

Alaska TEAMSTERS



Local 959 Newsletter

December 2020

A Message from Gary Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer

As we are approaching the end of 2020 we reflect on what a crazy year it has been, from the once in a lifetime pandemic turning our country and world upside down, to seeing our political world go in directions we couldn't imagine. We must not forget in the early onset of this crazy year, our country created a new word for the working people and that word is "essential." Working class people have always been essential, I find it interesting there are still a few who are just recognizing this. Some still take for granted that the shelves in the grocery stores are always going to be stocked and gasoline will always be at the pumps; your garbage is always picked up and your mail or packages are always delivered; alcohol is readily available at the stores and nurses and hospital workers are always there when you need them. Hopefully, Americans won't take these working people for granted in 2021 and beyond, and will appreciate these people's every day essential labor. In Alaska, a lot of these workers I have mentioned are Teamsters. All throughout this year our members have been there day in and day out, working when we didn't know what this virus was or even how you could get it. Please think about that the next time you see one of these workers and remind them how much you appreciate what they do every day (see list of companies our members work on page 2).

The severity of COVID-19 led us to cancel membership meetings, Shop Steward School, and our membership holiday parties, all in the effort to enhance our member's protection. Hopefully, next year, we can resume participating in these normal group settings again.

Looking forward and on a positive note, next year marks a major milestone for the Local – our 80-year anniversary. We've begun planning and gathering ideas for the celebration we'll hold next summer and once finalized, the details will be shared on our website and social media with plenty of time for members to plan to participate.

Further, we are planning a full Shop Steward School for October 2021 in Anchorage, with commitments from speakers and presenters in the works. We are also looking to put together a "new" Shop Steward School video conference some time in February 2021 (exact date TBD). The plan for this 1-day video conference would focus on brand new stewards, those with less than 2 years under their belt, and would provide them the quick tools and knowledge they need for the beginning period of their new role as Shop Stewards.

The Jesse L. Carr Charity Golf Tournament has been scheduled for Friday, June 18, 2021, at the Anchorage Golf Course. This event raises money for Alaska charities all across the state. Since its inception in 1985, our charity golf tournament has raised over 1.3 million dollars for Alaskan charities, proving what a good community partner Local 959 is in Alaska. If you know of a member that does or has done charity work, or is a leader in their community and you feel they should be recognized, please contact Jenne Kriner at jkriner@akteamsters.com so we can highlight that member and their cause. We are always wanting to highlight the good things our members are doing in their communities.

I would like to say to all our membership, from Clear Air Force Base to Ketchikan – First Student to Usibelli Coal Mine to South Peninsula Hospital, from the workers at the Port of Anchorage with Matson and TOTE to the members at AT&T statewide to UPS members getting our packages delivered to the truck drivers delivering our goods all over our great state, and to the Safeway warehousemen and their drivers for delivering the groceries, and to all of you, thank you.

I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy and Safe New Year.

~ Gary Dixon



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MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

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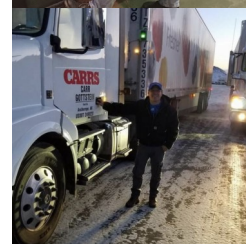
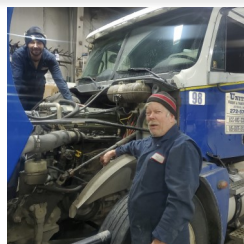
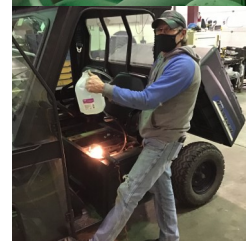
WHERE CAN I FIND A TEAMSTER?

Here's just a few workplaces in Alaska
Where you'll find a Teamster:

- ⇒ Alaska Railroad Corporation
- ⇒ ALSCO, Inc.
- ⇒ Anchorage School District—
Bus Drivers & Attendants, Warehouse &
Maintenance, and Food Service
- ⇒ AT&T Alaska
- ⇒ Big Dreams Transport, LTD
- ⇒ Carrs-Safeway—Hostler, Sanitation, and
Warehouse
- ⇒ Choctaw Defense Services
- ⇒ First Student, Inc.
- ⇒ K&L Distributors
- ⇒ Lynden Transport, Inc.
- ⇒ Matson Navigation Company
of Alaska, LLC
- ⇒ Municipality of Anchorage—People Mover
& Solid Waste
- ⇒ MV Transportation
- ⇒ Northern Air Cargo
- ⇒ Providence Kodiak Island
Medical Center AMEA
- ⇒ Republic Parking System, Inc.
- ⇒ South Peninsula Hospital, Inc.
- ⇒ TOTE Maritime Alaska, Inc.—Office
Workers
- ⇒ United Freight & Transport, Inc.
- ⇒ United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS)
- ⇒ Weaver Brothers, Inc.

**WE
ARE
HERE**

Essential goods are the food and other necessary supplies required to sustain our communities, such as medical supplies and gasoline. Essential workers are the personnel needed to maintain these essential services.



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MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

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City of Fairbanks Public Works
Annie Witt—Retires after 40+ Years



Dear Members:

Thank you for your dedication! Your jobs are all very important, especially during the uncertain times we've seen this year. We see you, we value your hard work, and commend your essential roles in our communities. Stay well, stay safe, and keep smiling.

~Teamsters Local 959 Staff



United Freight & Transport
Tom Piaskowski—Retires with 13 years under his belt



United Freight & Transport
John Sumrall—Retires after 31 Years



South Peninsula Hospital
Maria Soto, Shop Steward—Retires after 30+ Years

The Strength of our
Union is our
Membership and you
don't have to look far
within our great state
to find a Teamster in
Alaska's workforce.



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CELEBRATING MILESTONES

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

June 2020

Gary Dixon, Jr	35
Ronald Nelson	35
Karen Oldroyd	40
Kevin Montague	45
Frank Oxman	45
Milton Haken	45
Richard Lyle	45
Allan Kara	45
Daniel Kaushagen	50
Peter Kalamarides	50

✦ George Patterson 60 Years ✦

JULY 2020

Jerry Conlon	35
Wayne Longlet	40
Mark Wetzel	45
Clarence Rowe	45
Stanley King	45
John Dougherty	45

Martin Smith	45
Denis Porchet	45
Lawrence Lawrence	45
Thomas Kimball	45
Gregory Thompson	50
Connie Stroble	55
Calvin Stroble	55

AUGUST 2020

Clara Wheaton	40
Kevin Ray	45
Richard Wolfe	45
Ernest Dummann	45
Michael Dunlap	45
Jesse Ray	50
Calvin Coots	55

SEPTEMBER 2020

Willie Fields	40
Gregory Bartholomew	45
Tommy Reeves III	45
Mark Luiten	45
John Schank	45
Joseph Rule	45
Daniel Dufour	45
Bruce Daily	45
Luanne Ziegler	45
Larry Curtiss	50

OCTOBER 2020

Basil Padilla	40
Thomas Jackson	40

Frank Veith	40
Daniel Merrigan	45
William Hall	45
James Burzinski	45
Gary Handrich	45
David Gunn	45
Mark Lyle	45
Tammy Maggard	45

NOVEMBER 2020

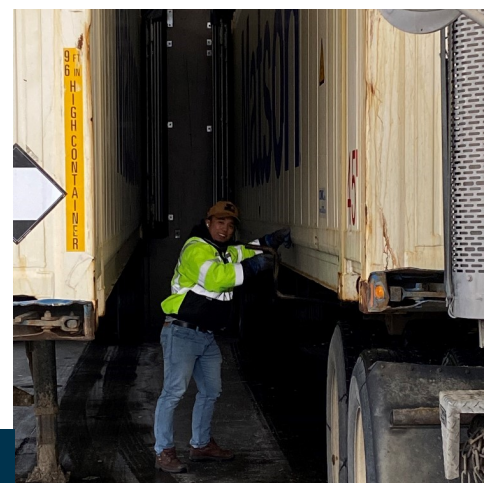
John Vanden Bos	35
Saundra Middleton	35
Gil Carlton Jr	45
Robert Magnusen	45
Bobbie McDow	45
Kermit(Rusty) Wright Jr	45
Steve Willford	45



We are your family, friends, and neighbors.



First Student—Fairbanks, Choctaw Defense Services—Kodiak, United Freight & Transport—Anchorage



CELEBRATING RETIREES

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

May 2020

Charles Hermann Sr	Nanuq Inc
Ronald Windeler	AT&T Alaska
Fred Grauberger	Houston Contracting
Wallace Wynia	Houston Contracting
Joseph Koford	Anchorage School District

JUNE 2020

Michael Posciri	Nanuq Inc
Dennis Fuchs	Lynden Transport
Kenneth Lamers	World Technical SVCS, Inc
Andrew Jackson	United Parcel Service
Brad Davis	North Pacific Erectors
John B Sumrall	United Freight & Transport
Joseph F Douglas	United Parcel Service
Oliver D. Moore	United Parcel Service

JULY 2020

George Weckerle	Anchorage School District
LaCinda Witt	Teamsters Local 959
Lisa Greer	Del Norte Surveying Inc
William M Luckie	Facility Services MGMT
Wayne A Schlueter	Doyon/Aramark Denali
Alan Fowler	AT&T Alaska
Paul A Bermudez	TCC Joint Venture
Burk VanCamp	Longshore
Kevin Hardy	Matson Navigation Co
Timothy J Sands	Weaver Bros
John P Chmiel	Matson Navigation Co
Bryan Simpson	World Technical SVCS, Inc.

AUGUST 2020

Richard Lohmann	Safeway
Randolph Burgess	Alaska Industrial LLC
Douglas Harvey	United Parcel Service
Jerry South	Weaver Bros
Stephen N Hibpshman	Lynden Transport
Theodore Wicken	Lynden Transport
Victor A. Killian	Usibelli Coal Mine, INC.
Vicente Capala	Lynden Transport
Thomas Fowler	United Parcel Service
Robin J Stenvik	AT&T Alaska
Dario Notti	Granite Construction

SEPTEMBER 2020

Brando Lopez	Safeway/Carrs
John McMillan	Indyne, Inc.
Venita Moore	Teamsters Local 959
Thomas Steed	United Parcel Service

Samuel Mindham
Mariel Espiritu
Daniel Becker
Gregory Lango
Annie M Witt
Jerry Strong
Steven Behaylo
Henry Crutcher
Wayne Dere
Paul Sarks
Caleb F Aldeman

K&L Distributors
Kodiak Support Services
Nanuq Inc
Matson Navigation Co
City of Fairbanks
Longshore
AT&T Alaska
Bering Straits
Matson Navigation Co
Weaver Bros
Anchorage Sand & Gravel

OCTOBER 2020

Carlos Lagomasino	Weaver Bros
Jeffrey Pedersen	Houston Contracting
Bruce M Lee	Doyon/Aramark Denali
Jeralyn Hath	Doyon/Aramark
Patrick Sumpter	Wolf Creek Federal Services
Joseph R Riendl	Matson Navigation Co
Nancy A Russell	Doyon Aramark Denali

NOVEMBER 2020

Mickie Warwick	Warwick Surveying LLC
Donald Schmelz	Safeway
Don Dillon	Nanuq Inc
Thomas P Piaskowski	United Freight & Transport
Victor K Luang	United Parcel Service
John Gillam	Sourdough Fuel
John Eberhart	Teamsters Local 959



IN MEMORY ♥ DECEASED BROTHERS & SISTERS

APRIL 2020

Nicky Mowrey Black Gold Express

Michael Stallings
Fernando Alvarez, Jr

Houston Contracting
Nanuq, Inc

MAY 2020

Robert Tourtelot Doyon/Aramark
John Brooking Anchorage School District

SEPTEMBER 2020

Mary Martin Ahtna Construction
Howard Reece AT&T Alaska
Thomas Bruemmer AT&T Alaska
Walter Busby Fairbanks Sand & Gravel
Robert Anderson H&B Surveyors
Daniel Ostrowski Anchorage Sand & Gravel
Virgil Beuning Kodiak Oil Field Haulers
George Felmlee Kodiak Oil Field Haulers
Rick Middleton Aggpro
Marvin Cox Anchorage Sand & Gravel
Luke Thornton AT&T Alaska
Norman Bean Weaver Brothers
Mary Howe AK Teamsters
Federal Credit

JUNE 2020

Kenneth Gerondale Alaska Teamsters
John Smoot Training Trust
James Adkins Alaska Industrial
Fairbanks Sand & Gravel

JULY 2020

Travis Stevens Nanuq, Inc.
William Barnes Kodiak Oil Field Haulers
Charles Furr Houston Construction
Wolfgang Steinborn Matson Navigation
Company
Roberto Valladolid United Parcel Service
Samuel Larson Interstate Brands
Hugo Dietrich New Wien Airlines, Inc
Richard Robertson Sea Star Stevedore
Floyd Ernst Lockheed Martin
Andrew Nelson Anchorage School District
Freddie Antonson Brechan

OCTOBER 2020

Ronald McFarland Sourdough Fuel
Kenneth Tholen Continental Baking Co
Marvin Basil Frye Mammoth of Alaska, Inc
William Powell Lockheed Martin
James Glenn Longshore
Marilyn Kilgore AT&T Alaska
George Winter, Jr Gold Streak Freight Lines
John Kalberg Houston Contracting
Leta Page Arctec Alaska
Lawrence Madsen Municipality of Anchorage
Jay Ossiander Longshore
Tommy Banks Comanche Corp

AUGUST 2020

Robert Tuttle Arctec Alaska
Bernard McRae JB Gottstein & Company
Walter Kropp AIC LLC
William Evarts Sealand Freight
Thomas Jarvis Arctic Slope/Wright
Frederic Foster Arden Farms
Larry Heape Kodiak Oil Field Haulers
Edward Shelhamer ASRC
Cecilia Lamp Carrs/Safeway
Elvin "Slim" Brush Houston Contracting

NOVEMBER 2020

Joseph Adams Doyles Fuel Service, Inc
LeRoy Eckman Matanuska Maid Inc
Joseph Rayfield Anchorage School District
Roy Metcalf PMC/Frontec



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New Shop Steward Zoom Seminar



★ Are you a newer Shop Steward assigned within the last 2 years? Mark your calendar for Saturday, February 13, 2021 ★

Local 959 is hosting a New Shop Steward Seminar through Zoom on Saturday, February 13, 2021. This Seminar is solely for newly assigned or newer Stewards who have been assigned within the last 2 years. (Stay tuned for a full Shop Steward School in the Fall of 2021.)

Our 2-hour Zoom Seminar will focus on the roles and responsibilities of a Shop Steward. From investigating a grievance and understanding Weingarten Rights, to preparing for a first step meeting, this Seminar will help you get off on the right foot and provide the tools needed to be a great 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. 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 ☺

To RSVP for this Zoom event, please contact Jennē Kriner at (907) 751-8542.

NOTE: At this time, you do not need a personal Zoom account to attend. Though, you can sign up for your own free Zoom account, visit zoom.us/signup and enter your email address. You will receive an email from Zoom (no-reply@zoom.us). In this email, click Activate Account and more details will follow to continue setting up your account.

NEW FEATURE



Teamsters Local 959 now has Text Notifications



We are always working to stay connected and have better, faster communication with our Members. With Local 959's text notifications, you can receive instant information about meetings, events, and so much more! Opting-in is easy:

Text the keyword TEAMSTERS to 1-833-300-4888.



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