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Don't Forget to VOTE

by Secretary-Treasurer Rick Boyles

The most important thing you can do as a union member in 2014: VOTE!

If there was ever a time for political action by organized labor in the state

of Alaska, it is now! 2014 is shaping up to be one of the most expensive campaign seasons ever in our great state.

Ever since the Supreme Court ruled in Citizens United back in 2010, outside groups have gone on a spending binge here in Alaska. Citizens United has given anti-worker groups like the Koch Brothers' Americans for Prosperity the ability to spend unlimited amounts of cash against pro-worker candidates. In fact, Koch-based and other outside groups have already spent nearly \$2.5 million to defeat Alaska Senator Mark Begich. So far in 2014, well over \$10 million dollars of outside money has or is being spent in Alaska to influence political races. Amazing!

While these groups have deep pockets, they don't get to vote. We (organized labor in Alaska) have numbers. But numbers are of no help if we don't exercise our right to vote.

Candidate races, ballot initiatives and referendums will all be voted on by Alaskan voters this fall. We have the ability to influence the outcome of every single issue, if we vote!

We will be working with our membership, other labor organizations, and union-friendly employers around the state to aggressively support candidates that support working Alaskan families.

Members, retirees, and friends of labor, we must do our part in getting out the vote in 2014! I hope to see you at the polls!

Rick Boyles

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Notices to Members From the Dues Office

Remember to inform the dues office of any changes in your personal information, such as address, phone number, e-mail address, or beneficiary, so we may keep our records updated.

This will ensure that you receive union correspondence and your newsletter.

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907-486-8818



Commissioner Blumer, Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development, Barbara Huff Tuckness, Rick Boyles, and Eileen Whitmer with Governor Parnell during last legislative session in Juneau.

New Wasilla Office

March 10, 2014, brought a new look to south Knik-Goose Bay Road. Realizing the need to accommodate our growing membership in “the valley” the Local opened a new office in Wasilla.

Ann Williams left her eleven year post as our legal administrator to manage the new office. The office has a conference room and comfortable seating in the main area for small meetings. You can pay your dues, re-register your construction card and even bring in a new recruit for registration. Come check us out, say hello and enjoy a cup of coffee.

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Wasilla First Student Employees Receive Long-Awaited Back Pay

On May 19, 2014, First Student (Wasilla location) bus barn employees were finally issued the back pay awarded to them by Arbitrator Landau. The total payout to all employees amounted to \$901,828.12 (\$26,240.36 for all attendants and \$875,587.76 for all drivers).

In order to get this win for these employees, the original grievance that was filed went to hearing on September 11, 2012, and the arbitrator’s decision and award was issued on January 16, 2013, in favor of the Union. Notwithstanding that, the Company sued in court in an effort to have the arbitrator’s award vacated. The court, however, upheld the arbitrator’s decision and award, except it did require the parties to obtain a clarification on one or more of the issues covered in the award. As a result, the arbitrator subsequently issued two supplemental clarification awards – one on November 6, 2013, and a second on April 24, 2014.

After First Student received the arbitrator’s second clarification award, it finally commenced disbursement of the back pay checks at the worksite on Monday, May 19, 2014. For employees no longer working at First Student, their checks will be mailed to them.

Teamsters Ratify Warehouse and Sanitation Agreements with Carrs/Safeway

After negotiating dual contracts in May, approximately 70 warehouse and sanitation bargaining unit members ratified both four-year agreements.

The union negotiation committee consisted of: Rick Traini, Terri Quinlan, Joe Allen, Chad Watson, Mike Peterson, and Pat Dolan. Each contract includes an annual wage increase, status quo on current employee contribution to health care, as well as Safeway’s continued commitment to pay supplemental charges on behalf of the employees to the Alaska Teamster-Employer Pension Trust for the next two years.



Training Trust Schedule April - September 2014

New Construction Training Requirements & Updates

If you are planning to take a construction dispatch this summer there are a few new updates or required courses.

The AGC contracts require you to have a 10-Hour OSHA Construction/General certificate. If you have previously taken this course and have your certificate, you must be able to present it. If you have lost or misplaced it, you will need to retake the course. If you have a 30-Hour OSHA it exceeds the 10-Hour course. The OSHA certificate does not expire and does not require an update.

*This is a Federally regulated course and you must pre-register to attend.

NSTC – 2014 Required Updates: BP & BP ASH. You must sign up at the Training center for this class.

MSHA – ***MSHA Part 48 requires 10 Hours MSHA training and First Aid CPR within 60 days prior of the MSHA training (certificates will not be given until proof of 1st Aid course is verified)**

- **Refresher: Required** Annual update, First Aid/CPR needs to be current.
- **New Miner:** For individuals that either have not been certified or have gone beyond two years since last refresher, it is mandatory to have taken First Aid/CPR within 60 days prior to MSHA class.

CDL DRIVER TRAINING & REFRESHERS – The Training Trust offers individualized CDL driver refreshers to eligible members throughout the year. If you need to “tune-up” your skills, please obtain your work history from dispatch and come to our office to see what is available to you.

To register for these or any courses at the Training Trust, you can stop by or call our office at 907-278-3674 or go to our website <http://www.akteamsterstraining.com/> to download the current training schedule and an application for Anchorage & Fairbanks.

Construction Driver Apprenticeship Opportunity

<http://www.akteamsterstraining.com/Apprenticeships.html>

Want to know more about the program? See if it's right for you or someone you know. Click on the FAQ's about apprenticeship or stop by our Anchorage or Fairbanks office.

The Training Trust opened the application and selection period for the Construction Driver apprenticeship, May 27, 2014.

The application and selection is highly competitive, very detailed and only those with extreme attention to detail will excel.

The average investment for the first year of training a Construction Driver apprentice is over \$25k. It takes approximately 10 years working in the field to repay that investment into the Training Trust. Therefore, we are looking for individuals who are willing to make a CAREER commitment, work hard, and represent not only themselves but the Teamsters and all of our membership professionally!

Training Trust Schedule

The Training Trust posts the current training schedule and applications online for easy access. You can also go to our website Contacts page to register to receive the training schedule sent directly to you via email whenever there is an update.

DOT Physical Renewal Friendly Reminder

If you are required to maintain a DOT physical for your Commercial Drivers License and the renewal of your physical is after May 21, 2014, make sure the medical examiner is registered in the National Registry. You can either call your medical examiner's office to find out or go to the registry's website: <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov/>.

Thomas Fowler Reaches The Circle of Honor

On January 15, 2014 United Parcel Service employee Thomas Fowler, of Ketchikan, Alaska, became the first driver in the State of Alaska to reach The Circle of Honor. COH drivers are those who have driven at UPS for 25 years without an accident. Thomas began driving at UPS on January 15, 1987, and has spent his entire career in Ketchikan. He has also been the Shop Steward there for 26 years.

UPS flew Thomas and his fiancé, Nycole Gizinski, to Seattle, Washington so he could pin his name on the Northwest District's COH map, and attend a gathering of other honorees from the district. He also spent a week being filmed and photographed in Ketchikan by a company crew. The footage and photos will be used in new driver training videos, as well as in UPS promotional material.

In his free time, Thomas enjoys traveling, acting in local productions, and is the President of the Ketchikan Running Club.



Fairbanks Cleanup Day

Teamsters Local 959's Annual Cleanup day was a big success this year. Our membership met on May 9, 2014, right after our 2pm job call in Fairbanks, with the mission to pick up the trash on the Old Richardson Hwy. There was a great turnout by our membership and working together we cleaned up the Old Richardson Hwy. which is traveled on by many.



Surveyor Apprenticeship Annual Required Training



Apprentices: Ryan Benedict, Joe Donohue, Diane Morelli & Clay Nordlum. Instructor: Jesse Lobdell.

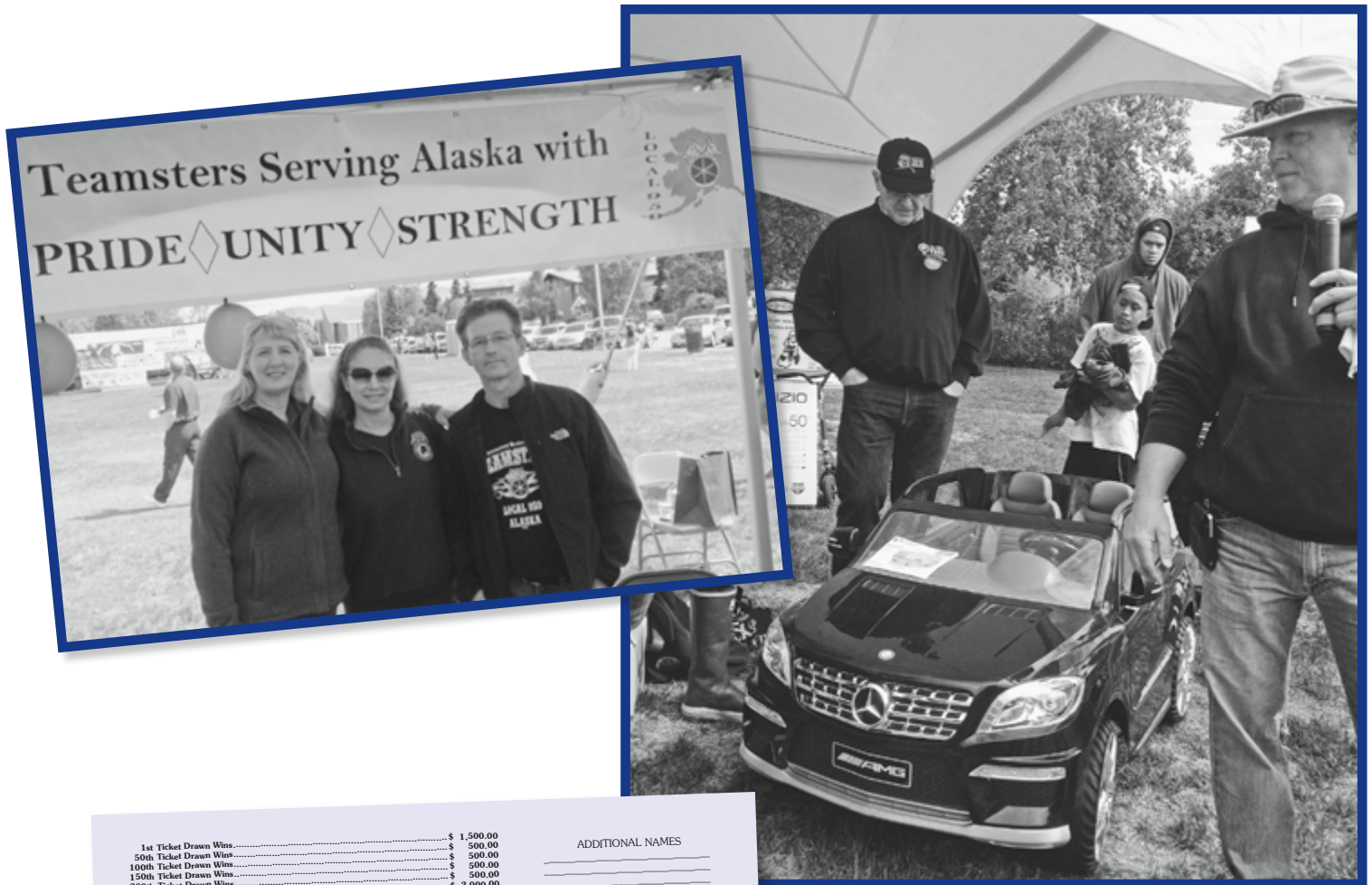
2014 Solidarity Picnic

This summer, the Teamsters and other labor organizations throughout Alaska hosted a biannual event on June 8, 2014, from noon to 4:00 p.m. on the west end of the Anchorage Park Strip. Every other year, thousands of Alaskans get to enjoy delicious food, live music, great prizes, and fun activities for the kids. As always, this gathering of workers, their families, retirees, and the general public, showcased labor's commitment to the community.

Booths were set up by Local 959 and other organizations such as the Alaska Education Association, Electrical Workers' Local 1547, and Public Employees Local 71 (to name a few), to provide general

information and discuss the many opportunities available through union membership, from job options to apprenticeship classes. While the weather is typically unpredictable, the sun was out to stay that Sunday. Local 959's Dale Miller and Angelina Cinquegrani could be found working the booth, while Ann and Jack Williams were lucky enough to win one of the grand prizes in the final drawing – a mini Mercedes!

The next Solidarity Labor Picnic will be in 2016. We hope you plan to join us!



1st Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 1,500.00
50th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
100th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
150th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
200th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 2,000.00
250th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
300th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
350th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
400th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
450th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 2,500.00
500th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
550th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
600th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
650th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
700th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 2,000.00
750th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
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850th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
900th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 500.00
950th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 1,000.00
997th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 2,000.00
998th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 4,000.00
999th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$25,000.00
1000th Ticket Drawn Wins.....	\$ 1,000.00
Seller of Last Ticket Drawn.....	\$ 500.00
Seller of Most Tickets.....	\$ 300.00
Seller of Second Most Tickets.....	\$ 200.00
Seller of Third Most Tickets.....	

ADDITIONAL NAMES

* Name: _____
 * Address: _____
 * Telephone: _____
 * Occupation: _____
 * Employer: _____

Seller
 * REQUIRED INFORMATION
 Limits: \$100 cash per person;
 \$500 total per person
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FALL DRAWING

\$25,000 First Prize

1,000 Tickets Sold at \$100.00 Per Ticket
 (SEE BACK FOR PRIZES)

Limits: \$100 cash per person; \$500 total per person

Drawing will be held at the Teamsters Building
 520 E. 34th Ave., Room 121
 Anchorage, Alaska

October 23, 2014 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 (need not be present to win)



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Teamster Holiday Parties

Anchorage

The Anchorage member holiday party took place from noon to 4:00 p.m. at the Kincaid Outdoor Center on December 7, 2013. Members and their families enjoyed a picturesque snowy day, perfect for the sledding, skiing, and sleigh rides that took place. Indoor activities included a magician, caricature drawings, pictures with Santa, ornament-making, and live music played by some of 959's very own talent! As always, there were many prize drawings throughout the day and fun was had by all.

Fairbanks

Also on December 7, the Fairbanks membership party continued the tradition of holding the event at Arctic Bowl Bowling Alley. Santa was available to make sure every child went home with a present, and the two luckiest kid winners went home with giant stuffed animals as a grand prize! Both the children and adults had a blast otherwise, bowling, eating, and winning raffle prizes.

Kenai Peninsula Updates

In December 2013, the Local held holiday events for Kenai Peninsula-dwelling members. They and their families gathered at the Alaska Lanes bowling alley for an afternoon of food, fun and games. One member even came from as far as Homer to join the festivities.

There was a lot of preparation, including assembling the gift baskets and prizes that were raffled away. Thanks to Megan Ketchel and her little helper, Skyla, for driving in from Anchorage to help with the event. Secretary-Treasurer, Rick Boyles, was also present for the occasion, assisting as speaker of the afternoon, and calling out prize winning tickets.

In January 2014, members and their loved ones met at the Elks Lodge in Homer. Everyone enjoyed the spectacular view of the sunset over Kachemak Bay, as well as food, beverages and music. Again, Rick Boyles and Megan arrived from Anchorage with raffle prizes. After a long day at the negotiations table, Barbara Huff Tuckness and the South Peninsula Hospital negotiation committee arrived just in time to join in the festivities.

One member and his wife said they truly enjoyed the celebrations which resulted in making them feel closer to fellow members in the community and to the Teamsters. Both events were well attended and



the Local plans to hold another holiday celebration on the Peninsula again this year.

The Kenai office remains open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On any other weekday, an appointment must be scheduled by calling the office at 907-283-4498. Quarterly membership meetings are held at 610 Attla Way, Suite 3, Kenai, AK. The next meeting date will be announced soon.

Please feel free to contact the office or check the Local's website www.akteamsters.com for details.



2014 Jesse L. Carr Ch



2014 hosted the 30th Annual Jesse L. Carr Charity Golf Tournament at O'Malley Golf Course on Friday, June 13. With minimal rain, raffle prizes, lunch, and over \$80,000 in charitable donations, spirits were high and fun was had by all players, attendees, and volunteers. This year also marked over two million dollars in donations to children's charities since 1984.



Charity Golf Tournament



Mary McKenna



Mary McKenna, an Alaska resident for 80 years, died on April 25, 2014, surrounded by her son, grandsons and great-grandchildren at the All About Care assisted living home in Anchorage. She was 96 years old.

In 1934, after graduating from Gebo High School at age 17 with a high spirit for adventure, Mary set off for Seattle to catch a steamship to Seward. She planned to join her father in Fairbanks where he worked as a coal miner.

During her first three years in Fairbanks, Mary worked as a waitress at the Model Café. In the late 1940s, Mary went to work at the Fairbanks Teamster office for Bob Dixon. But with Mary's great sense of style and strong entrepreneur spirit, she and a partner

opened MilMar's, Fairbanks' first high-end women's clothing store. Mary relished her buying trips to New York City in the mid-1950s.

In 1960, Jess Carr, then Secretary-Treasurer of Local 959, lured Mary away from Fairbanks to Anchorage to work in the office. She initially worked as the Local's full-charge bookkeeper and dispatcher. She then became Jess's administrative assistant. For close to 20 years, Mary was known as Jess's right-hand woman; also for the tremendous influence she exerted in Alaska's labor movement. To this day, many remember Mary for the well-paying jobs she helped them obtain, giving them a chance to establish strong foundations that served them well into the future. Mary retired from the Local in the late 1970s.

Thanks Mary for your many contributions and dedicated years to Local 959. You helped us get where we are today...strong and thriving!

Revamped Juneau Office

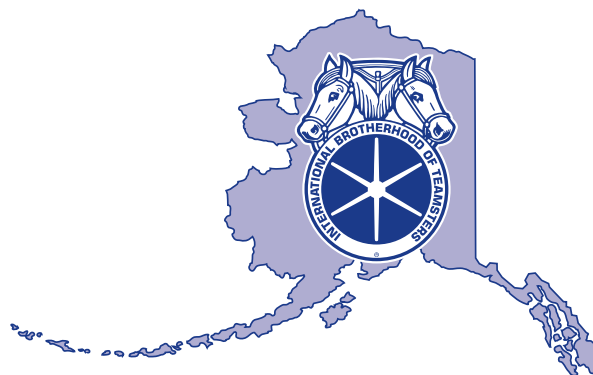


Southeast members may have noticed the recently revamped Juneau Office. Thank you to Business Representative Joe Rintala, for creating such an inviting atmosphere, and his great attention to detail!

In Memory ☞ Deceased Brothers & Sisters

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	EMPLOYER
JUNE 2013		
Jack Haggerty	06/14/2013	Morrison Knudsen
Steven Bennett	06/27/2013	DynCorp International
JULY 2013		
Mark Lautrup	07/28/2013	United Parcel Services
OCTOBER 2013		
John Frederick Meyer	10/07/2013	Continental Baking Co.
Robert Edwards	10/12/2013	AT&T
NOVEMBER 2013		
Robert Cartmill	11/01/2013	Alascom
Norma Mapes	11/02/2013	Teamsters Local 959
Clifford Brow	11/03/2013	Safeway
Bennie Barker	11/07/2013	Teamsters Local 959
John Pernoll	11/12/2013	Fairbanks Excavating & Trucking
Gregory Smith	11/13/2013	Arctec AK
Samuel McDole	11/18/2013	Municipality of Anchorage
Charles Maslowski	11/18/2013	Wien Airlines
James Breaid	11/24/2013	RL Trucking, LLC
Clifford Hill	11/29/2013	Mukluk Freight
DECEMBER 2013		
Floyd Hagen	12/03/2013	Aleutian Constructors
Keith Ferguson	12/10/2013	Arctic Slope/Wright
Richard Thornton	12/11/2013	Alascom PTI
Danny Keough	12/17/2013	Continental Baking Company
Kenneth Phillips	12/22/2013	Anchorage School District
Richard Hines	12/30/2013	Kaps Transport Alaska Inc.
James Jaros	12/13/2013	J.B. Warrack Co.
JANUARY 2014		
Wayne Gorup	01/06/2014	Municipality of Anchorage
Gerald Seals	01/06/2014	Hoffman Construction Co. of Alaska
John Williams	01/07/2014	AT&T Alaska
Robert Samson	01/08/2014	United Parcel Post
Luvern Kroll	01/13/2014	CSX Lines of Alaska
Marguerite Ramsey	01/13/2014	Alascom, Inc.
Norman Fields	01/20/2014	Elmendorf Support Services
Juanita Wilson	01/21/2014	Alascom, Inc.
Walter Castle	01/26/2014	Boysen Investment Corp.
Jimmy Connor	01/28/2014	BAE Systems
James Coffin	01/29/2014	Matanuska Maid
FEBRUARY 2014		
Maryann Wiitanen	02/09/2014	Alascom, Inc.
Donald Simon	02/16/2014	The Litwin Corporation
Edward Worst	02/17/2014	AIC – South East JV
William Hileman	02/20/2014	Fuller O'Brien Corp.
Richard "Dick" Hood	02/23/2014	CSX Lines of Alaska
Larry Martinson	02/25/2014	Kodiak Oilfield Haulers
Jimmie McNeese	02/27/2014	Matanuska Maid
John A. Giles	02/28/2014	S.J. Groves & Sons

NAME	DATE OF DEATH	EMPLOYER
MARCH 2014		
Era Lou Sawyer	03/08/2014	Sealand Freight Services
Gilbert Ketzler	03/12/2014	AK International Construction
Curt Brandon	03/12/2014	QAP
Frank Willford	03/15/2014	H.C. Price Company
Ellen Sprague	03/18/2014	ATESC
Sherman Pennington	03/24/2014	Herman Bros. Construction
Mary Sundt	03/25/2014	Anchorage School District
APRIL 2014		
Ann Mills	04/01/2014	Alaska Teamster FCU
James Aspeotis	04/01/2014	Fluor Alaska
Edward Ravnik	04/04/2014	Sealand Freight Services
Dale Scheidt	04/04/2014	Comanche Corp.
George Lori	04/05/2014	Continental Bakery
Reeford Hall	04/05/2014	BAE Systems
Don Williams	04/07/2014	QAP
Don Dahl	04/07/2014	Sohio Construction
James McDonald	04/11/2014	Sealand Freight Services
Calvin "Bill" Nuckols	04/18/2014	Stallings Motor Line, Inc.
William Clark	04/19/2014	ATESC
Phyllis Gates	04/21/2014	Alascom
Eugene "Gene" Mathis	04/22/2014	AIC, LLC
Howard Fuller	04/23/2014	Spenard Builders Supply
Mary McKenna	04/25/2014	Teamsters Local 959
Elizabeth Evans	04/27/2014	Allied Maintenance Corp.
Frederick Doherty	04/27/2014	Tectonics, Inc.
Ronald Brown	04/28/2014	H.C. Price Company
MAY 2014		
Dawn Mattice	05/03/2014	Alascom, Inc.
Ernest Love	05/08/2014	Anchorage School District
Henry Zawacki	05/11/2014	Pan Alaska Trucking
Scott Milliken	05/18/2014	Golden Valley Electric Association
Douglas Behan	05/18/2014	Northland Hub Grocery
Duane Douglas	05/19/2014	Sourdough Fuel
Charles DeWitt	05/19/2014	AK Unlimited
Harry Faulkerson	05/26/2014	Four Star Terminals
Leonard Haddon	05/30/2014	Alascom, Inc.



Another Great Retiree Reunion

The 31st annual retiree reunion was held at the Laughlin, Nevada Aquarius Resort in March 2014. One hundred Alaska Teamster Retirees attended.

The event kicked off with a reception to re-connect old friends while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

The next morning began at breakfast with announcements by coordinators Rieta Rule (BRR Enterprises), Debbie Dummann (Sealand) and Mark Johnson (Local 959). Trust Administrator Dennie Castillo reported on the retiree health plan. Secretary-Treasurer Rick Boyles reported on the strength of Local 959, thanks to recently increased work on the North Slope as a result of legislative revision to the oil tax structure. We hope this trend continues! After some question and answer, the afternoon continued with a slots tournament. Tournament winners: Dennis Clontz (United Freight) with 703,650 points, and Margie Foster (husband Larry – Sealand) with 42,200 points for the booby prize!

The final day started with a golf tournament. Golf tournament winners: longest drive both men and women Ernie and Debbie Dummann (Sealand) 90 year-old Carl Bonomo (PTI) and Connie Stroble (TOTE). In addition, we coordinated a special luncheon with the coinciding reunion for Teamster retirees who worked at Clear Air Force Base. About 40 previous Clear workers attended the lunch at a local Bullhead City restaurant. Everyone introduced themselves and told stories of the early days at Clear AFB.

The reunion concluded with an evening social hour and banquet. The drinks were on Tim Burzinski (TOTE), who at the last minute, could not attend, and asked that his registration fees be put to a good cause... Is there any cause greater than an open bar? The night also included an awards ceremony, raffle prizes, and the drawing for the retiree quilt, which went to Frank Maggio (Clear AFB). We also took a moment to recognize retired former business agent Pat Quinlan for traveling the furthest to the reunion. Since nobody had heard from Pat in some time, many were concerned he had passed away (last we knew he was living in Hawaii). A big thank you to Randi Robison (Alascom) who discovered that Pat had moved to California! Shortly thereafter, his registration form was submitted. We decided to give Pat special recognition for returning from the dead to attend!

With the reunion officially over, the next day, 17 retirees took the London Bridge Jet Boat to Lake Havasu for lunch. It was a beautiful sunny day and everyone enjoyed the trip. After taking a (nearly unanimous) vote of 59 to 9, it was decided that the reunion will return to the Aquarius Resort and Casino in 2015. The committee has already confirmed next year's dates of **March 16, 17, and 18, 2015**. March 17th is also St. Patrick's Day, so we are considering a special event for that evening. Hope to see you in Laughlin at the next retiree reunion!



2014 Retiree Reunion



Retirees

RETIREE NAME

LAST EMPLOYER

FEBRUARY 2013

Richard Feist

Lynden Transport

JULY 2013

Diane Jewkes

Alaska Teamster FCU

AUGUST 2013

Wesley Keller

ATESTT

James Helgeson

Kiewit Infrastructure

SEPTEMBER 2013

Gary Dolgner

BAE Systems

James Thomas

AT&T Alaska

Joseph Pfeifer

Safeway

Henry Horschel

AIC

OCTOBER 2013

Mark Shearer

University Refuse

David Button

World Technical Services

NOVEMBER 2013

John Williams

Arctic Surveys

William Stephenson

Horizon Lines of AK

Aaron Hood

TCC Joint Venture

DECEMBER 2013

Thomas Rauch

Exclusive Paving

Robin Wilson

Fairbanks Sand & Gravel

Dale Farling

Kodiak Support Services

Richard Digel

Longshoreman

JANUARY 2014

Anthony Keller

Piquini Management

Robert Six

Municipality of Anchorage

Rose Kalamarides

Alaska Teamster Employer Service Corp.

Vincent Ditmore

Anchorage School District

Phichpaiboon Thuequamtrong

Chugach Federal Solutions

Leonora Rivera

Piquini Management

James Hudson

Safeway

FEBRUARY 2014

John Smoot

Alaska Industrial

David Salzer

Kodiak Support Services

Charles Pratt

BAE Systems

Michael Mollier

Golden Valley Electric Assoc.

William Ramsay

Sea Star

MARCH 2014

Rodney Wheelles

Municipality of Anchorage

Bruce Hampton

Alaska Industrial

Richard Anderson

Arctec Alaska

Eric Schmidt

Alutiiq Management

APRIL 2014

Richard Ryan

Longshoreman

Gale Prince

Horizon Lines of Alaska

Thomas Lopez

Ahtna Contractors

Millard Toms

Merrick Management, Inc.

Lars Rooth

Hustlers, Inc.

Robert Willis

Arctec Alaska

Richard Schuller

Nanuq, Inc.

Louis Jones

Anchorage School District

Ronnie Hunemuller

Anchorage School District

New Faces at Teamsters Local 959



Virginia Filkins

Virginia Filkins joined the Local's administrative staff in March. She lives in the Mat-Su Valley and loves to garden, walk and hike. Whenever possible, you will find Virginia out with girlfriends, riding her Kawasaki Vulcan 900, touring the Last Frontier on beautiful days.

In 2003, she graduated from Mat-Su College, Palmer with an Associate Degree in Applied Business Administration with an emphasis in office and legal skills. Virginia states that one is "Never too old to learn and experience new things! It makes life interesting." In June, she will graduate from Charter College, Wasilla Campus with a hard-earned certification in Business Administration.

Virginia has been a member of 959 through various positions since 2000, having worked in both the warehouse and driving industries. She looks forward to an extended career with Local 959 that has so much history in working to represent employees from all industries.



Lisa Graham

Lisa Graham began working as a dues assistant at Local 959 in March. She was previously rooted working in both the insurance and

banking industries, but was excited for a change to move her skills into the Teamsters family. She has a crazy passion for the Alaskan outdoors, and regularly enjoys activities such as hunting, fishing, hiking, camping, golfing, and skiing. For eighteen years, Lisa lived on the Fairbanks golf course, which is also where she met her husband. She very recently married her "partner in crime", Ryan; their camouflage-themed wedding said a lot about her and her family! She and Ryan are now beginning married life together, raising their four beautiful daughters to love Alaska and all it has to offer, just as much as them. Stop into the dues office and say hello!



Jenné Kriner

Jenné Kriner is originally from Greeley, Colorado. She grew up with Garden of the Gods, the Molly Brown House, Mile High Stadium, Elitch Gardens, Celebrity Sports Center, The Avalanche (Roy-hoo!), four perfect seasons, any concert you could imagine, and the smell of Monfort Meat Packaging.

After graduating high school and folding her hand at community college, an Alaskan Adventure began in 1997. Jenné's first-ever plane ticket for a vacation became a one-way trip to the rest of her life! She knew immediately that this beautiful state would forever be home. Since then, she's kissed a boy that gives love bigger than baseball, and they share the struggles and joys of parenthood together; made friends, fished plenty, and hunted like a boss.

Jenné has a cat, Macgruber Macgyver, and identifies as both a Pinterest junkie and daydream-zombie-slayer. She has been the "winning caller" many times and made off with plenty of freebies. She's a self-proclaimed abstract artist when it comes to vinyl records. On the weekends, you'll find Jenné engaged in full-contact king-sized bed wrestling matches with her youngest redheaded sons (which she always wins!). She also rallies a four-wheeler (with a helmet!) and easily woos the world with her singing whenever there's music playing – never discriminating against any genre (like Jewish Dubstep, for example!). She spooks easily and is terrified of the ocean (germs and SHARKS? Eek!).

Many work experiences have led Jenné to settling in at Local 959. Her career past includes cooking at McDonald's, charging \$1.09/gal. as a gas station attendant (pre-psychotic gas price roller coaster days), explaining how to "pull it out and blow on it and see if that works" without ever laughing as a printer support technician, perfecting the "wax on, wax off" technique of sorting pollock and cod as a cannery rat, making espresso as a cafe manager, dressing many faces with fashionable eyewear as an optician, and consulting countless mothers on makeovers as a plastic surgeon's assistant. Jenné first became a



Katie Metivier

Katie Metivier moved to Alaska from New Hampshire at age seven. She was placed in foster care at the age of thirteen, and after becoming very attached to her foster parents, was eventually placed into a guardianship with them at age sixteen. Because she has always looked up to them so much, Katie later became interested in what they did for a living. Both were employed with companies through the union. So in December 2002, Katie's foster mom signed her up in the hiring hall. With a background in accounting and banking, Katie was hired in May, as a dues assistant.

Katie loves Alaska and would not want to live in any other state. Waking up every morning and seeing the mountains makes her day! In fact, last summer she worked in Talkeetna doing reservations for a scenic flight company that regularly flew to Mt. McKinley. At one point, she was given the opportunity to go board a flight and land on Ruth Glacier, which so far, has been the most memorable experience of Katie's life. She enjoys hiking, camping, and spending time with her two dogs. Katie will be getting married in July and can't wait for this new chapter in her life to begin. Welcome to 959 Katie.

Jenné Kriner (cont')

Teamster in 2013 working in the office at TOTE. That's not even the half of it, but she wants to save you a little mystery.

Looking forward, Jenné is excited to accomplish new responsibilities in her role as the Business Representative Assistant at Local 959, while having fun and sharing more life experiences with new friends – or shall we say, brothers and sisters!

Milestones

Congratulations to the following individuals who have achieved 35, 40, 45, 50 and 55 years of continuous dues-paying membership in Local 959.

MARCH 2013

Joseph Zura	35 years
Judith Irons	35 years
Mark Johnson	40 years

APRIL 2013

Terry Hebert	35 years
Ron Sterling	35 years
Charles Willis	35 years
Paul Huseman	35 years

MAY 2013

James Doyle	35 years
Michael Herter	35 years
Gregory Zumbuhl	35 years
Daniel Breault	35 years
Herman Dillbeck	40 years

JUNE 2013

Steven Bierlein	35 years
Karl Hageman	35 years
Richard Anderson	35 years
James Hendricks	35 years
Timothy Selk	35 years
Floyd Galloway	35 years
Julianne Rathbone	35 years
Cecilia Lamp	35 years
Victor Killian	35 years
Thomas Eliason	40 years
Peter Kush	40 years
Rick Rocheleau	40 years
Howard Baker, Jr.	40 years
Scott Coltellaro	40 years
Darrell Shoop	45 years
Theodore Lesko	45 years

JULY 2013

Barbara Huff-Tuckness	35 years
Richard Digel	35 years
James "Jim" Thomas	35 years
Wayne Greenstreet	35 years
Mitchell Snyder	35 years
Shannon Ames	35 years
Wayne Ames	35 years

AUGUST 2013

Rene "Gus" Lamoureaux	35 years
John Eiland	35 years
Ronald Ackerman	35 years
Bobbi Merrill	35 years
Michael McLean	40 years
Harvey Murphy	40 years

SEPTEMBER 2013

Henry DeKoning	35 years
Elwood Church	40 years
Douglas Kyle	40 years

OCTOBER 2013

Candice Havard	35 years
John Williams	40 years

NOVEMBER 2013

Gary Hisman	40 years
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DECEMBER 2013

Wayne Dere	35 years
Walter Johnson	40 years
Gary Dolgner	40 years

JANUARY 2014

Steve Wilson	40 years
Belton Stephens, Jr.	40 years

FEBRUARY 2014

James Keisor	40 years
Gunnar Rooth	40 years
Gerald Thigpen	40 years
Gary Bergman	40 years

MARCH 2014

Patricia Stewart	35 years
Wayne Craft	40 years
William Luopa III	40 years
John Innes	40 years
John Willford	45 years

APRIL 2014

Danny Kern	35 years
Richard Davis	35 years
Steven Coburn	40 years
Charles Heustess	40 years
Tim Burzinski	40 years
John Hood	40 years
Thomas Ginger	40 years
Thomas Lamal	40 years
Bruce Dove	40 years
Michael White	40 years
William Gates, III	45 years

MAY 2014

Arthur Stites	35 years
Gary Moore	40 years
Harvey Manson	40 years
Daniel Ostrowski	40 years
Patrick McCollor	40 years
Stephen Hovenden	40 years
Daryl Spaeth	40 years
Curtis Greimann	40 years

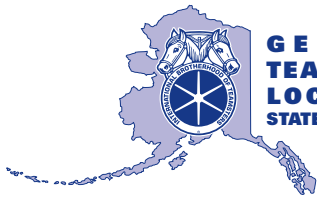
Summer Dues for Seasonal Employees

With the end of the school year fast approaching, please remember to let us know what you'd like to do with your membership in Teamsters Local 959 for the summer. You can either pay non-working dues for the summer months or request a withdrawal. In order to take a withdrawal your dues must be paid current. If you would like to request a withdrawal, please contact us by May 31st.

To request a withdrawal by phone or discuss either of these options please contact the Anchorage dues office at 751-8521 or the Fairbanks dues office at 452-2959, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Have a great summer and we'll see you in the fall!





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South Peninsula Hospital

Summer in Alaska is upon us again! So if you're feeling your Teamster instinct to hit the road, be sure to head to Homer and stop by South Peninsula Hospital, Inc. (SPH). If you're there by necessity, rest and recover easy knowing SPH offers the crème of the crop when it comes to registered nurses, therapists, biomedical engineers, clerical and cafeteria workers, pharmacists, lab scientists, and Emergency Room technicians. Otherwise, just stop in to say hello to one of your several hundred working brothers and sisters.

Over the years, the SPH bargaining unit has been very supportive of the union, with their unity always resulting in fair contracts. In August 2013, the committee began negotiations for a new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA). SPH recently hired a new attorney, due to the fact that their last one kept both parties at the negotiating table for 18 months; At this point, the new attorney has delayed us for an entire year. This large delay has rendered the last negotiation session in April fairly unproductive. Thus, with agreement from SPH, the union has announced that a mediator will be brought in. The Federal Mediation Conciliation Service has assigned Commissioner Ligia Velazquez to the case. The parties are aiming to hold a hearing in June or July; exact dates will follow.

If you do make it to SPH in Homer, tell your fellow Teamsters how supportive of their efforts you are. Let's ensure that the best care possible continues!

