensioners President Greg Mitre.

Olvera centered seafarers in his address and called attention to the conditions that seafarers endure. "It's nice that the ILWU is being honored. But we're here to honor seafarers," Olvera said. He painted a picture of the life led by seafarers by summarizing a 1911 poem by Ezra Pound, *The Plight of the Seafarer*. lies and their friends and their comfort. They don't realize the plight of the seafarer. Sometimes held down, sometimes not looked so kindly on in certain ports, and always away from their family," Olvera said.

Olvera discussed highlighted the seafarers' plight by discussing the recent crew change crisis in the shipping industry caused by COVID that has left over 100,000 seafarers stranded aboard vessels for months.

"I'll accept the award on behalf of ILWU International President Willie Adams, International Secretary-Treasurer Ed Ferris, Coast Committeeman Frank Ponce De Leon, Coast, Committeeman Cam Williams, and the three ILWU Local presidents beside me," Olvera said. "But we accept it in honor of the seafarer. Each one of us should go home tonight and think about their plight; say a prayer for them, and strive that each year we do something better."



welcomed everyone to the event and turned things over to Captain Dick McKenna, President of the ISC who served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

Introductory remarks were made by Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero and Deputy Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles David Libatique. Both speakers chain is suddenly getting in the media.

"Central to this story are the unsung heroes—the people behind the cranes, the trucks, and the ships—the human face of this system that carries cargo to every corner of the country. In the face of the pandemic, the ILWU shows up to work every day to make sure the cargo is moving and to keep it moving," said Libatique.

"The poem illustrates how little men and women onshore realize what a lovely life they live with their fami-

ITF Inspector Stefan Mueller-Dombois

Four Seasons Transport workers win union election

Warehouse workers at Four Seasons Transport in San Diego, CA overwhelmingly voted to join ILWU Local 29 Allied Division on October 1. The September issue of the Dispatcher covered the rally and march on the boss where Four Seasons workers presented management with a petition asking for voluntary recognition of the union. The march from the Local 29 hall was attended by dozens of members from Local 29. ILWU International Vice President (Mainland) Bobby Olvera, Jr. and International Secretary-Treasurer Ed Ferris also attended the event. Workers are seeking better pay and conditions. The company currently pays below area standards for this type of work in San Diego forcing some workers to commute to work from Tijuana, Mexico to make ends meet.

Workers will now focus on winning their first contract. As the Dispatcher was going to press, no bargaining dates have yet been set.

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ILWU Tri-Party Golf Tournament raises \$88k for Miller's Children's Hospital

he ILWU Tri-Party Golf Tournament is a tradition that was started initially by a few foremen who just wanted to golf in Palm Springs, CA.

After two years, the attendance grew from 50-60 foremen who wanted to play to 100. In 2004, Mark Grgas Sr., John "Dado" Dadich, and the officers of Local 94 went to meet Jim Normandie at Miller Children's Hospital to discuss having them named as a charity for the proceeds of the tournament. The committee also adopted the Arnold Palmer Prostate Cancer Foundation but parted ways five years later.

Since then, the Memorial Medical Center Foundation, a.k.a. Miller Children's Hospital, has been the sole recipient of the proceeds of the ILWU Tri-Party Golf Tournament. The firstyear proceeds from the golf tournament reached \$12,000 and this year's total was \$88,700. Over our 16-year relationship, the ILWU and the Tri-Party Golf Tournament have raised more than \$700,000 for Miller Children's Hospital. More than \$50,000 was raised for the Arnold Palmer Prostate Cancer Foundation during the five years they were adopted by the tournament, according to Mark Grgas, Sr.

The tournament format is a "fourman shotgun scramble" that lasts two days and is usually held on Saturday and Sunday at a venue in Palm Springs. This year's tournament was held on September 18 and 19th. Besides golf, the main highlight of the tournament was a banquet that was held on Saturday that raised most of the money for the tournament.

Golfers look forward to the abundance of prizes that are raffled as well as the live auction of artworks painted by the children from the hospital's Artful Healing Program. This program, which is headed by Denise Clayton, provides children from the hospital the opportunity to enhance their imagination, creativity, and outlook on life through art. The children are given a space to forget about their problems and to escape into a world of their imaginations that they create and translate onto canvas.

When the tournament date nears, we select a handful of paintings from these children and we get them framed and matted. We then showcase them at the tournament and auction them off through live bidding, which gets exciting and competitive at times. Bidders readily bid anywhere from \$600 to as much as \$1600. One-hundred percent of the proceeds from the art auction and more go to this program.

Our committee member, Denise Paris, is heavily involved in this project and works in conjunction with Denise Clayton to make the live auction such a huge success. Paris donated her spare time attending these clinics that the hospital hosted. (These clinics were all held pre-pandemic and pre-COVID.)

This original Tri-Party Golf Tournament Committee consisted of Mark (Virginia) Grgas, John (Linda) Dadich, Red (Celine) McGovern , and Gary (June) Alexander. In 2017, the committee was handed over by Mark Sr. to his son Mark Jr. who created a new committee to try and make this tournament bigger and bolder. The new committee consisted of Mark Jr (Ronnie) Grgas, Gil (Shannon) Garcia, Nick (Lori) Rugnetta, Sebastian Terzoli (Alyce), and Denise (Shasta Paris).

Then there is Frankie Grgas. At age 6, Frankie began helping her grandparents every year at the banquet and has continued doing so after her father took over. Frankie will be missed as she is a senior in high school this year and will be soon heading off to college. Of course, her younger sister, Stevie, and the children of the other committee members, Sara Garcia, Ava Rugnetta, Isabella, Weylin, and Evangeline Terzoli have also participated in past tournaments and we hope they continue to do so.

Our biggest sponsor by far every year has been the ILWU International. Their annual donation has helped bolster our total year after year that we have given for the children. Our other sponsors are ILWU Locals, 94, 63, and 13. Our Southern California pensioners and Local 63-Office Clerical Unit have also helped make our tournament a success. We also need to acknowledge the many stevedoring companies that have either donated and or participated in the tournament throughout the years.

We owe a huge debt of gratitude to all the local businesses throughout San Pedro, Wilmington and in Long Beach as well for their continued support. Lastly, we must acknowledge the ILWU Credit Union who has supported us with their annual donations



Big check: ILWU International Vice President Bobby Olvera, Jr. presents a donation of \$10,000 from the Coast Longshore Division to Miller's Children's Hospital.

and participation at the tournament. We also wanted to mention that this tournament has always been open to all ILWU members. We have seen members from as far north as Alaska, Portland, and Washington as well as ILWU members from Hawaii. Their attendance has not gone unnoticed and has always been greatly appreciated. We hope that we can attract more members and their families from other ILWU Locals to come out and support this great cause.

One side note from the present and past committees is that we've always felt that the ILWU has never gotten a fair shake in the press and that we hope that charity events such as these can someday make it into the public forum to help generate a positive image of what our union does for our communities and the children of our communities.

- ILWU Tri-Party Golf Committee



Tri-Party Golf Tournament Committee: (L-R) Gil and Shannon Garcia, Nick and Lori Rugnetta, Ronnie and Mark Grgas, Alyce and Sebastian Terzoli. Not pictured; Denise and Shasta Paris.

Call to action: the 10th Annual Walk the Coast fundraiser

The 10th Annual ILWU Walk the Coast fundraiser to benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation's (ALSF) fight against childhood cancer is now off and running. The Walk the Coast campaign began in 2011 with a resolution at the Longshore Caucus. The Longshore Division intended to achieve three goals: 1. Do something good for others; 2. Unite the Union; and 3. Give our communities a better understanding of the ILWU and organized labor. ALSF began when Alexandra Scott, a four-year-old child stricken with cancer, told her mother that when she got out of the hospital, she would set up a lemonade stand to help other children with cancer. She did just that. She and her brother raised \$2,000 with their lemonade stand. Before her passing at age 8, Alex raised just over \$1,000,000. Alex is our inspiration to continue her great work.

In 2020, the ILWU set a one-year record of \$115,000 in donations.

Our total donations are more than \$750,000 - all raised for children. Today, ALSF is one of the leading funders of pediatric cancer research in the U.S. and Canada. They have raised more than \$200 million, funding over 1,000 research projects, and providing programs to families affected by childhood cancer. Childhood cancer strikes without regard to race, gender, or economic standing. More work needs to be done and organized labor is heading the call.

Last year the Longshore Division decided to invite the entire ILWU, every local, pensioner group, auxiliary in every Division from Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, and the mainland to join this worthy cause. The answer to the invita-



tion was amazing. More ILWU groups than ever answered the call. At our recent 38th General Convention, the delegates unanimously passed a resolution inviting the entire ILWU - all locals, pensioner groups, and auxiliaries to unite in support of the Walk the Coast fundraiser.

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ILWU President Willie Adams meets with President Joe Biden to discuss supply chain crisis at historic White House meeting

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help speed up the flow of cargo through the port. Previously, the Port of Long Beach announced 24/7 operations in September 2021. Several companies including Walmart, Target, Home Depot, UPS, and FedEx announced their willingness to utilize 24/7 gates for a portion of their cargo. However, these companies represent only a small fraction of the cargo that moves through the West Coast ports.

The ILWU workforce has long been available to work the 24-hour gates; it has been a part of the ILWU's contract for decades. However, whether or not workers are hired on nights and weekends is up to the terminal operators. In addition, other links in the supply chain from trucking, rail, warehousing and distribution centers must also be willing to step-up and move to a 24/7 schedule.

At his news conference, President Biden thanked organized labor and the ILWU in particular for stepping up to be a part of the solution to the current supply chain crisis. "I particularly want to thank labor, Willie Adams, President of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, who is here today," Biden said.

President Biden then called on businesses to follow labor's lead and do their part to relieve supply chain congestion.

"We need the rest of the private sector chain to step up as well. This is not called a supply chain for nothing. This means terminal operators, railways, trucking companies, shippers, and other retailers as well. Strengthening our supply chain will continue to be my team's focus. If federal support is needed, I'll direct all appropriate actions. If the private sector doesn't step up, we're going to call them out and ask them to act. Because our goal is not only to get through this immediate bottleneck but to address the longstanding weaknesses in our transportation supply chain that this pandemic has exposed," Biden said. During the White House meeting, President Adams called for a more equitable distribution of port infrastructure money for the West Coast. Currently, that funding is tilted in favor of East Coast, Southern and Gulf Coast ports (roughly \$11 billion in funding) compared to the meager \$1 billion appropriated to West Coast ports. "Over 46% of the nation's cargo goes through the West Coast ports," President Adams noted. "Something is wrong with this balance and we need to fix it." President Adams also emphasized the need to fund training centers in the Ports of LA/Long Beach and Seattle to help ILWU members update their skills.

the ports day in and day out. We will continue to do the work that we have always done-safely and efficiently move cargo through our West Coast ports. We appreciate President Biden's comments recognizing that there are system-wide issues causing congestion throughout the supply chain including labor shortages in the trucking industry and a lack of warehouse capacity. There is no labor shortage in the ILWU and thankfully, the PMA has continued to register members up and down the coast," President Adams said. "ILWU members in Southern California and along the West Coast are the true heroes who have moved cargo and showed up to work facing the headwinds of the pandemic while smashing records despite high rates of COVID infections, mental fatigue, and many deaths. Our members haven't stopped. President Biden gave us an opportunity when he acknowledged the ILWU members and their contributions; the ILWU is part of the solution. For decades, employers have had the right to hire ILWU members for day shifts, night shifts, and hoot shifts under the ILWU-PMA longshore contract. All the employers have to do is put in the order to the dispatch hall and our members will be there to work. We have been and will continue to be ready to work 24-hour gates, ships, and rails and do our part to help solve this problem. Everyone has to put some skin in the game to solve this problem. We look forward to continued communication with the White House as we work through this issue."

The Biden-Harris Administration has created a "Joint Ports Action" industry supply chain advisory group that meets three times a week to address the ongoing supply chain issues and help coordinate supply policy. Coast Committeeman Frank Ponce De Leon was designated by ILWU President Adams as the ILWU representative on that advisory group.

The advisory group includes port leaders, terminal operators, PMA representatives and ocean carriers, representatives from trucking and railroad sectors, chassis management, major retailers, and government officials. While the task force meets to craft solutions to keep the unprecedented cargo volumes moving along the nationwide supply chain, the ILWU continues being the strongest link and keeps cargo moving on the docks.

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Biden-Harris Administration is committed to passing an infrastructure bill, which includes funding for West Coast ports, so that we remain competitive in the global economy moving forward. "With the passage of Biden's infrastructure bill, West Coast ports will be given a much needed lifeline to keep up with the growing demands of the supply chain," said President Adams. "This is an investment in the future of our work."

Strengthening our supply chain will not happen overnight. In the near term, the ILWU will continue to work every day to keep consumer goods flowing, but investment in better port and intermodal infrastructure and training for the next generation of longshoremen is critical. "We are the artery in the supply chain. The membership are the true heroes," stated President Adams. "For that, the nation owes the hardworking members of the ILWU a debt of honor and gratitude."

As for the renewed relationship with the White House, President Adams noted, "For the first time in our union's history, the President of the United States invited the ILWU for a meeting at the because our voice matters. Not only do we have a voice at the table, but people are listening," said President Adams. "The ILWU had an opportunity to meet with the man whose shoulders the world depends on. And he made time to meet with the ILWU. I'm grateful for that. I always hear there are seven wonders of the world but I disagree. I believe there are eight wonders of the world and the 8th wonder is the ILWU and its membership."



Former Local 13 Dispatcher step-up: Former Local 13 Dispatchers answered the call during the pandemic covering shifts so workers could fill jobs and cargo could continue to move. The local recently honored these former Dispatchers for stepping up and when the union needed them.

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NEW PENSIONERS:

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Every member in every local, pensioner, and member of an auxiliary is invited to please participate.

It's easy. Just go to www.ilwuwalkthecoast.org and donate. At this site, individual member and groups can also see their name and/or logo by clicking "Honor Roll" on the right side of the menu. The Honor Roll is a wall of achievement. There are a few logos now but watch it grow. This Honor Roll is also the format for the "Thank You" ads that ILWU Walk the Coast prints in newspapers. The size of the donation is not important. The fact we all come together for a very worthy cause is foremost.

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