

Alaska TEAMSTERS



Local 959 Newsletter

March 2020

Message from Gary Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer

Through our social media platforms and soon-to-be updated website I want to highlight our members to show other members, and the public, who Local 959 members are and where they work, and the jobs they do. I also want to highlight the contributions the Jesse L. Carr Charity Golf Tournament raises for Alaska charities all across the State.

First, we have improved our presence on social media using both Facebook and Instagram to share more current and relevant information. We are keeping you as updated as possible with daily monitoring and consistent postings of events, pictures and stories regarding our membership. We also have a YouTube channel with all our recent commercials and older video presentations, like the 60 minutes interview with Jesse Carr and Dan Rather (1976). You can find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/TeamstersUnionLocal959, Instagram at www.instagram.com/alaskateamsters, and just search for Teamsters Local 959 on YouTube.

In my first year and a half as Secretary-Treasurer I have met many new people, some of which know who the Teamsters are and some who don't—well, I want to change that because I feel everyone should know who the Teamsters are, what our members do, and who they are. To accomplish this we set out last Fall to highlight our members by making 8 commercials. We wanted to show the public, and our own members, how integral to our basic fabric of society our members are and how they provide services to Alaskan's everyday life—from fuel deliveries to local gas stations (Weaver Brothers), delivery of heating oil to homes (Sourdough Fuel), food warehousing and delivery to grocery stores (Safeway), from loading, unloading and the delivery of UPS packages, Telecommunications workers at AT&T, Coal Miners at Usibelli Coal Mine, Hospital workers at South Peninsula Hospital in Homer, and all the Matson & Tote workers unloading and loading the ships at the Port of Anchorage, just to name a few. Our membership helps deliver these goods and services to Alaska and should be highlighted. These commercials are airing now in Anchorage on KTVA Channel 11 and on a few GCI cable channels (CNBC, CNN, DAM, ENT, FBN, MNBC, PAR & TLC), as well as in Fairbanks on KXDX Channel 13. We will also soon have YouTube advertising to add other media spotlights. One of our most recent member highlights came from Senator Dan Sullivan a few weeks ago when he announced on his Facebook page that his "Alaskan of the Week" was the Local 959 members, for all that they do for our state, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new website that's coming has taken longer than imagined, but I feel the end result will be worth the wait. Our *Pay Dues Online* option will be a little different than before, but nothing too complicated. We will still have our *Job Board* for current Local 959 contracted job openings all over the state (except construction jobs). All the videos and commercials we've recently produced will be able to be viewed here, too. Even after the new website launches, we will be continuously adding pieces of Local 959's history to a new *History* section. A new *Newsletter* section with editions from as far back as the 1970's through the current year will be available to view also. This is important for new members to see our history and what's happened before they joined the Local and for our more senior members (and retirees) to be able to look back and reflect on their days as members. Further, we are looking in to the idea of an online "Store" where Local 959 shirts, hats, pins, and hoodies can be purchased at nothing more than cost, plus shipping. I would love to see more Local 959 representation worn publicly by our members.

And finally, proceeds raised through the Annual Jesse L. Carr Charity Golf Tournament are contributed all over the State of Alaska to such charities as Go Red for Women, The Children's Lunchbox, Brother Francis Shelter, Big Brother/Big Sister, Blood Bank of Alaska, Food Bank of Alaska, March of Dimes and Special Olympics of Alaska, just to name a few. This annual tournament has raised over 1.2 million dollars since its inception in 1985. The charities these donations directly affect will be highlighted to show what good partners Teamsters are to the communities of our great state. This year's 36th annual event is scheduled for Thursday, July 30th. For more info you can reach out to the JLC Tournament Coordinator, Jennē Kriner, at (907) 751-8542 or by email jkriner@akteamsters.com.

Everyone is struggling during these unprecedented times but it's important to know that there are still many positive things happening – especially with our Local.

~ Gary Dixon



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KENAI OFFICE RE-OPENS



Norman Blair

With great pride, Local 959 welcomes our newest Business Representative, Norman Blair! Born in Korea & adopted to a great family in Kodiak, Norm is one of 26 children in the Blair Family and has great memories growing up on the Island. Norm became a Teamster in 1990 with his first Union involvement being on the Blue Ribbon Committee. Years later he was appointed as one of three Shop Stewards at Kodiak Support Services. In January 2019, Norm was appointed as a Trustee to the Local's Executive Board & just a few months later in October he was offered the position of Business Representative. Taking on this new role, he and his wife moved to Kenai where he can be found running the Local's Kenai Office. Norm says, "I'm married to the most fantastic person who supports me in anyway she can." Together they have 4 children: 2 fantastic daughters and 2 wonderful sons. A proud grandfather 3 times over, Norm says his grandkids are the joy of his life ♥ Norm looks forward to helping grow our local and assisting members as best he can. He says, "I truly believe in what we do and I hold dear to my heart that our members are the most important part of this organization. I live by this quote, 'Our actions are important, but more importantly, what is in our hearts'".

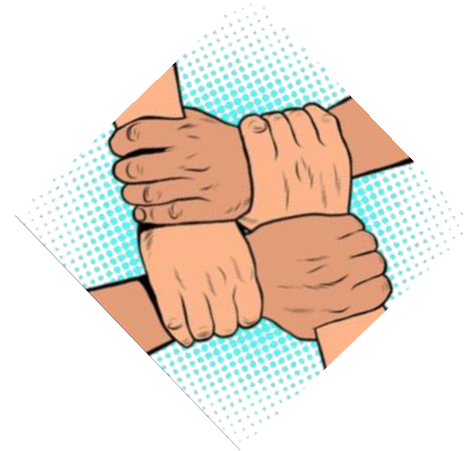
TEAMSTER INSPIRATION

Solidarity Fundraiser

In the Fall of 2019 Brother Steve Hogue had a terrible motorcycle accident. Though he was severely injured, he is recovering. In an effort to support him in his recovery, his Teamster Brothers & Sisters came together for a Burrito Fundraiser.

Every unit of Matson Navigation: the Mechanics, Oilers, Office Administration, Hostlers, and Matson Management, including our affiliated Brothers & Sisters with the Anchorage Independent Longshore Union, volunteered their time over several days whipping up over 700 burritos!!!

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in Steve's Fundraiser and in showing their Solidarity with Brother Hogue.



**Dustin Tolstrup,
Schuyler Young**



**Brad Davis, Greg Alley, Mark Skrade,
Will Peters**



**Chris Cannon, Chris Manculich II,
Jay Casey, Thor Brown,
Jesse Korn, Dustin Tolstrup**

Matson Navigation provided the materials and the facility needed for the Teamsters and Longshoremen to come together to help support Brother Hogue. THANK YOU to everyone in our community who purchased burritos or simply donated to the cause!



Matson
Navigation Company

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SHOP STEWARD SCHOOL—FALL 2020

Shop Steward School is set for this Fall—October 10 & 11, 2020.

We continue to follow CDC recommendations, government mandates and city orders in support of the health & safety of our communities. This pandemic situation is and has been concerning to us all. Should changes and adjustments be required that could affect our Shop Steward School, we will keep you notified. We look forward to gathering with you all soon. *Please RSVP with Jennë Kriner at (907) 751-8542 or jkriner@akteamsters.com*

If you are interested in being a Shop Steward or would like to recommend someone for the role, please reach out to your Business Representative ☺



**October 10 & 11, 2020
Hotel Captain Cook
939 West 54th Avenue
Anchorage, AK**



DOT NEW DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGULATION

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse went into effect January 6, 2020. All CDL drivers who operate commercial vehicles on public roads and their employers will need to register with Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse is a secure online database that gives employers, the FMCSA, State Driver Licensing Agencies and State Law enforcement personnel real-time information about commercial driver's license and commercial learner's permit holder's drug and alcohol program violations.

The Clearinghouse contains records of violations of drug and alcohol prohibitions in 49 CFR Part 382, including positive drug or alcohol test results, test refusals, and return-to-duty testing.

The Clearinghouse is a centralized database that employers use to report drug and alcohol program violations and to conduct queries which check current or new employees are not prohibited from performing safety functions such as operating a commercial motor vehicle due to an unresolved drug and alcohol program violation. Queries must be conducted as part of a pre-employment driver investigation and at least for current employees.

This online database helps keep roads safer for all drivers by identifying, in real time, drivers prohibited from performing safety-sensitive functions, such as operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV), due to a drug and alcohol program violation.



- ✓ Record
- ✓ Consent
- ✓ Query
- ✓ Safety

Register with Clearinghouse here: clearinghouse.fmcsa.dot.gov/

TEAMSTER AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Anchorage UPS



Darren Hill & Shop Steward, Robert Tarkington



Gary Yeager



Oliver Moore

UPS Members Celebrate Outstanding Longevity!!!



Glen Casey

Karl Reid—32 Years

James McClain—32 Years

Gary Mingo—33 Years

Each of these Anchorage UPS Members are celebrating 30+ years of service, and doing 30+ years of anything is a mark that is hard to match. We would like to thank our GREAT EIGHT UPS drivers that have attained such an important level in LOCAL 959. These Members continue to show us how to lead by example. They have definitely set the standard that fellow Teamsters should hope to reach one day. When you see your UPS Driver say "Hello!" and let them know you're a Teamster, too ☺

KODIAK'S SHINING EXAMPLE

Cherise Relyea came to work as a Teamster on the BOSS contract back in 2007 at the US Coast Guard base, Kodiak. She got her start as a mail clerk in the shipping and receiving shop.

She learned quickly the ins and outs of the logistics department and upgraded to the warehouseman position. Due to her excellent work ethics and her great personality, she was well-liked by her managers as well as her fellow members. She briefly left the covered contract to pursue other interests but eventually returned. Cherise took a temporary seasonal position with COM MS crew to get her foot back in the door, so to speak. Around the time the season for COM MS had started to wind down the lead for janitorial had noticed how hard she worked and offered her a full-time position. She worked for a few months in janitorial but desired more. She was a single parent and as head of household was looking for more of a career for her future. Around the same time, the Company and the Teamster business representative discussed the possibility of an apprentice program for two occupations. These two occupations required state certificates and the labor pool was very small, plus recruiting someone to fill potential vacancies was predicted to be very difficult. The two occupations were the wastewater/water treatment operator and the steam boiler operator. The task to setup the apprenticeship program fell into the hands of Ernest Scheidler who, at the time, was the lead operator at the wastewater/water treatment facilities as well as an accomplished local shop steward. Cherise was chosen as the candidate for the wastewater/water treatment apprentice and she happily accepted the position. It was to be a three year program requiring her to study, pass tests and obtain the Alaska DEC state licenses. State licenses require knowledge tests, core educational credits, and work hours to be able to obtain the different levels of certifications. She excelled and blew through her apprenticeship program. She obtained her Provisionals, then her level 1 WWTP/WTP licenses and now holds dual level 2 State of Alaska licenses. I have no doubt that she will acquire her level 3's down the road when she has satisfied her hours requirement. Cherise is a shining example of what can happen when a Company and Union come together to create opportunities to both grow their own work force locally and to benefit the members. Kudos to Cherise for her hard work and dedication to take these opportunities and really shine to be an example for future apprentices. ~Norm Blair, Business Representative



Cherise Relyea

TEAMSTER AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS (CONT.)

Teamsters Local 959 recognizes the hard work and dedication of our Shop Stewards. Beginning in 2017, we began to formally recognize these Union leaders by creating an annual award,

~The Larry K. West Award for Shop Steward of the Year~

Our annual Shop Steward Award is dedicated to the late Mr. Larry K. West, who exemplified the true meaning of Stewardship.

For 2020 this award goes to Fairbanks Shop Steward, Mike McLean! Mike was presented with a Teamsters Local 959 engraved watch and had his name added to our award plaque where you can find it displayed in both the Fairbanks and Anchorage offices.

Mike has been working as a Union member at AT&T Alaska since 1973 and has worked in various locations up until he took the technician position, which he has held since 2006. It was during this time he became an alternate Steward with Larry West.

Together they were the duo that handled every Union aspect from daily needs of the members to contract negotiations. After Larry's retirement, Mike took over the area Shop Steward Duties and has continued to support and represent ever since.

With his booming voice he is a commanding force, a regular at the monthly membership meetings, and has been representing the Union for 14-plus years!!!

Being a Union Steward is one of the most important jobs of the Union. Thank you Mike!



Shop Steward, Mike McLean



Business Representative, Terri Quinlan, Shop Steward, Mike McLean, and Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Dixon

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A SHOP STEWARD

Shop Stewards play a vital role in the representation of our members. A successful Shop Steward must possess a number of traits, including: leadership abilities, good communication skills, and have the ability to put aside their own personal opinions to professionally and objectively represent all of our Teamster-represented members.

What is a Shop Steward?

A Bargaining Unit's Shop Steward is the go-to Union Representative on the job site. They have a number of responsibilities from contract enforcement and assisting in grievance procedures, to keeping members informed and motivated about their Union.

A Shop Steward:

- ◆ is familiar with your contract and can answer general questions;
- ◆ assists new employees in joining the Union and are knowledgeable about the benefits of being a member;
- ◆ is familiar with the grievance procedure and can direct you through the proper steps;
- ◆ is available to help you identify violations of the contract and can assist you in referencing sections of the contract;
- ◆ acts as a liaison between employees and the Union;
- ◆ understands problems and challenges facing your department/company and relays information to the Union;
- ◆ participates in contract negotiations;
- ◆ attends Union meetings and are kept current of Union-wide updates and labor issues.



If you are interested in being a Shop steward or would like to recommend someone for the role, please reach out to your Business Representative ☺

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

UPDATES—ANCHORAGE OFFICE

~Dale Miller, Business Representative~

2019 was a busy year in the Public Sector. Negotiations with the Anchorage School District have been ongoing trying to get a health care deal for the Food Service employees that would see improved benefits at a much lower (or no) cost to the member for a much better plan. Unfortunately, we have not been successful in getting the School District to do the right thing for their employees. We will continue to fight for better benefits for the members.

We have also been in negotiations with the Municipality of Anchorage for a successor agreement for our members who work at Solid Waste Services and Public Transportation. We are about seventy percent complete but have stalled a little and have decided to get a mediator to assist us in getting through the last few items.

2020 appears to be setting out to be just as busy. Negotiations are kicking off with the Anchorage School District for a successor agreement to the Warehouse/Maintenance contract. Across the table bargaining has not begun yet as of this writing, but we hope to start soon.

The District is once again claiming to have a 19 million dollar budget shortfall which will make negotiations even more challenging. Please contact your state representatives and ask them to fund education at an amount that will allow for a reasonable cost of living adjustment that has not been happening for several years now.

Contract negotiations will also begin shortly with MV Transportation. Please watch for proposal surveys that each member can fill out with suggestions that will assist the negotiation team.

On a better note, Teamster members employed by the Anchorage School District and the Municipality of Anchorage can save a lot of money on dental services because of discounts we have negotiated with Affordable Dental. For more information on these savings, talk to your Business Representative or see the flyers posted in your workplace. Remember, "United we bargain, divided we beg."

~In Solidarity, Dale



Anchorage School District
Food Service



UPDATES—HOMER OFFICE

South Peninsula Hospital Teamsters Ratify a New Agreement

Teamsters Local 959 and South Peninsula Hospital entered negotiations in September 2019 and reached an agreement in January 2020 for a 4 year contract which includes wage increases totaling 11.5%.

We also accomplished the following:

- ⇒ Removed limitations on the wage grid
- ⇒ Decreased the number of probationary hours
- ⇒ Increased On-Call pay
- ⇒ Increased ALL shift differentials
- ⇒ Increased short notice pay
- ⇒ Increased preceptor/trainer pay
- ⇒ Increased certification pay and improved the way it is paid out
- ⇒ No increase to Health Insurance premiums and decreased the time it takes to become eligible
- ⇒ Variable shifts are defined and have some parameters and limitations that are beneficial to employees
- ⇒ Increased PTO accrual for employees with 20+ years of service
- ⇒ Eliminated the requirement to use PTO before being allowed to use sick leave
- ⇒ Improved bereavement leave language
- ⇒ Added holiday (day after thanksgiving)



South
Peninsula
Hospital



Maria Soto & Mikel Kuhn with SPH



From Left Maria Soto, LyDette Kieffer, Glenda Hazelwood, & Janet McNary complete the ratification ballot count—CBA ratified 115 - 12

"Thanks to a great negotiating team, South Peninsula Hospital's contract continues to improve the lives of over 300 members in Homer. As the largest employee base in Homer, we continue to set the standard for good wages and benefits on the Peninsula."

~Maria Soto
Shop Steward & 30 Year Member



This is Marilyn Shroyer, SPH employee for 40+ years. She's an RN in the ER, AC, ICU & HH. Marilyn is like a celebrity in that arena and she loves her Union!

AGREEMENTS & RATIFICATIONS

NEWLY ORGANIZED GROUPS WORK TO NEGOTIATE WORKPLACE IMPROVEMENTS!

Two recently organized work groups are currently negotiating in different parts of the state to secure their first Teamster contract. In Fairbanks, ALSCO's delivery drivers are busy negotiating with management after voting to join drivers currently represented by our union that service Anchorage, Wasilla, and the Kenai Peninsula. Meanwhile, in Homer, a new group of administrative and professional office employees are working to secure their first Teamster contract at South Peninsula Behavioral Health Services (SPBHS). While these two groups do entirely different work and operate hundreds of miles apart from one another, together they represent some of the diversity of Teamsters Local 959 and the different career fields and locations our membership both works and resides in around Alaska.

If you know of someone who is interested in improving their working conditions or would like more information on how to help grow our membership, please contact Local 959's Organizer, Derek Musto, (907) 748-5696 or dmusto@akteamsters.com.



ALASKA MEDICAL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (AMEA) AT KODIAK ISLAND MEDICAL CENTER

AMEA, an affiliate agreement with Teamsters Local 959, began negotiations in January 2019. Over the course of more than 30 years negotiations between the AMEA members and the respective hospitals has been amiable. With St. Joseph Hospital purchasing Providence Hospital on a national level, hospital unions have been in a labor battle over their benefits ever since.

Providence Hospital took the position to streamline benefits and proposed massive cuts to sick leave and paid time off (PTO) in lieu of Short Term Disability coverage. This process caused labor picketing and strikes all over the west coast of the United States.

Many hospitals, including Providence in Anchorage, succumbed to the aggressive attack on their workers and received short term pay offs, reduced PTO and an elimination of their sick leave.

At the beginning of the negotiation process the AMEA membership firmly announced they would not accept a reduced benefit package that they've negotiated for over 30 years. The AMEA negotiation was led by Alison Horn, Genevieve Cook, and Heather Crivello. From the beginning of negotiations Providence Hospital rolled out their universal plan to reduce benefits and proposed sunseting payoffs and short term solutions.

After several months the two parties entered into mediation over the summer of 2019 to try to find a resolution. Providence eventually gave AMEA a "last best offer" for the membership to vote on with the reduced benefit package. AMEA overwhelmingly voted the package proposal down.

Going into the Fall of 2019, Providence continued on their path to reduce sick time and PTO while AMEA was holding strong, not accepting their proposal. Moving into 2020, AMEA filed several Unfair Labor Practice charges and began organizing for information pickets and taking a strike vote. AMEA unanimously voted to go on strike.

With Covid-19 beginning to enter the United States, Providence was preparing to bring in replacement workers while the two groups continued negotiating and preparing to go on an indefinite strike. Another mediator worked with the two groups to help reach an agreement. 72 hours before the strike was to take place the parties reached a 2-year agreement, with AMEA keeping their current sick leave and PTO. AMEA is the only hospital in Alaska, union represented or not, to keep their sick leave and PTO packages.

AMEA is an example of when union membership stands together for a common goal that their priorities can be achieved. Horn, Cook, and Crivello put in endless hours with their members, and committed many hours away from their families preparing for negotiations. These 3 led by example and represented their membership's best interests at all times.

Teamsters Local 959 couldn't be more proud of this group for standing up and taking action to maintain their current benefits, and negotiating many other improvements to their agreement. We are proud to have AMEA as Teamster members and we're both committed to continuing this fight if Providence is going to continue to bring these regressive offers to the negotiation table.

~Jace Digel, Lead negotiator for AMEA, Chief of Staff—Teamsters Local 959



LOCAL 959 EVENTS

2019 Holidays with Teamsters



Amazing gatherings were had with our fellow Teamster Brothers & Sisters and their families for the 2019 Holidays! Each year's parties grow bigger & better ♥ At Service High in Anchorage, we spent the day taking pics with Santa, sledding on the hill,



enjoying horse-drawn sleigh rides, getting our faces painted, goofing off for pics at the Selfie-Station, playing with balloon animals, and winning raffle prizes. We also had an amazing holiday feast put on by Peppercini's Deli. And of course, the Grinch made his special appearance—even bringing some of his own crazy presents for a few very (un)lucky folks . The annual Fairbanks' Holiday Party at the Bowling Alley was a blast as well! The kids loved the gifts from Santa and everyone got a picture with him too! The BBQ was delicious and the bowling was a hit! We truly enjoy spending holiday time with our members and their families*



Thank you to Peppercini's Deli for catering ♥



NEWS FROM THE HALL

New Roles & Responsibilities



Yolandous Williams,
Business Representative,
Executive Board Vice President,
& UPS Statewide Coordinator

~ Yolandous Williams ~

It has been over a year since Yolandous Williams took his position as a Business Representative with the Local serving over 700 Members from UPS, MV Transport, and Republic Parking. In August of 2019, Yolandous was also appointed Statewide Coordinator for UPS. Taking on this role, he's held UPS State Panels and Center Level Hearings to serve our Members in their times of need while maintaining accountability of all our UPS Members in Alaska. Within this past year he's travelled to Fairbanks and six different states representing Local 959 in training courses and conferences. Yolandous also changed roles within the Local's Executive Board, becoming the Vice-President. He takes pride in working very hard every day to serve our Members.

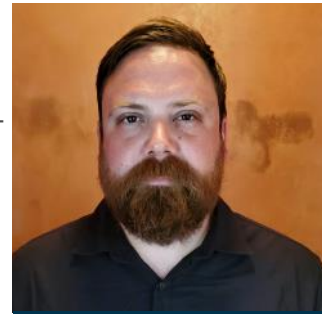
~ Kirk Johnson ~

Kirk was born in Fairbanks Alaska into a Teamster family. His father, grandfather and great grandfather were all Teamsters. Growing up, he had the opportunity to travel with his father to many Teamster conventions including the 100th anniversary of the Teamsters in Washington DC.

Kirk first went to work at J.B. Gottstein and joined Teamsters Local 959 in January 1999. Later that year, he went to work at Interstate Brands (Sunrise Bakery). Kirk then acquired his Class A CDL from the Teamsters Training Trust and took a dispatch to Matanuska Maid Dairy in 2002 where he worked in the warehouse and made deliveries. Matanuska Maid was scheduled to close in 2007 and although Kirk had a chance to leave Mat-Maid early, he stayed to the very last day out of respect for the Teamsters.

While waiting for another dispatch he assisted his father in a Teamsters National Pipeline training program in Chicago. On a free day in Chicago he went to a Cubs game. It was outside Wrigley Field getting ready to go into that game that he received a call and took a dispatch to the AT&T Alascom warehouse (May 2008). Kirk continues to work there and is now the AT&T Alascom d/b/a AT&T Alaska warehouse Foreman and Area Shop Steward.

Kirk Johnson was appointed to Teamsters Local 959's Executive Board in October 2019 as a Trustee. He took his oath of office at the October 2019 General Membership union meeting which was administered by his father, Mark Johnson, a 54-year Teamster member.



Kirk Johnson,
Executive Board Trustee

October 3, 2019

Alaska Teamster Retirees Association President Mark Johnson administers the Oath of Office to his son, AT&T Shop Steward Kirk Johnson

OATH OF OFFICE

All officers of the International Union and affiliated bodies when installed shall be required to take the following oath of office:

I, Kirk Johnson, do sincerely promise, upon my honor as a trade unionist and a Teamster, that I will faithfully use all of my energies and abilities to perform the duties of my office, for the ensuing term, as prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws of this Union. As an officer of this great Union, I will, at all times, act solely in the interests of our members, devote the resources of our Union to furthering their needs and goals, work to maintain a Union that is free of corruption, to preserve and strengthen democratic principles in our Union, and to protect the members' interests in all dealings with employers. I will never forget that it is the members who put me here, and it is the members whom I will serve. I further promise that I will faithfully comply with and enforce the Constitution and laws of the International Union and Bylaws of this Union, that I will, at all times, by example, promote harmony and preserve the dignity of this Union. I also promise that at the close of my official term, I will promptly deliver any money or property of this Union in my possession to my successor in office.



Megan Barker,
Fairbanks Dues Clerk



Megan is our newest Dues Clerk working out of the Fairbanks Hall.

Megan was born and raised in Fairbanks with her family originating from the village of Tanana, Alaska. For the last 5 years she has worked in the medical field working from administration to billing departments but has also worked in the Oil Field and Trucking Industry. She has a son, Vaughn, who is a wild 4 year old superhero! She also spent a few years in Denver, Colorado and became a huge Broncos fan! In her free time she enjoys watching basketball games (especially West Valley) and plays softball all summer long. In the summer you'll find her near the water, on a boat, jet ski or raft floating the river. In the winter you won't find her at all ☺

Training Trust News

Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDL) & The Real ID

Starting October 1, 2021, Alaska residents will need to present a REAL ID compliant license/ID or another acceptable form of identification for accessing Federal facilities, entering nuclear power plants, and boarding commercial aircraft.

FAQ's

Q: If I have a CDL do I have to get a REAL ID compliant CDL?

A: All standard CDL cards currently in circulation continue to be valid until they expire. However, this type of CDL can only be used for official federal purposes while Alaska has an extension from the Department of Homeland Security and ends on the federal enforcement date of October 1, 2021. CDL holders have the following options:

- Mandatory upgrade to REAL ID upon renewal to keep the CDL (may require a new hazmat check, as applicable);
- Voluntarily upgrade to REAL ID CDL anytime (may require a new hazmat check, as applicable);
- Downgrade to non-commercial DL upon CDL expiration if the CDL isn't needed/wanted;
- Stick with the standard CDL in hand knowing that it can't be used to access federal facilities past October 1, 2021, but is otherwise valid until expiration.

Q: How does the 5-year Hazardous Materials Threat Assessment Check requirement work with an 8-year CDL?

A: Federal and state regulations continue to require the check at 5-year intervals regardless of the duration of the CDL. Starting December 20, 2018, the expiration date of the hazardous materials endorsement will appear on the reverse side of the CDL. A new threat assessment check plus issuance of a duplicate CDL is required to retain the endorsement.

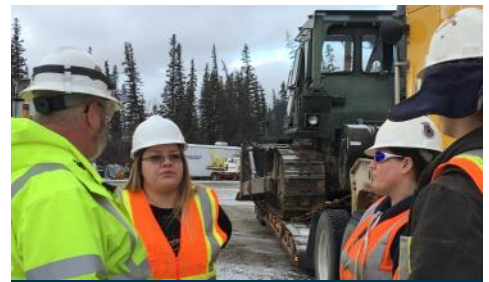
For more information on the Real ID, Alaska requirements and documents needed, please go to the DMV Home Page: <https://doa.alaska.gov/dmv/home.htm>



2019 Pipeline Training Vac Truck—Paul Kama, Murjani Hott, Colin Whalen, Warren Erickson & Instructor-Journeyman Bill Evans



2019 Pipeline Training Journeyman Joe Donohue showing first year Surveyor Apprenticeship new skills



2019 Pipeline Training 3rd Year Apprentice Lisa Northway checking in on the 1st year with Instructor Dave Lipps



~ A Word from the Training Trust Director, John Lovdahl ~

First, the name of the organization in charge of NSTC has changed to **Alaska Safety Alliance**.

As of January 1, 2020 temporary NSTC paper cards and electronic NSTC cards are a part of a required NSTC Trainee Materials Package, along with the ASH book and the Environmental Field Handbook that must be provided to each trainee successfully completing the NSTC 8-hour Unescorted Course.

The Training Trust will provide this to each Teamster Member needing to take the course for working up North. The temporary NSTC paper card is what we will issue at the end of the course. The card will be mailed to the mailing address on the application that's filled out by you. Once the electronic card is obtained from NSTC, it will be the responsibility of the Member to replace any lost card for a fee of \$10 and can only be done through the NSTC office.

Please contact NSTC Instructor, Paul Hemmelgarn, (907) 751-9788, with any questions.

As the year goes by, I'm sure there will be new information to share and we will pass that along.



TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELFARE AND PENSION FUNDS

Alaska Teamster-Employer Welfare Trust News



Prescription Discount Cards

Many pharmacies participate in prescription drug discount programs. You may be able to save a significant amount of money just by signing up for a discount card program. While the Trust office does not reimburse for out of pocket expenses when using a discount card program, you might pay less using a discount card instead of using your prescription benefit with OptumRx.

Drug prices vary from pharmacy to pharmacy so discounts at one pharmacy chain may be different than other pharmacy chains. Some discount card programs have many different pharmacies that participate in the program, and other discount card programs are specific to one pharmacy or chain of pharmacies.

To find out what you could save on a prescription, visit the following sites:

<https://www.goodrx.com/discount-card>

<https://www.krogersc.com/>

<https://www.drugs.com/discount-card/>

<https://www.webmd.com/rx>

<https://www.wellrx.com/discount-pharmacy-prices/>

<https://freedrugcard.us/safeway-pharmacy-discount-card.html>

Anyone can use a discount coupon program; however, these cards cannot be used in combination with the Alaska Teamster-Employer Welfare Trust's prescription benefit. Some discount card programs may have a membership fee. Membership fees associated with a discount coupon program are not reimbursable, nor are out of pocket expenses when using a discount coupon program. If the member fills a prescription under a discount card program and not through Alaska Teamster-Employer Welfare Trust's prescription benefit, that claim will not count toward the member's out of pocket maximums. For more information about how you may be able to save more on your prescription drugs, visit the site links listed above.

\$ Self-Pay Online

Self-Payment Account for Employees

Knowing what you must pay every month to maintain eligibility with the Health and Welfare Plan is as important as budgeting for any other monthly expense. Are you under an Hourly Rate Contract or a Flat Rate Contract? Maybe you have a Composite Rate Contract? Not knowing could potentially leave you without eligibility in any given month.

Knowing what your employer contributes every month will help you prepare in advance so you are not unexpectedly receiving a Self-Payment letter or a COBRA notice in the mail.

An eligible Active Employee may choose to deposit personal funds into a Self-Payment Account for the purpose of automatically having funds available, and automatically credited toward self-payments that may be needed to maintain eligibility at the employee's Plan Level. The maximum amount in a Self-Payment Account is the cost of one month of coverage at your Plan Level.

If you have funds in a Self-Payment Account and you are eligible to make a partial payment, and those funds are sufficient to allow you to continue coverage at your Plan Level, a deduction from your Self-Payment Account will automatically be made in the amount needed to maintain coverage at your Plan Level.

When and How to Make a Self-Payment

Self-Payments may be made online at www.959trusts.com by selecting the link. This may only be done between the 1st and 10th of each month. The Plan's Stop Loss policy doesn't allow for payments beyond the 10th of the month unless it's for an advance date of eligibility and not for the month in which you are making the payment.

All credit card payments are processed through PayPal.



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The Board of Trustees of the Alaska Teamster-Employer Welfare Trust has added Behavioral Health and Dermatology services to your current Teladoc benefits provided at 100% coverage, which means you pay zero. Behavioral Health and Dermatology services are free of charge when provided by Teladoc.

If you have any questions regarding Teladoc services, please contact the Trust office at 907-751-9700 or toll free at 800-478-4450, or by email at benefits@959trusts.com.



Coalition Health Center "NO SHOW" Fees

If you schedule an appointment at the Coalition Health Center and are unable to keep that appointment, you must call the Coalition Health Center to cancel your appointment. A "NO SHOW" fee of \$75.00 dollars will be billed to participants who do not cancel their appointment at least 24 hours in advance of their scheduled appointment.

A participant with a No Show fee will have their account flagged and will be required to pay the \$75.00 fee to the Coalition Health Center. The Coalition Health Center will notify the Alaska Teamster-Employer Welfare Trust of all No Show fees.

If you know you are unable to make your appointment, please notify the Coalition Health Center 24-hours in advance of your intent to cancel your appointment.

RETIREE NEWS

The Alaska Teamsters Retiree Association had some celebrations, some losses and a great Christmas luncheon.

A monumental achievement for Teamsters Local 959 was recognized at the September 2019 Anchorage General Membership Meeting – Mr. Lloyd “Skip” Weeks was surprised with a congratulatory Teamsters Watch as a gift to celebrate his 65 years as a continuous Dues paying member! This is the first longevity of that magnitude in our Local’s history. In addition, we proudly announced that the newest 2nd floor board-



room would now be known as the Lloyd “Skip” Weeks Boardroom! We are honored to have your support of our Local, for retiree Skip. Retirees were invited to attend the union meeting where the award was given and there was a nice gathering afterward with coffee and cake.

The 2019 ALIVE drawing was a slam dunk for retirees. The final tickets were drawn by Sharon Weeks, Skips wife. The \$25,000 grand prize was won by retiree, Jean Craig and the seller of the winning ticket was Reita Rule who won \$1500. Some say it must have been a setup, but I say, “Retirees Rule”!

We were saddened by the loss of two influential retirees, Marty Kaniho and Charlie Barr. Marty had worked on the slope for many years and was a mentor for many young workers. He also served on the Union’s Executive Board prior to his passing. Charlie Barr was a notorious truck driver who never hesitated to loudly voice his opinion on union matters. He was well respected in the transportation industry. Both Marty and Charlie had their memorial services held at the Local Union Hall.

In December we held our annual Christmas luncheon. It was attended by about 50 retirees and staff. The turkey, ham and all the traditional side dishes was catered and we nearly ran out, retirees are big eaters. Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Dixon gave a great presentation on how he intends to get the word out through social media and other venues about the influence Local 959 has in Alaska. There was a bevy of door and raffle prizes given away at the event.

As a note of personal pride my son Kirk Johnson was appointed Trustee to Local 959’s Executive Board in October. Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Dixon asked me to administer the Oath of Office to Kirk. When I was appointed to the Executive Board in 1981 and took that same Oath of Office my son Kirk was only 2 years old. This was a very proud moment for our family.

The Corona virus caused the Local Union Hall to close their building to the public. As many of you know, every morning several retirees gather in Dispatch for coffee and general world problem solving. With no place to gather after nearly two months it was decided to have our coffee in the Local Union Hall’s parking lot. On Thursday mornings the retirees do a tail-gate coffee gathering. They bring their coffee, lawn chairs and occasionally some goodies forming an appropriate social distancing circle and enjoy each other’s company. Hopefully, we will soon be able to go back inside.



Martinson Kaniho
October 19, 1946—July 20, 2019



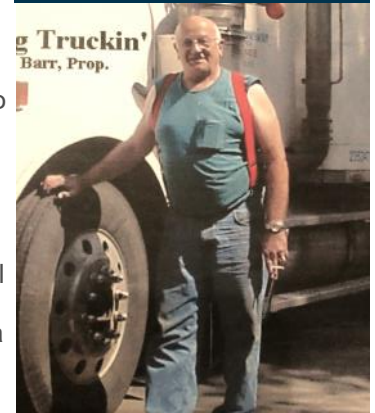
Retiree Annual
Christmas Luncheon



Retiree Annual
Christmas Luncheon



Lloyd “Skip” Weeks &
Secretary-Treasurer Gary Dixon



Charlie Barr
December 5, 1933—December 7, 2019



Retiree World Problem Solving Coffee Gang ©

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark Johnson, President
Alaska Teamster Retirees Association
959retires@gmail.com

CELEBRATING RETIREES

Congratulations to the following members for their years of service and on a retirement well-deserved!!!

MAY 2019

Gary Brettrager Nanuq Inc.
Howard Worth Weaver Bros.

JUNE 2019

Anita Licalsi AT&T Alaska
John Chya Bechan Enterprises
Laren S Haskins Usibelli Coal Mind, Inc.
Michael Childers Anchorage School District

Michael Dunlap ASRC ES-Houston
Robert A Smith Anchorage School District

Susan Wyrick-Harding Houston Contracting
Troy Hall Indyne Inc.

JULY 2019

Angel Manlunas Choctaw Defense Services
Donald Evans Nanuq, Inc.
Donald Pestka AK Teamsters Employer Training Trust
Larry Hamilton Alaska Interior Transport
Leta Page ARCTEC Alaska
Mary Martin Ahtna Construction
Robert McKellar Arctic Slope Telephone Assoc.

Ronie Foster-Risse ARCTEC Alaska
Robert Masneri AT&T Alaska
Patrick Levy Indyne, Inc.
Steven Joswiak BAE Systems

AUGUST 2019

Barbara Rahe Interstate Brands
Brett Starr AggPro
Christine Mansfield United Parcel Service

David Stogdill AT&T Alaska
Harris Stuermer ASRC ES-Houston
James Schilbach Choctaw Defense Services

Mark D. LaRiviere Houston Contracting
Minna Larsen Doyon/Aramark
Paul Schweibinz Kodiak Support Services

Richard Letts Lynden Transport
Tracy Blythe United Parcel Service



SEPTEMBER 2019

Ricky D. Prince Granite Construction
Roger A. Cardoza AT&T Alaska

OCTOBER 2019

Cindy L. Childers Anchorage School District
Don Soileau Doyon/Aramark
Doyle Nowland Price Gregory Int'l
Gerald Dunlap Safeway
Keith M. Webster Black Gold Express
Nicholas Walker Houston Contracting
Wendell Harrington AT&T Alaska

NOVEMBER 2019

Duane Bacher Anchorage Sand & Gravel
Elizabeth Currey Teamsters Local 959
Janet Jones Alaska Teamster Employer Service Training
John Tracy BSA/LB&B Joint Venture

Marcia Martin M.W. Odon/DBA AK Beverage
Nathaniel Wales Choctaw Defense Services

Ronald Weeks Matson Navigation
Robert McKenzie Nanuq, Inc.
Sherry Swafford Matanuska Maid
Terry Johnson ARCTEC Alaska
Tim Marr Kiewit Infrastructure

DECEMBER 2019

Danny Walker AS&D Inc.
Kirstin Freese ASRC ES-Houston Contracting
Marc Dobkowski Columbus Distributing
Karen Ricks Houston Construction
Michael Allain Ahtna Construction
George Lee Choctaw Defense Services
Franz Porteleki Bering Straits Technical Services
Roberta Cox Arctic Slope Technical Services

JANUARY 2020

Elizabeth Kain ARCTEC Alaska
Garold Ropp Nanuq, Inc.
George Buchanan World Technical Services, Inc.
Jay Ossiander AILU Longshore
Kevin Smyth United Parcel Services
Lee Holmes Quality Asphalt Paving
Larry Jordan Interstate Brands
Marvin Baker Nanuq, Inc.
Perry Lemons United Freight & Transport
Raymond Stock III TCC Joint Venture

FEBRUARY 2020

Faga Lauano Anchorage School District

William E Worthy United Parcel Service
Danny Eddie Interstate Brands
Hae Gun Park United Parcel Service
Mark V DeLevante ASRC ES - Houston Contracting
Joseph F Ambrose Brice Inc
Terry Hartle Alutiiq Management

MARCH 2020

Richard Dreifuerst Arctic Slope Telephone Assoc
Steven Myers Anchorage School District
Kathy Headlough Teamsters Local 959
Ada Jordan Price Gregory Int'l
Clifford Carlson Big Dream Transport
William St. George BAE Systems
Brooks A. Gaines Anchorage School District
Christopher Alden AT&T Alaska
Mary Wilber AT&T Alaska

APRIL 2020

Andrea F Staniforth Price Gregory Int'l
Paul Mueller Usibelli Coal Mine, INC.
Peter Baksis AK Teamsters Service Training
John P Suter AILU Longshore
Sharon Soucy Doyon/Aramark
David Urban AT&T Alaska
Jim Catlin Merrick Management
Paul Barkshire AILU Longshore
Bruce Alan Seegert Doyon/Aramark

MAY 2020

Lance C Ware Nanuq Inc
Thomas J Mounts Granite Construction
David Hettick United Parcel Service
Daniel Bush Bush Construction
William Bryant AT&T Alaska
William Luopa Arctic Surveys Co
Wolfgang Steinborn AILU Longshore



CELEBRATING MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following individuals who have achieved 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60 & 65 years of continuous dues-paying membership in Local 959.

JULY 2019

Gregory Halverson	35 Years
Bonnie McCoy	35 Years
Curtis Whitcraft	40 Years
Grace Pierce-Cerny	40 Years
Oliver Moore	45 Years
Gary Cox	45 Years
John Pritchard	45 Years
Debra Dummann	45 Years
Cameron Gilbane	45 Years
Leonard Jones	45 Years
Edward Meena	45 Years
Michael Alexander	45 Years
Terry Hennessey	45 Years
Kurt Nelson	50 Years
Kenneth Coleman Jr	50 Years

AUGUST 2019

Robert Fletcher	35 Years
Roger Speer	40 Years
John Suter	45 Years
Michael Gerik	45 Years
George Morris	45 Years
Michael Moss	45 Years
Terry Bradner	45 Years
John Auld	45 Years

SEPTEMBER 2019

Steve Henderson	45 Years
Mark Rednall	45 Years
Kristie Sutton	45 Years
Lawrence Allen	45 Years
John Stuart Jr	45 Years
Kurt Seitz	45 Years
Jay McDaniel	45 Years
Vincent Rogan	45 Years
Warren Morrow	45 Years

Oather Baldwin 50 Years

OCTOBER 2019

Richard Kruger	35 Years
Christopher Glashaus	40 Years
Mark Jensen	40 Years
Ricky Prince	40 Years
Russell Revel	45 Years
Jim Fenwick	45 Years
Michael Kenny	45 Years
Owen Brant	45 Years
Thomas Benson	45 Years
Michael Rodekohr	45 Years
James Aldridge	45 Years

NOVEMBER 2019

James Armitstead	35 Years
Rod Spendlove	40 Years
Michael Leslie	45 Years

DECEMBER 2019

Joan Schrader	40 Years
Linnea Stein	45 Years
James Trochim	45 Years
John Logsdon	45 Years
Theodore Gillens	50 Years

★Lloyd Weeks 65 Years★

JANUARY 2020

David Urban	45 Years
Bradford Butler	45 Years
Karen Ricks	45 Years
Knox Chain	55 Years
Eugene Augustin	55 Years

FEBRUARY 2020

Robert Pillifant	45 Years
Howard (Leroy) Johnson	45 Years
Terry Quirk	45 Years
Robert Bayer	45 Years
Jimmie Ricks Jr	45 Years
George Berry	45 Years
Heather Sewell	50 Years

MARCH 2020

Pedro Bilbao	35 Years
Robert Sedlacek	35 Years
Harry McNeal	45 Years
Charles Muehlenkamp	45 Years

Gordon Bailey	45 Years
Debra Morris	45 Years
Rodney Anderson Jr	45 Years
Dan Carroll	45 Years
Dennis Downs	50 Years

APRIL 2020

Michael Atwood	35 Years
Paul Henry	45 Years
Warren Schimmeyer	45 Years
James Elledge	45 Years
James Moore	45 Years
Lionel Gamez Jr	45 Years
Richard Wilson	45 Years
Ronald Kruckenberg	45 Years
Roger Brooks	45 Years
John Etcheverry	45 Years
John Snyder	45 Years

MAY 2020

Jeff Anderson	40 Years
Bruce Nolin	45 Years
Harvey Friedrichs	45 Years
Thomas Henry	45 Years
Lynn Buchheit	45 Years
Bart Enberg	45 Years
Steven Dwyer	45 Years
Stewart Costello	45 Years
Keith Dedicj	45 Years
Debbie Larsh	45 Years
Dennis Gardner	45 Years
Ivan Nelson	45 Years
Winton Voetmann	45 Years
Marshall Bise	45 Years
Andrew Stoffa	55 Years



To keep your record current, please remember to inform the Dues office of any changes to your information, such as address, phone numbers, e-mail address, and/or beneficiary information. This will ensure that you receive union correspondence.

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IN MEMORY ♥ DECEASED BROTHERS & SISTERS

APRIL 2019

Jorge Hernandez The Print Shop

MAY 2019

Robert Tourtelot Doyon/Aramark
John Brooking Anchorage School District

JUNE 2019

Jack Osborn Usibelli Coal Mine
Doris Larrison Horizon Lines
Waltraud Campbell Alascom
Donald Banas Summit Equipment
Peter N Edstrom Arctec Services
Wilfred D Montcalm Morrison-Knudsen Co Inc.
Thomas Enlow H&H Contractors
Maud L Pagh Alascom
Roy Stover K&L Distributors
Robert Mixon Alascom
Marilynn Devine Anchorage School District
Thomas I Nanney AT&T Alaska
Harold L Johnson Martin Marietta
William H Thormahlen Kodiak Oil Field Haulers
Delbert Demeritt Houston Construction

JULY 2019

James Ribelin Weaver Bros
Merle Petron Northwestern Construction
Gatlin Cummings AT&T Alaska
Lewis Johnston Alaska General Inc.
Lawton Houchell CSX Lines
Martinson Kaniho Norcon
Victor Smith H&H Contractors

AUGUST 2019

Talmadge Davis Kodiak Oilfield Haulers
Jack Linsenmier Mukluk Freight Lines
Joe Miller Bendix Field Engineer
Francis Williams Doyon Construction Co Inc.
Delores A Costello Alascom
Jimmy Flood Alutiiq Management

SEPTEMBER 2019

Cecil Gates ITT Federal Services
Luanne Miller TOTE Maritime Alaska Inc.
Steven Maier AT&T Alaska
Scott Heyworth Matson Navigation Company
Dale Farling Kodiak Support Services
Andrew Growden Bayless & Roberts
Allan Lane Wien Air AK
David Beldus Doyon/Aramark
James Hendrie AK Teamster Employer Service Corp.

OCTOBER 2019

Phillip Goodman Morrison-Knudsen Co Inc.
Doris Engle Wien Air Alaska
Eugene R Pierce Lynden Transport Inc.
Richard Green Taywood-Berg-Riedel
Everett Jensen Transport Leasing Inc.
May Smith Alascom PTI
Robert Thomas Green Construction
Leslie Mortenson ITT Federal Services
Yvonne Keller Anchorage School District
James Thomas Lynden Transport Inc.

NOVEMBER 2019

Florence Doris Alascom
Victor Unfer Bayless & Roberts
George McClure Golden Valley Electric Assoc.
Van Dailey CSX Lines
Janice Evensen Alascom PTI
Joseph Amarok Wien Air AK
Robert Sayers AK Teamster Employer Service Corp.
Rudolph Martinchick Wien Air Alaska
Swinton Craft HC Price

DECEMBER 2019

Arthur Coster Anchorage Sand & Gravel
George Lee Choctaw Defense
Joseph Gooding Alascom
Charles Barr Transport Leasing
William Schouten Sea Star Stevedore Inc.
Darwin Butcher Anchorage School District
Roy Snyder, Jr. AT&T Alaska
Barbara Manning AK Teamsters Employer Svc. Corp.
Milton Lott ASRC ES - Houston
Richard Mealey Mason & Hanger
Corene Graham Tote Maritime Alaska
Lewis Kedish AK International Constr.
Robert Ray Anchorage Sand & Gravel
Leo Kammermeyer S&G Const. & World Equip.
Lorin Nash AT&T Alaska
Gary Crame Jackson Construction
Patricia Johnson AT&T Alaska
Donald Kranovich Jackson Construction
Jason Edwards Usibelli Coal Mine

JANUARY 2020

Michael Picken AIC, LLC
Steven Winquist Kodiak Oilfield Haulers
Jeanette Fidler Wien Air Alaska
Louanne Dossman Wien Air Alaska
William Miller JR Universal Space Network

Gary Schoening Norcon
Walter Knox Wismer Becker
Christopher Magnusen K&L Distributors
Lindley Mixon Aleutian Constructors
Joanna Hollier Wien Air Alaska
Larry Berg United Parcel Service
George Lee Arctec Services
Richard Asay Choctaw Defense
Kenneth Odman Teamsters Local 959
Richard Smith Northland Hub
Carroll Arneson Arctec Alaska

FEBRUARY 2020

Earl Adair Hustlers Inc
Howard Baker AILU, Longshore
Patricia Murphy Forgot Me Not Pilot
Stephen Hattaway ITT Federal Services
William Wienke AT&T Alaska
Jimmy Nixon New Wein Airlines
John Huffman Black Gold Express
Daniel Merrigan CSX Lines of Alaska
Glen Dye Wien Air Alaska
Sidney Armistead Doyles Fuel Service Inc
Don Reed HC Price
Alfred Probert Anchorage School District
Jesse Owens Arctic Constructors
Max Cutshall Anchorage School District

MARCH 2020

Patrick Maurin Municipality of Anchorage
Margie Wein-Smith Wein Air
Steven Morgan Great Northwest
Dorothy Breedlove Wein Air
Barbara Magnus Anchorage School District
Mark Cole Martin Marietta
Jack Mize Mammoth of Alaska
Dennis Willman PMC/Frontec
James Lard ITT Federal Services

APRIL 2020 (cont)

Nancy Gordon Alascom
Donald Maesner Bailey Don, Inc.
Ricky Prince Granite Construction
Kenneth Baptiste AT&T Alaska
Marguerite Alaimo AK Teamster Employer SVS

MAY 2020

David Merryfield Weaver Bros
Howard Bolam Continental Baking Co
Leroy Gonzales ITT Federal Services

Jesse L. Carr



**Charity Golf
Tournament**

Celebrating 36 Years

Jesse L. Carr Charity Golf Tournament

This year's Jesse L. Carr Charity Golf Tournament is set for Thursday, July 30, 2020. We are cautiously optimistic and very hopeful that this date will work as state & city mandates continue to change. We are staying in constant communication with the Anchorage Golf Course and how they are adhering to the state and local mandates to keep us all safe on their course. If changes should occur the closer we get to the event date that would keep us from having a full-access tournament we will send out a letter regarding its cancellation for 2020.

The JLC Charity Golf Tournament provides much needed help to so many of our Alaskan Charities with sponsorships from you. We sincerely look forward to celebrating 36 years of this event and thank you in advance for your continued support and participation.

For assistance with sponsorships, signing up to play, or if you have any questions please contact the JLC Tournament Coordinator, Jennë Kriner, at (907) 751-8542 or by email jkkriner@akteamsters.com.



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TEAMSTER MEMBER MOBILIZATION

~JEREMY HOLAN, BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE~

On January 21, 2020 during the Fairbanks School Board meeting, a scheduled topic of discussion was one that affects our Fairbanks school bus members. The topic of concern for us is the school buses in Fairbanks Alaska no longer being stored inside heated garages, left outside all night during the winter months at subzero temperatures. Along with our Fairbanks School Bus Members we believe this will be a safety issue for the employees and kids that ride on these buses for a few hours each day.

I informed our members that I was prepared to speak on behalf of the Fairbanks School Bus Members and the kids of our community. I also asked the members to fill the room at the School Board meeting and show support for our safety concern for the wellbeing of the students and our members.

We had well over 30 Teamster members present during the School Board meeting. When I spoke, Chrya Sanderson who is one of the School Board members, asked why the employees of the current contract are not speaking. My response was, "The fear of retaliation." At that time she stated, "That is unfortunate, we want to hear from them". After Ms. Sanderson's last statement, many of our members stood up and testified supporting our safety concerns. Our members stood strong together and fought for what we believe, causing the School Board meeting to last over 7 hours, not ending until after 1:00 am on January 22, 2020. Unfortunately, we did not get the outcome we wanted and the Fairbanks School Board voted 5-1 in favor of parking the school buses outside.



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**It's the U and I in Union
that makes us STRONG!**