

Alaska TEAMSTERS



Local 959 Newsletter

December 2021

A Message from Gary Dixon, Secretary-Treasurer

2021 marked our Local's 80th anniversary of representing members in Alaska. From 1941 to the present day, Local 959 members have had a hand in developing and maintaining the State of Alaska. Our members have been the key to Alaska's infrastructure and our labor has played a huge role in everyday life here in our great state.

959's past 80 years have seen good times and challenges. It all started in the 1940s with the construction of Ladd Air Force Base which later became Ft. Wainwright. Then more work came during the building of the Alcan Highway. Amid World War II, our Local began seeing Federal Government contract work start on the Aleutian Chain. Into the 1950s, the U.S. Defense Department's DEW Line (Distant Early Warning) in the arctic region brought about 959 convoy work. By 1958 the ground clearing began for the Clear Missile Early Warning Station, and a few years later in 1961, Local 959 started representing workers there at Clear. The 50's wrapped up with Sunrise Bakery and Weaver Bros. signing their first Local 959 contracts.

By 1957, the move to merge the then 6 Alaska Teamster Locals (yes, there were 6 different Teamster Locals across the state) had begun: Juneau Local 10, Fairbanks Local 183, Sitka Local 300, Ketchikan Local 427, Kodiak Local 500, and Anchorage Local 959. IBT General President Hoffa granted the merger into Local 959. Our charter memorializing this merge was signed May 19, 1964, and to this day, Alaska Teamsters Local 959 is the only Local within our International having jurisdiction over one entire state.

New union job opportunities came along in the 1960s with many new contracts coming to Local 959: Alaska Distributors, Alaska Freight Lines/Sealand, Skagway Longshore, Matanuska Maid, Mukluk Freight Lines, Spenard Builders Supply, Consolidated Freightways, K&L Distributors, and Yellow Cab. Our growth continued into the 1970s as we gained new bargaining units with NASA Technicians, and other workers at Gilmore Creek, White Alice technicians and personnel working the communications for the Aircraft Control & Warning System and remote military posts, and 1,000 long-distance operators, technicians, and other civil service employees at RCA (turned Alascom, and now AT&T). 1974 began the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, and jobs and membership skyrocketed. That surge kept going into the late '70s with workers at Usibelli Coal Mine voting to join Local 959, along with Air Van Lines signing an agreement.

Alaska's economic crash in the mid-'80s made jobs scarce and saw bankruptcies all over the state. But organizing continued with Local 959 gaining the Kodiak Coast Guard Base in 1989, along with Kodiak port and construction workers. To date, Teamsters continue to be the predominant union on Kodiak Island.

Furthering our reach across the state, the 1990s brought organizing to South Peninsula Hospital in Homer, with over 350 members in their bargaining group today! From 2000 – 2010, JL Properties/Aurora Military Housing organized, multiple First Student bussing agreements were ratified across the state, and the pilots at Northern Air Cargo also joined the ranks of Local 959.

The full list of past and current collective bargaining units is far too large for this article. I point out some of these key building block agreements to show how our members have had the opportunity to gain employment and work all over the state in many different industries through the decades. We look forward to continuing our legacy with our diversity being our strength.

I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season.

~ Gary Dixon



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✧ Teamsters Make Our Community Better ✧

Brother Ricky Marshall is a Bus Operator with First Student—Wasilla. He demonstrates his commitment to his profession every day. He has been singled out by staff at multiple schools in the Matsu valley for his excellent work and the amazing service he provides to our community. Principals at two local elementary schools have high praise for Brother Ricky, read on:

"I cannot express enough gratitude and thanks for what Ricky does in creating a respectful environment on his school bus. Students come off the bus, each morning, knowing that Ricky cares for them, and yet, they also know that they are being held accountable to follow school bus safety etiquette. Every morning, as I am out at the bus loop, I can hear Ricky chime out to his students, in a melody rhythm, "Have a Good Day". Students come off his bus happy from the support Ricky offers them during their bus ride. Ricky truly strives to build a positive relationship with each one of his students. He knows them by name, knows their siblings, and cares that they have a safe experience on his bus as they are transported to and from school."

Lorri Cook

Principal, Sherrod Elementary

"As the Principal of Swanson Elementary I am so thankful for Ricky Marshall to be a part of our Palmer Team. He is a true leader with a heart of gold that is humble and kind. When I asked Ricky what he does that makes the difference on the bus, he noted it's "all about relationships!" He is a team player and dependable driver that we can always count on."

Tammy Halfacre

Principal, Swanson Elementary



Brother Ricky Marshall



Sister Tammi Linn

Sister Tammi Linn with United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS) - Kenai is always doing her part in the community. This is her 2nd year volunteering her time at the Kenai Trunk or Treat where UPS has been donating their box van for her to decorate and Local 959 has been donating the toys and candy she hands out. Sister Tammi is a wonderful community partner who also volunteers her time to the Kenai Run for Women—what an amazing Teamster!

We are proud of you, Tammi! Thank you for representing the best of Local 959!



TEAMSTER ACHIEVEMENTS

~Fall Shop Steward School~

This year's Fall Shop Steward School was a great success!!! We had a full school with over 80 stewards from all over the state in attendance. Nurses, bus drivers, food service workers, office workers, warehouse workers, telecommunications workers, and more all came together for a day and a half of learning, sharing their experiences, and gaining perspective amongst other like-minded Teamsters.

Our first day of School was a full-day starting with the history of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters presented by the IBT's Historian, Karin Jones. The morning continued an insightful and interactive presentation on Diversity with Raven Hall, IBT Staff Attorney. In the afternoon we had two workshops with IBT Leadership Academy trainers, Iliana Flores and Claudia Rowe, each focusing on a steward's role & responsibilities and member mobilization.

The second day of School was a half-day reserved for special guest presentations. Alaska AFL-CIO President, Joelle Hall opened the morning with an informative PowerPoint regarding the PROAct. We wrapped up the weekend with a wonderful lecture on building a culture of unionism from labor radio host and Teamster, Rick Smith of the Rick Smith Show.

Everyone enjoyed the training, meeting other stewards, and, of course, the Hotel Captain Cook's hospitality. We always look forward to getting together with our members for these events which are held every other year.



Shop Stewards Paula Falzarano & Nina Hamilton



Fall Shop Steward School at the Hotel Captain Cook



Sharing experiences from their bargaining units



Workshop collaborations



Group work on mock grievance issues

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 becoming 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

~Stevenson Polintan, Business Representative~

ALSCO ANCHORAGE On April 5, 2021, Teamsters working under the commission/hourly Drivers and Maintenance contract ratified a 4-year statewide agreement. Benefits include an 8% overall increase in wages, continued pension contributions, and health care. Thank you to the negotiation team members Patrick Vick and Jonathan Eloi.

DENALI SHIPPING On March 18, 2021, Teamsters working under the Warehouse contract ratified a 4-year agreement. Benefits include a 13% overall increase in wages, vacation time, sick time, and health care. Thank you to the negotiation team members Thomas Meneni and Terri Quinlan.

UNITED FREIGHT & TRANSPORT, INC. Brother Kevin Ferko became a Teamster in May of 1989 and took his first dispatch as a night loader with K&L Distributors. He spent 9 years at K&L, and then took a position as a Route Driver at Matanuska Maid from 1998—2008. In March of 2008, he transferred to United Freight & Transport, Inc. as a Hostler. This past September, after 13 years with United Freight, he decided it was time to retire and rock the retired life. Congratulations, Brother Ferko!!!

LYNDEN TRANSPORT, INC. Brother Peter Park became a Teamster and took his first dispatch with Interstate Brand in 2002. Shortly after, he left Interstate and spent one season with First Student before moving on to Lynden Transport, Inc. as a Hostler. After 15 years with Lynden, Brother Park made the leap to the retired side this past August. Enjoy the journey, Brother Park!!!

CARRS SAFEWAY Teamsters Local 959 and Carrs Safeway signed a Letter of Understanding on September 1, 2021, for Warehouse, City Delivery, and Local Cartage changing our progression scales and wage rates under our contract from 5 years to 2 years with a top rate wage of \$29.31, and changing the starting rate from \$18.93 to \$21.93 until negotiations proceed in January of 2022. The contract will expire on March 12, 2022.

Safeway has gained a few new Shop Stewards this year, Brother Joeval Pacis and Brother Patrick Dolan in the Warehouse, and Brother Tommy Allen in Sanitation. They are all taking on their new roles head-on.

Brother Ernest Johnson has been a Teamster since 1975 with 21 of those years as a Safeway Hostler. He retired this past March and we wish you the Best, Brother Johnson!

UPDATES—HOMER OFFICE

~LyDette Kieffer, Business Representative~

SOUTH PENINSULA HOSPITAL Summer brought a big increase to COVID cases for our little hospital here in Homer and has continued through the fall so far. SPH has been very proactive within our state with Monoclonal Antibody Infusions (mAb) for treating those in high risk groups with amazing success. Some of our RN shop stewards and members are leaders in bringing this important treatment to the community. Staffing continues to be tight, but increases in overtime reimbursement have given some much needed incentives for workers. Discussions continue around the mandatory vaccination issue with passionate conversation on all sides.

The change that COVID has brought in doing business has brought several new classifications to the hospital and created more union jobs. We have fought to make sure that these new departments and job classifications be part of the union. We continue to navigate the many new challenges brought by the continued pandemic environment and keep looking for ways to improve things for our members.

ALASKA SCHOOL BUS EMPLOYEE SHORTAGES & THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19,

A STATEWIDE REPORT

~Jeremy Holan, Business Representative~

We are experiencing a school bus employee shortage in many areas in the state of Alaska. There are many reasons for these shortages: split shifts, lack of longer route hours, lack of consistency, and the school districts going to distant learning in March of 2020 when the COVID pandemic began to close schools. In most cases, many of our School Bus members were forced to find other jobs or go on unemployment until January of 2021 when schools started to go back to in-person learning.

Each school district has been slightly different in how they are handling the COVID pandemic and the school bus employee shortage. We are seeing a trend amongst our members; the stress of our school bus employees is at an all-time high. This added stress is due to covering multiple routes at a time, and having routes canceled with little to no notice due to what most of our districts are calling 'rotating route cancelations' due to the School Bus employee shortage. The school districts are even trying to spread the parent responsibility of getting kids to school.

In Fairbanks, we started the school year down about 50 school bus workers. The Fairbanks School Districts have utilized the rotating canceling of routes. This has taken its toll on our members. Most of our member's bid routes get canceled a week at a time to cover a route that did not have a bid driver or attendant. This is rotational so it will continue to happen until the routes are covered by a new employee. These members are now forced with taking a route they are not familiar with causing delays and upset parents, adding to the already stressful environment. *(continued on page 5)*

ALASKA SCHOOL BUS EMPLOYEE SHORTAGES & THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 (CONTINUED)

The trainers that should be training new employees are now on a route which extends the amount of time a new employee is in class and not on-route.

When you add the effects of COVID to the mix of an already bad situation, we have had many school bus employees quarantined due to COVID, adding to the school bus worker shortage until they are released back to work. This causes additional last-minute route changes to our school bus members that are still able to work. This is causing our school bus members to look for and take other work.

In Ketchikan, we started the school year almost fully staffed but have had some tight scheduling with a few school bus members being in quarantine due to COVID contact. The school district here is currently running smoothly and has been fortunate enough to keep the standard routes as normal.

In Healy, we started the school year one school bus driver short and are currently fully staffed. We have not had any COVID-caused route issues here.

~Derek Musto, Business Representative~

In Anchorage, of an estimated 230 routes, transportation was down at the start of the school year about 45 school bus workers District-wide. Day-to-day operations have been regularly impacted, and we continue to experience multiple shortages due to Covid, FMLA, Workers Compensation, and daily callouts. The pandemic and driver shortage has placed more stress on our members than any other issue in recent time and we continue to operate with significant staffing issues and challenges. The District has and continues to offer and make available the COVID-19 vaccine to both staff and students (with parent consent). At the end of August, the Transportation Department implemented a temporary suspension of school bus routes and published a matrix of schools and routes impacted to the public. This rolling transportation blackout was due to a shortage of drivers and applied District-wide, forcing families to arrange their own transportation for their children. To attract new employees, an employee referral program was implemented with the hope that it would increase the flow of new applicants and address driver shortages. The lack of applicants continues to be the largest factor in the filling of vacancies. As of mid-October, many open routes remain and the District continues to have a huge need for qualified drivers and attendants.

~Kelsey Taylor, Business Representative~

In the Mat-Su Valley, we started the year with more than 18 vacant driving positions and several unfilled attendant and monitor positions. Shortly after the school year started, the Mat-Su Bus Barn was hit with a COVID-19 outbreak that affected more than 14 members with active cases. Many more were quarantined due to close contact, all without pay. Some members have been impacted quite severely medically, and financially. Some members spent time in the hospital and are still recovering. School Bus drivers, attendants, and monitors, through the honorable act of safely transporting our communities' children, have exposed themselves and their loved ones to COVID-19. These people deserve our gratitude. The current Bus Driver shortage is a national and local problem, and it has caused a large impact on Mat-Su Valley families this year. The School District addressed the driver shortage by announcing 'rolling transportation closures' due to the lack of staff to operate the buses. In the beginning, many of these transportation closures were announced with very little advanced notice to members. Our Matsu Teamsters have continued to show up through this difficult time and serve their community with distinction.

School busses are an essential service that when interrupted, send shockwaves through the community. The stress to the school bus workforce is exacerbating the existing labor shortage of School Bus drivers and attendants. The industry and our community are going to have to take a sobering look at the root causes that are leading many people to look elsewhere for employment.



**Sister Addie Hagala retires after
32 years with SPH**



**Brother Kevin Ferko retires after
13 years with UF&T**



**Brother Tommy Allen, newest
Safeway Sanitation Shop Steward**

MEMBERS AROUND



Choctaw Defense Services Negotiation Team



**Anchorage School District
Bus Drivers & Attendants**



**Brother Bob Head,
Pacific Arctic Railway Navigation Co.**



**Brother Peter Park retires
from LTI**



MOA—Public Transportation



**Brother Ken Johnson
retires from C2G**

I am always in awe at how far & wide our membership reaches across our wonderful state! Local 959 Sisters & Brothers are truly the heartbeat of Alaska! We are your family, your friends, and your neighbors in every corner of our communities, making our world turn! If you didn't know it already, you are appreciated! You are amazing!
YOU ARE ALL SERIOUSLY AWESOME!

♥ Teamsters Care & We're Everywhere ♥

I am proud to be a part of our great union with you! Thank you all so much for being the best!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!
~Jenne Kriner, Executive Assistant



UPS Ketchikan



Brother Keyton Kieffer, AHTNA

MEMBERS AROUND (CONT.)



**Apprentices Danny Mascelli
& Eddie Chavis**



**TCC Shop Steward Roy Larson &
Business Representative
Matt McCarty**



**Josue Diazflores,
Lynden Transport, Inc.—Kenai**



**John DuBois, Martha Reeves, Roy
Paniphtchuck with
ASD Food Service**



Matson Navigation Kodiak



Solid Waste Services



**Tammy Maggard, Jenne Kriner,
LyDette Kieffer, James P. Hoffa & Jane
Nollar at the Women's Conference**



**South Peninsula Hospital
Infusion Clinic**



Jame Muna, ALSCO Alaska



**Choctaw Defense Services
Shipping & Receiving Crew**



**Brother Christopher Leone—
UPS**

LOCAL 959 EVENTS



Spring is citywide clean-up time, a time to get out and clean up trash! Every year the Fairbanks Trash Troops take to the Richardson Highway and surrounding area, while the Anchorage Garbage Gang hits up our adopted road – East 34th Avenue. It's a great time to get outside and share our lunchtime with each other.

Our next Clean-Up Day will be announced this upcoming Spring. Check our website and/or social media for dates, times, and locations, and come join us in keeping Alaska beautiful!



Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have. ~Margaret Mead

✧ Local 959 Commemorates 80 Years ✧

With BBQ's in Anchorage and Fairbanks, Local 959 members came together this past Summer to celebrate 80 years! Local 959 was originally chartered for the Anchorage area October 27, 1941. Then, on May 19, 1964, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters issued a charter giving Local 959 state-wide jurisdiction. Teamsters Local 959 is now the strongest private-sector union in Alaska, providing outstanding union services to 5,000+ members and their families.



LOCAL 959 EVENTS (CONT.)

The 37th Annual Jesse L. Carr Charity Golf Tournament, held on July 16, 2021, had record breaking success!!! Everyone from 959 members, to sponsors, to 959 staff and friends came together for a day to honor Alaska Charities, soak up the sun, and play golf.

This year's charity event was the most successful in the history of the JLC! We gained many new sponsor partners and had a full tournament! With a focus on women and children, the charities honored at the award banquet after the tourney were the Alaska Children's Trust, Covenant House Alaska, and The Scotty Gomez Foundation.

The JLC Charity donates to Alaska charities year round and we cannot thank all of our corporate, individual, and in-kind sponsors enough! Without all of you, this wonderful event would not be possible.

THANK YOU!



**The Alaska Children's Trust, Covenant House Alaska, and
The Scotty Gomez Foundation**



Team Covenant House Alaska



**Team Anchorage School District
Warehouse**



Team Carrs-Safeway

~Save the Date~

Join us in helping Alaska Charities at next year's JLC event,
set for Friday, July 15, 2022, at the Anchorage Golf Course.

For info on becoming a sponsor and/or playing with us, please email the Event Coordinator, Jenne Kriner, at jkriner@akteamsters.com or call (907) 751-8542.

NEWS FROM THE HALL

✧ Employee Spotlights ✧

Dues Account Representative & Administrative Assistant, Stephanie Massie was born on the East Coast but raised in Alaska after making the cross country trip up the Alcan with her parents and younger sister, at the age of six.



Stephanie received her Associate of Applied Science in Accounting from UAA before taking time off to raise her two boys. She then completed her Bachelors of Business Administration this past summer, 2021.

Before accepting her current position with Local 959, Stephanie worked as a medical office manager. She is very grateful for the opportunity to now put her degree to use here at the Hall.

Stephanie enjoys reading, running, cooking, and spending time with family and friends, her fiancé, and their new puppy.

Business Representative, Matt McCarty was born and raised in Missouri and comes from a large family who, for three generations, have all made careers in the construction industry with the Teamsters.



For Matt, it all started with those "Tonka Trucks", hauling rocks, dirt and don't forget the mud! He got his start with dump trucks and dirt works, asphalt, and concrete which turned into a great job at a Limestone Quarry in Missouri.

When Matt moved to Anchorage in 2011 he headed straight to Local 959 and immediately went to work at AGGPRO as a mixer driver. Soon after taking that position, he moved up as the batch plant operator for the Anchorage AGGPRO plant.

For years, every winter Matt would head to the North Slope working for Alaska Interstate Construction, and then Alaska Frontier Constructors for Ice-Road season. He'll tell you firsthand, trucking doesn't get much better than that.

Business Representative, David Nichols chose to be a Teamster at UPS over 15 years ago.

Through his years with them he would find himself on the safety committee, then a steward, and ultimately a Chief Steward.

David has enjoyed living a life of service and purpose, seeking to ultimately leave things better than it's found. David enjoys family, health and fitness, community, and motorcycles. "Aut viam inveniam aut faciam."



Political Coordinator, Patrick FitzGerald was born and raised in Talkeetna, Alaska where he attended Susitna Valley High School and worked as a river guide during the summers. After graduating in 2011, Patrick moved to Ellensburg, WA, and attended Central Washington University where he played Hockey and Lacrosse for the Wildcats.



Graduating with a degree in Political Science, Patrick returned to Alaska and began working in politics. He ran multiple statehouse races during the 2016 election cycle which landed him a job for the legislative session with the new House Majority Coalition as staff for Rep. Harriet Drummond. As a legislative aide, Patrick carried many pieces of legislation that became law, most notably the legalization of industrial hemp to be farmed in Alaska, and the passage of Bree's law.

Patrick had the opportunity to work on his first statewide campaign as the political director for Dr. Al Gross for U.S. Senate. It was with that Senate campaign that Patrick had his first experience as part of a union with all the staffers unionizing with the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT Local 1959).

Patrick joined Teamsters Local 959 in the fall of 2021 and brings a wealth of political knowledge of the state legislature, political organizing, and fundraising. He has worked for Democrats, Republicans, and independents, and is deeply motivated to improve the rights of collective bargaining and help the progress of the labor movement in any capacity he can.

Fairbanks gets a New Building

We are proud to announce our NEW FAIRBANKS OFFICE! The doors opened on December 1, 2021. Our new location is at the corner of University Avenue & Rewak Drive at:

**1453 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska, 99709
(907) 452-2959**



This is extremely exciting news for Local 959, as we have not owned our own building in the Fairbanks area for over 30 years! To see all the hard work and planning come to fruition to make this new office something the Members can be proud of is truly remarkable.

Stop by to see for yourself! Our Fairbanks crew will be there to show you around. Also, as a reminder, our Fairbanks General Membership Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6 PM.

Further, a Grand Opening Celebration at the new office is in the works for the Spring of 2022. At that time, the Membership and their families will be invited to join our staff and Executive Board in memorializing this accomplishment. We look forward to getting together with you all!

TEAMSTERS HEALTH & WELFARE AND PENSION FUNDS

Alaska Teamster-Employer Welfare Trust News



IMPORTANT NOTICES TO RETIREES

It is necessary to verify retirees and beneficiaries are receiving their monthly benefits. As such, the Alaska Teamster-Employer Pension Trust mailed each retiree and beneficiary a form to certify receipt of retirement benefits. Failure to return this certification will result in a suspension of your monthly benefit until the certification is returned to the Trust office. A second notice was mailed to those who did not respond to the first request. Failure to respond to and return the certification by December 17, 2021, will result in a suspension of your retirement benefits effective February 1, 2022.

If you are retired or receiving a benefit as a beneficiary and did not receive a certification request, please call the Trust office at 907-751-9700 or 800-478-4450.

Have you recently moved? **Please let us know!**

If you have recently moved or are in preparation for a move, please contact the Trust office at 907-751-9700 to update your address and contact information, or go to www.959trusts.com and select either the Welfare or Pension drop-down box on the home page, then select "Address Change Form". Failing to notify the Trust office of an address change could potentially put you in a situation where time-sensitive mail doesn't reach you!

The Anchorage **Coalition Health Center** **has moved!**

The Coalition's new location is across from the old Alaska Club building on Tudor. Their telephone, fax, and emails will all remain the same.

NEW ADDRESS:
Coalition Health Center
701 East Tudor Rd
Anchorage, AK 99503
Ph: (907) 264-1370 Fax: (907) 787-2207

Beneficiary Designations—Do you have one on file?

Having a Beneficiary Designation Form on file is essential for Trust office representatives to begin preparation of processing beneficiary benefits. If you haven't completed a Beneficiary Designation Form or would like to update a designation for either Pension or Health and Welfare, please contact the Trust office at 907-751-9700 to request a form, or complete a form online by going to www.959trusts.com and selecting "Forms" under the Health and Welfare drop-down tab or the Pension drop-down tab on the home page, then select "Beneficiary Designation".



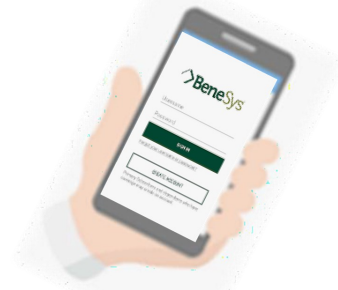
Welfare ▾

Pension ▾

New Mobile App

The Alaska Teamster-Employer Welfare Trust is pleased to present a new mobile application, BeneSys Now. Navigating healthcare is tough! Make it easier by taking advantage of the new BeneSys Now mobile app. The mobile app is designed for easy access to your Health Plan information.

- ⇒ View-dependent enrollment information
- ⇒ Check current Eligibility status, as well as one year of history
- ⇒ Access to an electronic Medical ID card
- ⇒ View your last 12 months of contributions
- ⇒ Track your family's annual deductibles
- ⇒ Individual accumulator information for each family member
- ⇒ Access 12 months of Explanation of Benefits (EOB)
- ⇒ Twelve months of claims history and payment status



****Family members 18 years and older must register individually****

Download the free "BeneSys Now" mobile app from your Apple or Google Play Store!

IN MEMORY ♥ DECEASED BROTHERS & SISTERS

March 2021

Evelyn Hamers
Jan Dorshkind
Robert Jensen
Jerry Hatcher
Michael Wehmeyer
Mark Johnson
Danny Davis
Ray Larrison
Wendy Hester
Clinton Shales
Raymond Herrin
William Lowe
Robert Currier
Tommie Yates
Mark Thompson
Kenneth Steele
John Siemens
Robert Jensen
Charles Toloff

Alascom Inc.
Anchorage School District
Anglo Alaska Constructors
Arctec Alaska
Arctec Services
ATESTT
Consolidated Freightways
CSX Lines
Doyon/Aramark
Earth Movers of Fairbanks
Echo Bay, Inc.
Interstate Brands
Kodiak Oil Field Haulers
Lynden Transport, Inc.
Lynden Transport, Inc.
Mammoth of Alaska
Mammoth of Alaska
Pan Alaska Trucking
Saunders, Inc.

April 2021

Paula Tower
Rocky James
Bobbi Merrill
Robert Connor
Julie Brown
Gary "Chaz" Shuhart
Donald McKenzie
Bruce McGhie
John Innes
William Markley
Edward Todd
Keith Corpe
Troy Sparks Jr
Kerry Farnsworth

Alascom
Arctec Alaska
AT&T Alaska
BAE Systems Tech
Brice, Inc.
Granite Construction
HC Price Co.
Lockheed Martin
Lynden Transport, Inc.
Municipality of Anchorage
Nanuq Incorporated
Nanuq Incorporated
Totem Ocean Trailer Express
United Freight & Transport

May 2021

Jack Allen
Joann Shirley
Johnnathen Burr
Marvin Brown
Donald Witsoe
Bruce Pullar
Anthony Resch
Kenneth Zacamy

A T & S, Inc
AT&T Alaska
AT&T Alaska
Cadwallader Trucking Inc
CSX Lines
Doyon Associated
Earth Movers of Fairbanks
ITT Federal Services

June 2021

Emmitt Wilson
Shirley Caldwell
Shirley Weiss
Terry Maher
Gloria Stamps
Harlan Hanson
Darrel Lawson
Henry Stephenson
John Elmore
Frank Kadrmas
Jack Dial
Curtis Toms
James Helgeson
Edward Teague
Michael Zura
Thomas Hamilton

AK Teamsters FCU
Alascom
Anchorage School District
ASRC ES-Houston Contracting
AT&T Alaska
Bechtel Construction Co
Bell/Tikigaq J.V.
Bendix Field Engineering
Golden Valley Elec. Assoc.
Green Construction
HC Price Co.
Houston Contracting
Kiewit
Kodiak Oilfield Haulers
AILU #1 Longshore
Teamsters Local 959

July 2021

Stanley N Grove
Stanley Grabowski
Robert Crossman
Billy Davenport
Mary Bond
David Johnson
Clarence Mahlen
Albert Bowman
Ilona Drussell
Robert Adams
Robert Groizer
Albert HillMartin
Mike Avera
Carolyn Rusk
Phillip Evans

Ahtna Construction
Alascom Inc
Anchorage School District
AT&T Alaska
AT&T Alaska
Doyle's Fuel Service
Earthmovers of Fairbanks
Interstate Brands
Interstate Brands
Kodiak Oilfield Haulers
AILU #1 Longshore
Marietta Operation
Mukluk Freight Lines
Security Title and Trust
Weaver Bros

August 2021

Thomas Knudson
Larry Hamilton
Dennis Jones
Bill Hacklin
Douglas Miller
Manuel Belmudes
Alexandra Herbert-Ross
Louis Ward Red
Gregory Zumbuhl
Robert West

Alascom Inc
Alaska Interior Transport
CSX Lines of Alaska LLC
Doyon Associated, LLC
HC Price Co.
New Wien Airlines, Inc.
Norcon, Inc
Samm Construction Inc
Usibelli Coal Mine
Wilder Construction

September 2021

Larry Leffler
James Breiling
Charles Pratt
Gilbert Ansart
Gilmer Slone
Robert Baldwin
Albert Mamat
Edwin Hobbs
Lars Rooth
Jerry Hestad
Lowell Powell
Mickey Moniz
James Roylance
Edward Miller
Barry Bridges
Margaret Bean
Janice Gordon
David Thompson
Raymon Simpson
Nimrod Bodfish

Anchorage School District
AT&T Alaska
BAE Systems
Bendix Field Engr Corp
Bendix Field Engr Corp
Brechan Construction
Choctaw Defense Services
CSX Lines of Alaska
Hustlers, Inc.
Kiewit Infrastructure
Kodiak Oil Field Haulers
AILU #1 Longshore
Municipality of Anchorage
Pioneer Bottle Plant Inc
S&S Contracting & Spruce
Sealand Freight
The Alaska Hospital
Weaver Bros Inc
Weaver Bros Inc
Wien Air AK

October 2021

Jerry Tutaan
Robert Stephens
Roland Warman
George Huffman
Gerald Thigpen
John Winn
Sharron Walcutt
Bo Brit
Evans Young
Wayne Baldwin
Leonard Fishell
Robert Salzman
Claude Maney

ABM Onsite Svcs
ASRC ES - Houston Contracting
AT&T Alaska
Black Gold Express
Chugach Alaska Svcs
Consolidated Freight
GE Operations Support Inc
Hoffman Construction Co.
Houston Construction
Houston Construction
K&W Trucking
Mason & Hanger Corp
Matanuska Maid, Inc.

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IN MEMORY ♥ DECEASED BROTHERS & SISTERS (CONT.)

October 2021 (Cont)

Luis Mendez	Matson Navigation Company
Michael Moore	Municipality of Anchorage
Audey Algonso	United Parcel Service Inc
Adam Schneider	University Redi Mix
James Mulvihill	Usibelli Coal Mine Inc
Robert Dalglish	VT Griffin
Julie Naughton	VT Griffin
Johnny Johnson	Weaver Bros
Gerald Bell	Wien Air Alaska
Mary Ann Losche	Wien Air Alaska

November 2021

Keith Porter	AIC LLC
John Wittenbecher	Alascom
Kathleen Siebels	Alascom Inc.
Flossie Swanson	Arctic Slope Telephone Assoc.
Marvin Shannon	AT&T Alaska
Raymond Hood	Bendix Field Engr Corp
Phyllis Merrill	CSX Lines of Alaska LLC
Howard Hale	Doyles Fuel Service
Frank Wells	Emulsion Products Company
Patrick Kalen	Kalen & Associates
Garrard Hooper	Mammoth of Alaska
David Flynn	Matson Navigation Company
Ronald Williamson	Merrick Management Inc.
M. Lee Pridgen	Municipality of Anchorage
Charles Lewis	Warner Bros.

*I'll remember you when I've forgotten all the rest.
You to me were true.
You to me were the best.
~Bob Dylan~*



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The James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund application process is NOW OPEN! Please refer high school seniors who are the sons, daughters, or financial dependents of Teamster members to **www.jrhmsf.org**. The JRH Scholarship website has valuable information about the scholarships and the application process.

The complete application procedure and submissions of applications will be due March 1, 2022.

CELEBRATING MILESTONES

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

March 2021

Antonio Chavez	10
Ryan Gorectke	10
Eric Gadow	10
Fluturije Rifati	10
Andrew Bennett	10
John Fiorella	10
Ellen Ramsey	10
Dale Mattila	10
Christi Harris	10
Barbara Wood	10
Jacob Urban	10
Michelle Matthews	10
Michael Grigsby	15
Travis Voetmann	15
Jason Wirkus	20
Bobby Brown	20
Edward Swickle	20
Don Gerber	25
John Marton	25

April 2021

Tharon Lori O'Malley	10
Justina Rodrigues	10
Lucile True	10
Marie Halverson	10
Patricia Lewis	10
Shelly Mead	10
Amanda Satterly	10
Susan Stevens	10
David Landfear	10
Brian Laughlin	10
Louis Mabry	10
John Stoll	10
Pablo Rodriguez	10
Shane Brooks	10
Bryan Yang	10
Juan Estrada	10
Ross Espiritu	10
Eric Brown	10
Janice Callaway	10
David Boyd	10
Johnnie Stock	10
Patricia Cowdery	10
Virginia Filkins	10
Stephanie Grimes	10
Leslie Elliott	10
Gary Hinkle	10
Michael Williams	15
John Slater	15
Clifton Derrick III	15
Jeremy Holan	20
Robert Dooley	20
Jeramy Espinosa	20
Angelo Toci III	20
Ray Ash	20

Lawrence Glanzer	20
Raymond Waters	20
Edward Olidan	25
Mike Gaiser	25
Mike See	30

May 2021

Name	Pin	Year
Dennis Haakenson	10	
Reynaldo Salgado	10	
Matthew Gandjos	10	
Alberto Jimenez	10	
Michael Fisher	10	
Timothy Samelko	10	
Jace Digel	10	
Kelsey Taylor	10	
George Varin	10	
Jerry Rias	10	
Randy Schuster	15	
Anthony Salazar	15	
Kathleen Fillion	15	
Thomas Gillette	15	
Glenn Forbes	15	
Jeremiah Payne	15	
Carl Sterrett	20	
Cheryl Riley	20	
Cathy Bolin	25	
Edward Quinlan	25	
Kim Olsen	25	
Joseph Juhl	30	
Westley Quinlan	30	
James Caswell	30	
Steven Miranda	40	
Peter Borman	45	
David Rafter	45	

June 2021

Robert Head	10
Andrew Wallace	10
Preston Stucky	10
Laurel Beaulieu	10
Daniel Burlingham	10
Christopher Lopez	10
Shane Haywood	10
Lawrence Smith	15
Ronald Benson	15
Jose Torres	15
Luis Zetino	15
Dustin Blevins	20
Mike Littlefield	25
Jeffrey Forsythe	25
Daniel Patterson	30
Agustin Rivera	30
Jeffery Brewer	40
Kenneth Walker	45
Craig Campbell	45
Lauren Pennington	45
William Harris	50
Delbert Puro	50

July 2021

Antwon Dungey	10
Sonia Speir	10
Sean Chambers	10
Michelle Morgan	10

Meredith Pearson	10
Erin O'Toole	10
Tony Higbee	10
Robert Jones	10
Toni Bolen	15
Leland Trigg	15
Jacob Snedeker	15
Andrew Tronrud	15
Ralph Moore	20
Shawn Ailport	20
Evan Matthews	20
Michael Carter	20
Aaron Mauldin	20
Stephen Rada	20
Martin Bethke	20
Kristine Knutsen	20
Faye Vanderwerken	20
Scott Loehr	20
Gary Brettrager	20
Jack Sorenson	20
Mary Michael	25
Mark Sayre	25
Kyle Mahaney	25
Robert Davis	30
William Keister	45
Karen Swerman	45
Charles Pratt	45
Courtland Leneave	50
Charles Miller	50
Starr Everett	50
Jerry Strong	50
Bruce Duvlea	50

August 2021

Bruneau Pamela	10
Sloger Ryan	10
Faumuina Mekaali	10
Hobbs Caleb	10
Worthley Riley	10
Holcomb Ricky	10
Hallman Linawati	15
Maurin Karen	15
Lomonaco Michael	15
Piland II Harold	15
Almond Lisa Claire""	15
Brabham Robert	15
Juszczak Ryan	15
Salazar Eduardo	15
Donovan Robert	15
Weaver Jan	15
Bryant Todd	15
Dobberpuhl Daniel	20
Ahyakak Eddie	20
Macphee Jeremy	20
Bullock Roxanne	20
Merritt Michael	20
Febuary Timothy	20
Garrison David	20
Lake Raymond	25
Suter Jack	45
Van Bruggen Kenneth	45
Scott Roberta	45
Panichello Frank	45
Roesler Richard	45

Holdmann Joseph	45
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September 2021

Mike Ruberg	10
David Witthuhn	10
Angelina Cinquegrani	10
Casey Anderson	10
Mary Keen	10
James Hines	15
Stephanie Hala	15
Leroy Simmons Jr.	15
James Johnson	15
Rodney Gales	15
Jeremy Schaeffer	20
Kevin Gilliland	20
John Ravara	25
Calvin Mattingley	30
Dennis Perry	40
William Wilusz	45
Mark Mendonsa	45
Michael Lowery	50
Dennis Clontz	50
James Breiling	50
Randi Robison	50
Paul Stoddard	50

October 2021

Paul Charles	10
Matthew Nustvold	10
Roger Matthews	10
Christian Benedetti	10
Levelevei Atafua	10
Todd Vuckovich	10
Dawn Foster	10
Mary Grace Kleine	10
Marina Crowell	10
Sarah Winter	15
Denise Brymer	20
Kevin Doyle	20
Surge Amundson	20
Randy Robertson	25
Joey Winger	25
Hector Jesus Andrada	25
Robert Llanaeza	25
Phillip Elmer	30
Monty Burbank	35
Vicky Rae Hagberg	40
Jana Barlow	45
Ellynda Giles	45

November 2021

Jenie Swartz	10
Mart Bregger	10
Jeremy Rumfield	10
Warren Morris	10
Thomas Harwood	15
Jesse Korn	15
Frank Gerstenslager II	15
Charles Hixon	20
Wendy Nielsen	20
Robert Lagasse	20
Francis Leday	25
Troy Alexander	25
Justin Farr	30
Frederick Fick	30
Frank Bruner	40

CELEBRATING RETIREES

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

March 2021

Theresa Finnigan	Anchorage School District
Wendy Hester	Doyon/Aramark Denali
John Ford	Elmendorf Support Services
Lennie Mack	Elmendorf Support Services
Stephen V Dunn	H.C. Redi Mix, Inc.
Marlon N Bartolome	Interstate Brands
Jon Eiland	K&L Distributors
Richard Oehrig	Lockheed Martin
Kim J Juhl	Matson Navigation Co.
Heidi McCrary	Nanuq, Inc.
Mitchell Snyder	Southeast Stevedoring
Charles Waldron	United Freight & Transport, Inc.
Kenneth W Meder	United Parcel Service
Mark Luiten	Weaver Bros.

April 2021

Barrett Gordon	Alaska Frontier Construction
Jose Arredondo	Anchorage School District
Harold Groetsema	Arctic Slope Technical Services
Robert A Walker	ASRC ES-Houston Contracting
Tina Boston	AT&T Alaska
Kenneth Johnson	C2G LTD Co.
Recto I Galindo	Choctaw Defense Services
Johnnie Milton	Doyon/Aramark Denali
Edward A Swickle	Facility Services Mgmt
Almax McCoy	Government Contract Resources
Agustin Rivera	Matson Navigation Co.
Ernest Johnson	Carrs-Safeway
Silas Dennis	Southeast Stevedore Co.
Rita Roalsen	Trusted Hand Service
Edward Timmons	United Freight & Transport, Inc.
Michael Hanna	Weaver Bros.

May 2021

Keith Porter	AIC LLC
Kathie Muir	Anchorage School District
Kevin Montague	Arctec Alaska
Pamela Miller	CSX Lines of Alaska
Raymond Ruble	Indyne, Inc.
Kevin Witt	Interstate Brands
Lawrence Lawrence	Anchorage School District
Randolph A Killian	Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc.

June 2021

Daniel M Ward	A.I.C. LLC
Mary E Harris	Anchorage School District
Mark Mastre	Arctec Alaska
Pancho P Decrito	Facility Services Mgmt
Kathleen C Fillion	Indyne, Inc.
Ginger Bean	JW Bean Professional
David Schieber	Nanuq, Inc.
David Hartman	Sea Star Stevedore Co.
Wayne W Ames	Southeast Stevedoring

July 2021

James Palmatier	Anchorage School District
Tim Lowry	AT&T Alaska
Scott Martz	AT&T Alaska
Jose Malong Jr	Choctaw Defense Services
William Ness	Matson Navigation Co.

July 2021 (cont.)

Richard Kruger
David M Behrends
Michael Nelson
Gary Lester

August 2021

William Blake
Michael Amberg
James D Gaub
Roberta Scott
Dan Griffith
Joyce Vick
Garrith McLean
Allen D Berg
John Lamothe
Terri Quinlan
Felipa Frani

September 2021

William S Flannery
David A Garrison
Larry G Kincaid
Scott Dick
Linda Walline
Peter Park
Rebecca A Ray
Larry D Mulkey

October 2021

Joseph Wrobel
Mark D. Smith
Gary Borenstein
Joseph M Seebacher
Mary K Soldin
Davis C Crittenden
Alyssa Rene Tims
Sam Dolfi
Fernando Velador-Ruiz
Charlotte Town
Raymond S Bridges
Carey Fields
Monty L. Harding

November 2021

John A. Meyer
Laurel R. Beaulieu
Michael Grigsby
Desiree Mazany
Cynthia Lidgard-Bale
Jan M Weaver
Darren G Hill
Monty Burbank
Keith C McIntyre

Matson Navigation Co.
United Parcel Service
Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc.
World Technical Services, Inc.

AT&T Alaska
Choctaw Defense Services
Doyon/Aramark Denali
Indyne, Inc.
Interstate Brands
Juneau Ready Mix, Inc.
JW Bean Professional
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Arctec Alaska
AT&T Alaska
Big Dreams Transport, Ltd.
Choctaw Defense Services
Continental Baking Co.
Lynden Transport, Inc.
Matson Navigation Co.
Weaver Bros.

AT&T Alaska
Brice, Inc.
Doyon/Aramark Denali
Doyon/Aramark Denali
K&L Distributors
Matson Navigation Co.
Matson Navigation Co.
Nanuq, Inc.
Carrs-Safeway
Sea Star Stevedore Co.
Teamsters Local 959
Usibelli Coal Mine, Inc.
World Technical Services, Inc.

Arctec Alaska
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Arctic Slope Telephone Assoc.
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