



# LOCAL 79 NEWS

CONSTRUCTION &amp; GENERAL BUILDING LABORERS



## REZONING

Build It Union and Build It Affordable

**LOCAL 79 HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT** of the fight to make sure that the proposed rezonings of areas throughout New York City will only be approved if they include guarantees that future development will be built union and provide truly affordable housing. The importance of this struggle should be understood by all Local 79 members.

Mayor de Blasio's plan to build or preserve 200,000 units of affordable housing in the next ten years relies, in large part, on the rezoning of numerous neighborhoods throughout New York City. Rezoning results in changing the allowed use of property and typically results in property becoming much more valuable to its owner. New York City agencies do not have to agree to allow owners to rezone land; therefore, they can demand concessions from the owners who are seeking to rezone for development purposes. In one of the most recent

rezoning fights, Build Up New York, comprised of Local 79 and other unions, was successful in its demand that the Astoria Cove development

would be built union, 27% of the units would qualify as affordable housing, and the building service jobs in the completed development would be union.

Examples of Local 79's ongoing involvement in the battle to organize neighborhoods that are slated for rezoning include:

**On the evening of February 4** > nearly 300 members of Local 79 joined hundreds of brothers and sisters from other trades and community-based organizations, to demand that the proposed rezoning of East New York include real affordable housing and union jobs. The rally made it crystal clear that Local 79 is always going to be in this fight from the beginning and that it is a fight that is going to be won, first and foremost, at the grassroots level.

**During blizzard conditions on the evening of March 12** > over 100 loud and proud Local 79 members demanded that the proposed 75 block Bronx rezoning serve the needs of Bronx residents, not the needs of irresponsible developers. Local 79 stood side by side with CASA and other allies from the Real Affordability for All (RAFA) coalition. That night, all of New York City may have heard the resounding chant coming from all of us present: Whose Bronx? Our Bronx!

Local 79 will continue in its efforts to make sure that every rezone in the City serves our members and the broader community. We will not rest until all these developments contain guarantees that they will employ union labor and that the members of the communities that are being affected will have access to truly affordable housing.

**STAY TUNED:** New York City has only just started to hear our voices.

Members of Local 79 with Public Advocate Letitia James (center, top) at East New York Rally

## DUES NEWS

Monthly dues are \$34 as per the LiUNA Constitution.

Retiree dues are \$8 per month.

Dues payments must not go over two months without being paid or the member will be suspended. The readmission fee is \$56 for every month that the dues payments are behind plus \$34 for the current month.

### REMINDER

*Members' Union Book numbers must be written on their checks or money orders when paying dues by mail.*

*Members may also call the Dues Department, provide their book number, and pay by credit card.*

## OUT-OF-WORK LIST RE-REGISTRATION NOTICE

All persons on Local 79's Job referral list must re-register for the list during the first five business days of each quarter to maintain their position on the list.

### NEXT RE-REGISTRATION PERIOD WILL BE:

July 1, 2, 6, 7 & 8

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## Message From Business Manager MIKE PROHASKA

Many of my Local 79 brothers and sisters have often heard me refer to Local 79 as "more than a union." What exactly do I mean when I say that?

Like most unions, Local 79's primary responsibility is to bargain for good wages and benefits for our members and to ensure that contractors are complying with the terms of the agreements that they have signed. But there is much, much more that we do.



One of the key departments at Local 79 is the Organizing Department, the department that is responsible for staffing picket lines, organizing protests, rallies, and marches, helping teach RISE classes, and encouraging members to be active in their communities. The primary purpose of all of this activity is quite simple: to ensure that Local 79 members have work and that the union expands its market share and, as a result, its membership. Local 79 members are also involved in many of these activities because standing up for low-wage workers who work in unsafe conditions, workers who have had their wages stolen, and immigrant workers who lack basic protections is the right thing to do. Much of this work is done outside working hours by our committed members.

We are also constantly looking to help members with things that matter to them most. That is why, as one of the Trustees of the Welfare Fund, I worked to change the eligibility rules for healthcare to allow members a full year of coverage and expanded benefits. It's also why we offer a full array of free legal services to eligible members, membership in a credit union, financial counseling for our incoming apprentices, immigration workshops, retiree events, and an array of membership services available by simply making a phone call. On top of this, we are always looking to expand services, which is why, for example, we recently undertook a comprehensive survey of members' childcare needs.

Local 79 is committed to forming partnerships with community organizations throughout New York City. One of the many examples of this is Local 79's Pre-Apprenticeship Navigation program, which works with members from organizations like Make the Road New York, the Osborne Association, Community Voices Heard, and others to teach them about Local 79, the history of unions, workers' rights, and provide them with assistance with interview skills and resume writing, so that they can be well-prepared to apply to Local 79's Apprenticeship Program.

And finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the time that Local 79 members volunteer each year. In the last year alone, Local 79 members donated nearly 15,000 days of labor. The volunteer activities our members carry out are varied: they staff picket lines, clean up parks, phone bank, raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for St. Mary's Hospital for Children lobby in Washington and Albany, decorate homeless shelters at holiday time, serve Thanksgiving meals to the homeless, and participate in countless other activities. All of these activities benefit from the assistance of various departments and committees: 100 BCW, the Women's Committee, the Latino Committee, the Italian-American Committee, and the West Indian Committee.

So, if someone sometime asks you why Local 79 is "more than a union," I hope you can let them know everything that we do that goes beyond the important work of showing up and working hard each day to build buildings throughout New York City.

Fraternally,

Mike Prohaska

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# LOCAL 79 A Commitment to Education & Services for Immigrant Members

ON THREE SUNDAY AFTERNOONS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH, Local 79 teamed up with a lawyer from Make the Road New York to educate Local 79 members about President Obama's recent executive order on immigration and the way in which the order might affect various members of the immigrant community.

The workshops covered the two key provisions of Obama's executive order and gave members a chance to learn more about Make the Road New York and the free immigration- and naturalization related legal services that are provided by Make the Road to eligible members of Local 79. Local 79 Membership Coordinator and Latino Committee member Juan Mazlymian praised the workshops, saying that they "provided a clear explanation of the executive order and the ways in which members of the immigrant community who are eligible to take advantage of the order's provisions could begin to put together the necessary documents."

On March 30-April 1, representatives of Local 79, the Laborers Eastern Region Organizing Fund (LEROF), the Mason Tenders' District Council, and various LiUNA locals

joined union members and community activists from 27 states at the AFL-CIO's **We Rise** conference in Washington DC. The purpose of the conference was to equip union halls around the country with the tools to assist immigrant workers through immigration and citizenship services, education and training, and to advance campaigns for immigrant and workers' rights. AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka summed up the purpose of the conference as follows: "Eight million people showed up to work today without legal rights or protections. That is an outrage, and it is contributing to the erosion of wages and standards for all working families. The **We Rise** initiative will mobilize the infrastructure of the labor movement to ensure that all immigrant workers ultimately have the status to assert their rights on the job and in the community."

Local 79 Business Manager Mike Prohaska said that "the workshops and Local 79's presence at the conference represent Local 79's continued effort to commit resources to educate Local 79 members about the state of immigration reform, to give Local 79 staff the tools to assist immigrant members, and to provide members with specialized legal assistance for immigration- and naturalization-related services."



Local 79 Members at Immigration Workshop with Make the Road New York Attorney Alexia Schapira

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

### Local 79 Members Requested to Fill Out Childcare Survey

In an effort to understand the varied childcare needs of Local 79 members, Local 79 is working with The Worker Institute at Cornell to carry out an online survey. Local 79 members received a letter explaining the importance of the survey and encouraging members, especially those

with children under 18, to spend the time necessary to fill out the survey. All information provided on the survey is completely confidential. The easiest way to access the survey is to go to [www.local79.org](http://www.local79.org), read the post on the home page, and click on the link to the survey.



# Shop Steward Refresher Courses

## NOW TAUGHT BY LOCAL 79

Local 79 staff members are now teaching the four-hour Shop Steward Refresher course. Shop Stewards must renew their Shop Steward certificate every two years. Members have a sixty-day grace period after the expiration of their Shop Steward certificate. If they do not take the course within that sixty-day window, they will have to take the full-day Shop Steward class.

At the present, Shop Steward Refresher courses are taught in English and Spanish in classrooms at the 32BJ building at 25 West 18th Street in Manhattan. Local 79 is in the process of constructing a classroom at the Local 79 offices, so within a couple of months the classes will be taught at the Local.

For a schedule of upcoming classes, go to [www.local79.org](http://www.local79.org), click on Member Services and then click on Classes and Certificates of Fitness. After selecting a couple of preferred dates, members must register for the class by calling Ursula Kirwin at 212-465-7972.



## JOIN ACTORS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION!

If you are looking to put your financial house in order, you need look no further than the Actors Federal Credit Union (ActorsFCU), to which Local 79 belongs. Credit unions are not-for-profit financial institutions that offer services similar to those of a commercial bank.

ActorsFCU offers a full range of financial services, including checking and savings accounts, loans and mortgages, and credit cards. It has two offices with teller services in and near Times Square that are open Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm, phone hours that extend from 9:00 am-8:00 pm, and online/smartphone banking services. ActorsFCU owns nearly 300 ATMs throughout the five boroughs (this is second in NYC only to Chase), primarily in McDonald's, and belongs to Coop Network, which provides 30,000 fee-free ATMs around the country. (Note that many of the ATMs dispense cash but do not accept deposits.)

The easiest way to open an account is to go the ActorsFCU office located at 165 W. 46th Street, 14th floor. Members will need the following documents in order to open an account: A current U.S. Government-issued photo identification (passport, driver's license, etc.), a valid Social Security number or TIN, their union book, and proof of address (utility bill, lease etc.) if they live at an address different than what is on their government-issued identification.

Members who have any questions about the credit union or how to join are encouraged to call Thom Thacker at 212-465-7928.



### UPCOMING

#### LOCAL 79 NOMINATION MEETING

All Local 79 members are advised that the nomination meeting for the upcoming elections will be held:

**Wednesday, May 6 at 5pm**  
St Vartan Church  
630 2nd Avenue



# LECET: Staffed Up And Ready To Increase Market Share

**GREAT NEW YORK LECET BEGAN 2015 FULLY-STAFFED AND READY TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF LABOR AND MANAGEMENT TO INCREASE MARKET SHARE FOR ALL INVOLVED**

Beginning his second year as executive director, Pat Purcell said, "When I got here last year I found an incredibly capable, intelligent, devoted staff. Thanks to the support of the trustees we have been able to supplement the staff with several new hires that bring us expertise and experience that further enhances our capabilities."

## **GNYLECET focuses on four areas of operation:**

- 1. Project tracking;**
- 2. Strategic campaigns & programs;**
- 3. Business development, and;**
- 4. Legislative and government affairs.**

Jeff Rae joined LECET's staff as the new media coordinator. While much of LECET's successful media activity was in the traditional "old school" media of print, television, film, there was a need to have a greater presence in new and social media outlets. Jeff brings that expertise and knowledge to LECET. He has been an activist and organizer in the labor movement for over 10 years, utilizing his skills in online and traditional communications. Working for several other major unions, Jeff designed and implemented communications strategies to bring a face and voice to working people. For the past 6 1/2 years, Jeff worked for the Transport Workers Union of America, where he built up a 90,000 person email list, started the first ever TWU weekly e-newsletter, and utilized online communications strategies to engage 130,000 members. Jeff will be bringing the same talents and expertise to LECET as it expands its presence in social and new media.

Karla Cruz is the new legislative representative for LECET. Working closely with the Mason Tender's District Council Political Action Committee, Karla will be lobbying in both Albany and New York City on behalf of LECET. Moving LECET's agenda through the legislative process is a key responsibility of LECET. Karla is currently working on the efforts to bring reform and transparency to the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, as well as stopping Intro 495, which would result in the loss of hundreds of jobs for members of Laborers Local 108. "As I see it my job is to make sure that the opportunities and jobs for our contractors and union members are protected and expanded in whatever legislative action is before the City Council or the State Legislature," said Karla. "Our top three legislative priorities are Jobs, Jobs and Jobs." Prior to coming to LECET, Karla served

as the program manager for the Edward J. Malloy Initiative for Construction Skills at the Building and Construction Trades Council of Greater New York. She also served as the deputy political director for the New York City District Council of Carpenters.

Bernard Callegari joins LECET after spending the last seven years as an organizer for Local 79. A member of Local 79 since 2001, Bernard has worked in the field as a Laborer on a wide range of projects throughout the city. Immediately following the attacks of September 11th, Bernard was sent to Ground Zero where he worked as a shop steward on the severely damaged 30 West Broadway building. He also worked on the restoration of 140 West Street, the Verizon building, which was also severely damaged in the attacks. In 2005, while working with LEROF, Bernard was part of the demo campaign that resulted in Advanced Demolition being successfully driven out of business. In 2008 he joined Local 79's staff as an organizer. "I have been a Laborer for over 14 years," said Bernard. "I have worked in the field and know first-hand the challenges our members face every day. It's hard work. Serving as a field representative for LECET is a major step forward in my career. But to me the responsibility is the same, to make sure that our members and contractors are treated fairly on the jobsites and that there are good jobs for anyone who wants to work. That's what being a Laborer means to me and that is what I bring to the job every day."



Bernard Callegari, Karla Cruz, and Jeff Rae.

# MENSAJE DEL GERENTE COMERCIAL, MIKE PROHASKA

Muchos de mis hermanos y hermanas del Local 79 me han oído decir que el Local 79 es "más que un sindicato." ¿Qué quiero decir exactamente con esto?

Al igual que la mayoría de los sindicatos, la responsabilidad principal del Local 79 es negociar para obtener buenos salarios y beneficios para nuestros miembros, y garantizar que los contratistas cumplan con los términos de los acuerdos que han firmado. Sin embargo, en realidad, hacemos mucho, pero mucho más que esto.

Uno de los departamentos clave del Local 79 es el Departamento de Organización, que es responsable de enviar gente a los piquetes, organizar protestas, manifestaciones y marchas, ayudar a enseñar las clases RISE (Levantarse), y alentar a los miembros a tener una participación activa en sus comunidades. El propósito principal de toda esta actividad es muy simple: garantizar que los miembros del Local 79 tengan trabajo y que el sindicato amplíe su participación en el mercado y, de este modo, su membresía. Los miembros del Local 79 también participan en muchas de estas actividades porque defender a los trabajadores de bajos salarios que trabajan en condiciones inseguras, los que son víctimas del robo de sus salarios y los trabajadores inmigrantes que carecen de las protecciones básicas, es lo que corresponde hacer. Gran parte de este trabajo es realizado fuera del horario laboral por nuestros dedicados miembros, quienes entienden que el Local 79 avanza y crece gracias a la participación activa de nuestros miembros.

También buscamos constantemente las maneras de ayudar a los miembros con las cosas que más les importan. Es por eso que, hace poco, cambiamos las reglas de elegibilidad para la atención de salud de modo que otorguen a los miembros un año completo de cobertura y nuevos beneficios adicionales. También es por eso que ofrecemos una gama completa de servicios legales gratuitos a los miembros elegibles, membresía en una cooperativa de crédito, asesoramiento financiero para nuestros aprendices, talleres sobre inmigración, eventos para jubilados y un conjunto de servicios de membresía que pueden obtenerse mediante una simple llamada telefónica. Además de todo esto, siempre buscamos

ampliar los servicios. Un ejemplo reciente de esto es la iniciativa de realizar una encuesta integral sobre las necesidades de cuidado de los niños de nuestros miembros.

El Local 79 se compromete a formar alianzas con organizaciones comunitarias de toda la ciudad de Nueva York. Uno de los numerosos ejemplos de esto es el programa de Navegación Preaprendizaje del Local 79, que trabaja con miembros de organizaciones como Make the Road New York/Se Hace Camino Nueva York, la Asociación Osborne, Community Voices Heard y otras para enseñarles acerca del Local 79, la historia de los sindicatos, los derechos de los trabajadores, y brindarles asistencia en la adquisición de habilidades para las entrevistas y la redacción de hojas de vida (resume), a fin de que estén bien preparados para solicitar un programa de aprendizaje del Local 79.

Y por último, sería negligente si no mencionara el tiempo que los miembros del Local 79 donan cada año como voluntarios. El año pasado solamente, los miembros del Local 79 donaron casi 15,000 días de trabajo. Las actividades de voluntariado de nuestros miembros son variadas: Forman parte de piquetes, limpian parques, atienden bancos de teléfonos, recaudan cientos de miles de dólares para el Hospital Infantil St. Mary, se unen a Heart 9/11 cuando ocurre un desastre en las comunidades y en otros países, cabilean en Washington y Albany, ayudan a construir bancos en un jardín comunitario en el Bronx, decoran refugios para desamparados en la temporada de fiestas, sirven comidas de Acción de Gracias a las personas sin hogar y participan en un sinnúmero de otras actividades. Todas estas actividades se benefician con la asistencia de varios comités: 100BCW, el Comité de Mujeres, el Comité de Latinos, el Comité de Italianos-Americanos y el Comité de Antillanos.

Entonces, si alguien en algún momento le pregunta por qué el Local 79 es "más que un sindicato", espero que sepan explicarles todo lo que hacemos que va más allá de la importante labor de presentarse y trabajar duro cada día para construir edificios en la ciudad de Nueva York.

## LOCAL 79 UN COMPROMISO CON LA EDUCACIÓN Y LOS SERVICIOS PARA MIEMBROS INMIGRANTES

**DURANTE LAS TARDES DE TRES DOMINGOS EN ENERO, FEBRERO Y MARZO,** el Local 79 formó equipo con un abogado de Make the Road New York/Se Hace Camino Nueva York para instruir a miembros del Local 79 acerca de la reciente orden ejecutiva sobre inmigración del Presidente Obama y la manera en que esta orden podía afectar a varios miembros de la comunidad de inmigrantes. Los talleres abarcaron las dos disposiciones clave de la orden ejecutiva de Obama y dieron a los miembros una oportunidad de aprender un poco más sobre Make the Road New York/Se Hace Camino Nueva York y los servicios legales relacionados con inmigración y naturalización que esta organización provee a los miembros elegibles del Local 79. Juan Mazlyman, coordinador de membresía y miembro del Comité de Latinos del Local 79, dijo que ellos "presentaron una explicación clara de la orden ejecutiva y de las maneras en que los miembros de la comunidad de

inmigrantes que son elegibles para aprovechar las disposiciones de la orden podían empezar a reunir los documentos necesarios".

Entre el 30 de marzo y el 1 de abril, representantes del Local 79, Laborers Eastern Region Organizing Fund (LEROF), el Consejo Distrital de los Mason Tenders y varios locales de LiUNA congregaron a miembros sindicales y activistas comunitarios de 27 estados en la conferencia We Rise/Nos levantamos de la AFL-CIO que tuvo lugar en Washington DC. El propósito de la conferencia era equipar salones de sindicatos en todo el país con las herramientas para ayudar a los trabajadores inmigrantes a través de los servicios de inmigración y ciudadanía, la educación y la capacitación, y para avanzar en las campañas para los inmigrantes y los derechos de los trabajadores. Richard Trumka, presidente de la AFL-CIO, resumió como sigue el propósito de la conferencia: "Ocho millones

de personas se presentaron a trabajar hoy sin derechos o protecciones legales. Esto es inadmisible y contribuye a la erosión de los salarios y niveles de vida de todas las familias de trabajadores. La iniciativa We Rise/Nos levantamos movilizará la infraestructura del movimiento laboral para garantizar que todos los trabajadores inmigrantes adquieran el estatus que les permita afirmar sus derechos en el trabajo y en la comunidad".

Mike Prohaska, gerente general del Local 79, dijo que "los talleres y la presencia del Local 79 en la conferencia representan el esfuerzo sostenido del Local 79 para comprometer recursos para enseñar a los miembros del Local 79 el estado de la reforma inmigratoria, dar al personal del Local 79 las herramientas para asistir a sus miembros inmigrantes y brindar a los miembros asistencia legal especializada en servicios relacionados con la inmigración y la naturalización".

# REZONIFICACIÓN: Que se Construya con el Sindicato y Que Sea Asequible

El Local 79 ha estado a la vanguardia de la lucha para asegurarse de que las rezonificaciones propuestas de áreas de la ciudad de Nueva York se aprueben solamente si incluyen garantías de que todas las edificaciones futuras sean construidas por miembros del sindicato y que sean viviendas verdaderamente asequibles. Es importante que todos los miembros del Local 79 entiendan la importancia de esta lucha.

El plan del alcalde de Blasio de construir o preservar 200,000 unidades de viviendas asequibles en los próximos diez años depende, en gran parte, de la rezonificación de muchos vecindarios de la ciudad de Nueva York. La rezonificación consiste en cambiar el uso permitido de la propiedad inmobiliaria y normalmente redunda en que esta incremente su valor para beneficio del propietario. No es necesario que las agencias de la ciudad de Nueva York se pongan de acuerdo para permitir que los propietarios rezonifiquen sus terrenos; por lo tanto, pueden exigir concesiones de los propietarios que procuran rezonificar con fines de edificación. En uno de los enfrentamientos más recientes en torno a la rezonificación, Build Up New York, integrada por el Local 79, otros sindicatos y organizaciones basadas en la comunidad, logró que se accediera a su exigencia de que el complejo de Astoria Cove fuera construido por miembros del sindicato, que el 27% de las unidades califiquen como viviendas asequibles y que los puestos de trabajo de servicios de construcción en el edificio completado sean para miembros de sindicatos.

Entre los ejemplos actuales de la participación del Local 79 en la batalla para organizar vecindarios sujetos a rezonificación se pueden citar los siguientes:

En la noche del 4 de febrero, casi 300 miembros del Local 79 se reunieron con centenares de hermanos y hermanas de otros oficios y de organizaciones basadas en la comunidad para exigir que la rezonificación propuesta para East New York incluya



viviendas asequibles reales y trabajos sindicalizados. Esta concentración dejó muy en claro que el Local 79 siempre va a participar en esta lucha desde un principio y que es una lucha que se ganará, primero y principalmente, a nivel de las bases.

Durante las condiciones de tempestad de nieve de la noche del 12 de mayo, más de 100 miembros fuertes y desafiantes exigieron que la rezonificación propuesta para 75 manzanas del Bronx responda a las necesidades de los residentes del Bronx y no a las de los promotores irresponsables. El Local 79 se mantuvo firme junto a CASA y otros aliados de la coalición de asequibilidad real para todos: Real Affordability for All (RAFA). Esa noche, probablemente toda la ciudad de Nueva York escuchó el resonante canto que surgía de todos los presentes: ¿De quién es el Bronx? ¡Nuestro Bronx!

El Local 79 mantendrá sus esfuerzos para cerciorarse de que cada rezonificación de la ciudad esté al servicio de nuestros miembros y de la comunidad. No descansaremos hasta que todos estos emprendimientos garanticen que emplearán mano de obra sindicalizada y que los miembros de las comunidades afectadas tengan acceso a viviendas verdaderamente asequibles.

**Manténganse en alerta:** La ciudad de Nueva York recién empieza a oír nuestras voces.

## El Local 79 da Cursos de Actualización para Representantes Sindicales

Miembros del Local 79 dictan ahora el curso de actualización para representantes sindicales de cuatro horas de duración. Los representantes sindicales deben renovar su certificado cada dos años. Los miembros tienen un periodo de gracia de sesenta días después del vencimiento de su certificado de Representante Sindical. Si no toman el curso dentro de ese plazo de sesenta días, tendrán que tomar la clase de Representante Sindical que dura todo un día.

Actualmente, los cursos de actualización para Representantes Sindicales se dictan en inglés y en español en los salones de clases del edificio 32BJ de 25 West 18th Street en Manhattan. El Local 79 está construyendo un salón de clases en las oficinas del Local 79, de modo que las clases se dictarán en el local en un par de meses.

Para consultar el horario de las próximas clases, visite [www.local79.org](http://www.local79.org), haga clic en Member Services y luego en Classes y Certificates of Fitness. Despues de seleccionar un par de fechas preferidas, los miembros deben registrarse para la clase llamando a Ursula Kirwin al 212-465-7972.

### PRÓXIMA

## REUNIÓN DE NOMINACIÓN DEL LOCAL 79

Todos los miembros del Local 79 deben tomar conocimiento de que la reunión de nominación para las próximas elecciones del Local 79 tendrá lugar:

**Miércoles, 6 de mayo a las 5pm**  
St. Vartan Church, 630 2.a Avenida



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## UPCOMING EVENTS 2015

Call Melissa Siciliano at  
212-465-7976 for more info

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**MAY 6** at 5pm  
**Nomination Meeting**  
St. Vartan Church, 630 2nd Avenue

**MAY 7** at Noon  
**Retiree Spring Luncheon\***  
Villa Barone  
737 Throggs Neck Exp, Bronx, NY

**MAY 20** at 5pm  
**General Membership Meeting**  
St. Vartan Church, 630 2nd Avenue

**JUNE 17** at 5pm  
**General Membership Meeting**  
St. Vartan Church, 630 2nd Avenue

**JUNE 19** - Buses depart at 8am  
**Retiree Outing\***  
Tropicana Casino, Atlantic City, NJ

\* RSVP with Melissa Siciliano to attend these events



Terence O'Sullivan, Steve Plate, Mike Prohaska, and Raymond M. Pocino

## LiUNA AND LOCAL 79 HONOR STEVE PLATE

LiUNA's General President Terence O'Sullivan attended Local 79's General Membership Meeting on January 21, 2015 and presented LiUNA'S highest award to Steve Plate, the Director of World Trade Center Construction and the Deputy Chief of Capital Planning for the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. Also present at the meeting was LiUNA Vice President and Eastern Regional Manager Raymond M. Pocino who, along with O'Sullivan, spoke about the great leadership Mr. Plate has provided and continues to provide in rebuilding the World Trade Center site.