



LOCAL 79

Construction & General Building Laborers

Summer 2014

MESSAGE FROM LIUNA GENERAL PRESIDENT TERRY O'SULLIVAN

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

A few months ago, I was honored to join the membership of Laborers Local 79 for a spirited immigration forum that spelled out the ways our country's broken immigration system is hurting our country and ignoring basic human rights. I thank Business Manager Mike Prohaska and the Local 79 Executive Board for inviting me to this important gathering.

LiUNA and Local 79 have been at the forefront in the struggle to protect immigrant workers from abuse and exploitation at the hands of unscrupulous employers, and I am so proud of all of our members who are fighting for comprehensive reform that creates a roadmap to citizenship, protects family unity and treats all workers fairly. This issue is too important to be derailed.

As you know, immigration isn't our only critical issue. Our members are writing letters, making calls, and attending meetings and rallies on a whole host of important policies critical to our union. Nationally, we are pushing for a well-funded and long-term Highway Bill that creates jobs fixing our nation's roads, bridges and transit systems. Also, we are fighting to fix the

Affordable Care Act, so the multi-employer health care plans many union members depend on aren't unfairly impacted by the taxes imposed by the law. Lastly, I will mention the Keystone XL pipeline. We need to get this project started and put people to work.

We feel the arguments are on our side with all of these issues, but unfortunately our elected officials don't always respond to logic. They do seem to understand power and that is why LiUNA Power, the power of an engaged and active membership, is so important. Change doesn't come about easily but with our collective action, it will eventually come. I thank you for your support and ask you to keep on fighting.



Sincerely and fraternally,

Terry O'Sullivan

IMMIGRATION FORUM: WE DEMAND ACTION NOW!

Hundreds of Local 79 members and family members attended an Immigration Forum at St. Vartan Church on the afternoon of April 6, 2014. The Forum, organized by Latino members and members of Local 79's staff, was held to educate Local 79 members about a number of key issues related to the immigrant community: LiUNA's position on immigration reform; the status of immigration reform legislation; issues related to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); rights of undocumented workers; and immigration services available at low- and no-cost in New York City.

Presenters at the Forum included LiUNA's General President Terence O'Sullivan, LiUNA's Associate Director For Legislative Affairs Yvette Peña-O'Sullivan, Senator Charles Schumer, Congressman Joseph Crowley, State Senator Jose Peralta, State Assemblyman Francisco Moya, and four lawyers from Make the Road New York.

Business Manager Mike Prohaska opened the Forum by reminding those present that the United States has "flourished because it was nourished by so many cultures and by the traditions of so many people."

O'Sullivan spoke about the necessity of comprehensive immigration reform and made it clear that LiUNA's support "is not about politics, but first and foremost it's the right thing to do." Schumer, Crowley, Moya, and Peralta all told of their families' diverse immigration stories and indicated their resolve to see comprehensive immigration reform passed. Peña-O'Sullivan decried the current state of immigration reform legislation, reminding the audience that they needed to let their elected representatives know "there would be consequences if they refused to act." Lawyers from Make the Road New York shared practical information related to workers' rights, DACA, and immigration services, reminding those present that undocumented workers share many of the same rights as documented workers when it comes to wages, Worker's Compensation, and the newly passed New York City paid sick time law. Business Manager Mike Prohaska closed the Forum by stating that "Local 79 takes the needs of its members seriously and is always looking at developing new programs and services for them."

MESSAGE FROM BUSINESS MANAGER MIKE PROHASKA



In April of 2014, Local 79's new website (www.local79.org) went live. The website contains many new features, including an up-to-date event listing, posts about current and future news and events related to members of Local 79 and the union movement, Local 79's Facebook and Twitter feed, mandatory participation sites with links to Google maps, information about member services, links to numerous affiliates, contact information for staff, and general information about Local 79. We encourage every member to visit the website frequently to learn about upcoming events, to read posts about Local 79 members and issues that are important to them, and to access basic information. Local 79 has now begun work on Phase II of the website project, which will provide a Members' Portal where members will be able to carry out many transactions that they currently have to do in person, over the phone, or by mail.

On April 1st, 2014, the Board of Nontraditional Employment for Women (NEW) voted to make me a board member. NEW, whose mission is to prepare women for skilled, unionized jobs in the trades, serves women from all five boroughs in New York City. Local 79 has many proud graduates of NEW who have gone on to complete the apprenticeship program and are, according to Local 79 Apprenticeship Coordinator Timmy Warrington, "consistently some

of the best Laborers." Although women represent around 3% of the construction industry nationwide, 15% of the graduates of Local 79's apprenticeship program are women. Local 79 is proud to see more and more women working as Laborers. It is truly an honor to be on the Board of NEW, which provides excellent training and seeks to ensure that the percentage of women in the building trades continues to grow.

LiUNA was very well represented at this year's N.B.C.T.C. legislative conference in Washington DC. A number of Executive Board members were among the 300 LiUNA delegates who attended and briefed representatives on key issues including the Affordable Care Act, the Highway bill, comprehensive immigration reform, and the Keystone XL pipeline. Former President Bill Clinton was a surprise speaker, joined by LiUNA member and newly-elected Boston Mayor Martin Walsh. Senator Schumer was also present and briefed delegates on his efforts to secure more infrastructure funding for New York.

I hope that you and your family have a fun-filled, healthy summer.

Fraternally Yours,

Mike Prohaska

DUES NEWS

Monthly dues increased to \$33 as of January 1, 2014 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 \$33 for the current month.

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

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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. The next re-registration period will be: July 1, 2 and 3, (until noon), and July 7, 8, and 9, 2014.

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MESSAGE FROM LIUNA VICE PRESIDENT AND EASTERN REGIONAL MANAGER RAYMOND M. POCINO

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

What do your kids know about your union? How about your parents, your neighbors, your spouse? I ask this question because of the overwhelming amount of misinformation that is out there about unions, much of it fabricated and distributed by the anti-union forces that won't rest until all of organized labor is destroyed.

It is a battle that LiUNA and all unions continue to fight even if the financial playing field isn't even. Americans for Prosperity, for example, the conservative anti-union organization founded by the billionaire Koch brothers, spent a whopping \$121 million in 2012 alone, much of it to defeat pro-labor candidates and to push anti-union legislation. Organized labor can't spend that kind of money or match these one-percenters ad-for-ad. What we do have, and they don't, is an active and committed membership, people like you who show up on a jobsite ready to work and turn out at a rally or meeting ready to make a difference.

In addition to being a member of Local 79, you are a person who can spread the word about the value of unionism. So next time you talk to your child, your parents, your neighbor, feel free to tell

them that union members make on average \$201 more per week than non-union workers, are three-and-a-half times more likely to have a pension, and are 31% more likely to have job-provided health insurance. Even better, let people know what the union has meant to you. Our enemies wish to characterize us as some type of faceless monster hell-bent on destroying America when the fact is we are everyday people working collectively in support of each other and have done more than anyone to protect the working and middle-class.

As members of Local 79, you have a lot to be proud of. Make sure you wear that pride and share that story. It is just one more way you can make our union stronger.



Sincerely and fraternally,

A handwritten signature of Raymond M. Pocino in black ink.

Raymond M. Pocino

DEMOLITION COMPANY OPERATORS SENTENCED TO JAIL

On April 9, 2014, the owner and president of Enviro & Demo Masters, Inc. ("Enviro") and its foreman were sentenced to six and four years respectively in prison for a scheme to underpay employees in violation of the federal prevailing wage law and for tampering with witnesses and using other people's identities to further their scheme.

After being awarded a sub-contract in 2009 for demolishing five buildings in Upper Manhattan, funded in part with federal stimulus money, Enviro submitted fraudulent certified payrolls to the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) which misrepresented the wages being paid to Enviro's workers and misrepresented the workers on the project. Although the

applicable prevailing wages for the project were approximately \$49 and \$33 per hour for demolition workers, workers were being paid as little as \$13 per hour. The total amount of money that was underpaid to employees was in excess of \$650,000.

Local 79 and the Mason Tenders' District Council played a large role in bringing this case to the attention of the federal government. Local 79's Director of Organizing Chaz Rynkiewicz had this to say about the case: "The workers of this city will not rest until the rat practice of wage theft comes to an end. This sentence should send a loud and clear signal to contractors that if they steal wages from their workers, they will be caught and they will pay for their crime."

SHOP STEWARD ALERT

In order to maintain your eligibility as a Shop Steward, you must do the following:

- Keep your certifications current as follows: OSHA (refresh every five years); Scaffold (refresh every four years); Fall protection (no expiration); and VOICE or RiSE (no expiration)
- Complete the Shop Steward Refresher Course (4 hours) every two years. Note: You will not be dispatched unless all your certifications are current.

In addition to the above, Shop Stewards are encouraged to attend monthly membership meetings and any Shop Steward meetings. **Please note the following: Starting January 1, 2014, you will not be dispatched as a Shop Steward until you have fulfilled your mandatory member participation day for 2013.**

INTERVIEW WITH ORGANIZER JOHN WUND

When did you join the union?

In 1998, I was doing construction work and, fortunately, an opportunity arose to become a member of the Laborers.

How did you become an organizer?

I worked in the field as a Laborer, working my way up to being a shop steward and then a foreman. I also served as Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms for the Local. I had the good luck to take the VOICE class, and then was asked to participate in the Laborers Eastern Region Organizing Fund (LEROF) two-day training. Shortly thereafter, I was asked to participate in a ten-day LEROF organizer training. In 2001, I was asked whether I wanted to become a member of the Local 79 Organizing Department. My wife and I had to think about it, as it was going to result in a significant salary cut. But we decided that it was the right thing to do because it would help build the union, and I've been an organizer ever since.

How did you end up expanding your role beyond Local 79?

I became the chairperson of the Organizing Committee for the Building Trades Council, a committee that was founded by then-Director of Organizing Mike Prohaska. When Build Up New York City (BUNYC) was started, I was honored to be unanimously voted in to be BUNYC's Field Coordinator, a

position I served in for one year. BUNYC has played and continues to play a key role in ensuring that more and more construction projects are built by responsible developers that pay good wages and benefits. After my one-year stint with BUNYC, I returned to my former position with the Building Trades and fellow Local 79 organizer Bernard Callegari became the new BUNYC Field Coordinator.



What are the things you like about the work you do?

The job offers new challenges and various responsibilities every day. I carry out a lot of research into which companies and projects to target. This then leads to organizing drives which increase market share, which of course means more jobs for members of Local 79. It is definitely not a cookie-cutter career.

RETIREE SPRING LUNCHEON

Hundreds of Local 79 retirees gathered on April 8 at Villa Barone in the Bronx for Local 79's festive annual Spring Retiree Luncheon. The four-hour event featured food, drink, dancing, and prizes—ranging from food baskets to high-end electronic goods—that were raffled off to the lucky winners. The highlight of the event was when Business Manager Mike Prohaska presented seven retirees with plaques that recognized their 50 years of membership in Local 79. The list of the honorees follows: Augusto Fiorella; Lino Trovini; Salvatore Rappa; John Parrino; Victor Castellana; Marco Pulito; and Vincenzo Morrone. Local 79 thanks them for their half-century of dedication and service to the union.



RETIREES SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, July 18, 2014

Tropicana, Atlantic City, NJ
Buses depart at 8:00 am

Thursday, August 21, 2014

Yankees vs. Astros
11:30 am picnic, 1:05 pm game

Friday, September 26, 2014

Belmont Racetrack (sponsored by MTDC)
12:00 noon

Please call Melissa Siciliano at 212-465-7976 to RSVP for any of the above events or to receive further information. Please note that each member can bring only one guest to each of these events.

NEWS FROM THE GREATER NEW YORK LABORERS-EMPLOYERS COOPERATION & EDUCATION TRUST



Pat Purcell discusses strategy in a meeting with GNY LECET New Media Coordinator Abe Martínez and LEROF Research Director Oona Adams

In January 2014, Patrick J. Purcell joined the staff of Greater New York Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (GNY LECET) as the new executive director. Having spent his entire career working in the labor movement, Pat brings a level of experience, enthusiasm and commitment that will boost GNY LECET's role in expanding opportunities for our signatory contractors and jobs for our members.

GNY LECET, established in 1997, was modeled after the International's LECET. LECET, whether at the International level or the local level, brings together the members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) and its signatory contractors to address issues of importance to both. Laborers and their employers share a lot of common ground. Working as a team, they secure projects and jobs, increase union-sector market share, advertise their services, develop a workforce, and advance shared market-related interests. GNY LECET is one of the most successful and respected LECETs in the country. Many Local 79 members may be familiar with the many public outreach campaigns that GNY LECET sponsors. Whether it is the Built Better, Built Safer, Built Union banners that brand our jobsites as union, the GNY LECET sponsored labor-management conferences and meetings, or the many social-and union-building events that GNY LECET hosts, GNY LECET plays a big role in the everyday lives of Local 79 members.

But behind the signs, lunches and events, GNY LECET is involved in serious work that benefits us all. "I see GNY LECET playing a critical role, as we focus our attention on growing the market and increasing jobs for our members," said Pat Purcell.

The GNY LECET staff is focused on four key principles:

Business development: Working with business allies, such as developers, general contractors, government agencies and financial institutions on identifying potential job opportunities;

Strategic campaigns: Studying and committing to long-term campaigns that will result in large-scale new work for our signatory contractors and union members;

Project tracking: Following projects from their earliest stage of planning and development to increase possibility of winning the work, and;

Legislative and government affairs: Monitoring public policy and legislation at all levels of government that ensure that smart policies are in place, which benefit our members.

"Each one of these principles requires a different skill set," said Purcell. "However certain components are the same no matter what the project. Working with the Eastern Region and the Laborers' Eastern Region Organizing Fund's (LEROF) research teams we gather good, current, accurate information. We need to know how to use that research to develop a strategic plan and communicate to our targeted audience what our goals are. Whether it is trying to affect public policy as it relates to building affordable housing, or convincing a developer that using union labor is to their business advantage, we need to start with the same basic steps – good research, a thoughtful proposal and an effective way to communicate."

In some cases, GNY LECET plays a supportive role, lending its expertise to the work of the Mason Tenders' District Council and its affiliated local unions. "Strategic research and its communications capacity are two of GNY LECET's greatest assets and ones that we rely on constantly," said Local 79 Business Manager and GNY LECET Trustee Mike Prohaska. "Its professional skills and talents are vital to our efforts to broaden our market share and increase opportunities for all our members."

Under the new leadership of Pat Purcell you can expect to see an even greater role for GNY LECET. "In many ways GNY LECET has been the secret weapon for our signatory contractors and local unions. My goal is bring that secret out into the open and go forward with our stated mission," said Purcell.

PATRICK J. PURCELL, JR.

Pat Purcell comes to Greater New York LECET after a 25-year career with the United Food and Commercial Workers. Starting out as a field representative for what today is the 25,000 member Local 1500, Pat moved up the



career ladder at the UFCW eventually becoming assistant to the president. He also served as a union trustee for the pension fund. Under Pat's leadership Local 1500 established its first legislative and communications departments. Organizing and expanding opportunities for union members has always been the driving force in Pat's career. He was a leader of the labor coalition that fought to keep Walmart from entering the New York City market. At the same time he worked to bring the benefits of union membership to the workers at Target and Whole Foods. Pat has also employed his political and social activism to help bring an end to the hunger crisis that affects so many families and children throughout the New York City area. A third generation trade unionist, Pat's grandfather was business manager of Carpenters Local 305. Both his father and uncle were members of the IBEW. Pat is a 1988 graduate of the University of Maryland and is the proud father of two boys.

MENSAJE DEL PRESIDENTE GENERAL DE LIUNA, TERRY O'SULLIVAN

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas:

Hace pocos meses tuve el honor de unirme a la membresía del Local 79 de los Laborers en un muy animado foro sobre inmigración que dejó en claro que las maneras en que nuestro país ha quebrado el sistema migratorio está perjudicando al país al mismo tiempo que no reconoce los derechos humanos básicos. Agradezco al Gerente Comercial Mike Prohaska y a la Junta Ejecutiva del Local 79 por invitarme a esta importante congregación.

LiUNA y el Local 79 han estado al frente de la lucha para proteger a los trabajadores inmigrantes del abuso y la explotación a manos de empleadores inescrupulosos, y me siento muy orgulloso de todos aquellos de nuestros miembros que trabajan para lograr una reforma integral que cree una hoja de ruta hacia la ciudadanía, proteja la unidad de la familia y trate a todos los trabajadores de manera justa e imparcial. Este asunto es demasiado importante como para que se descarrile.

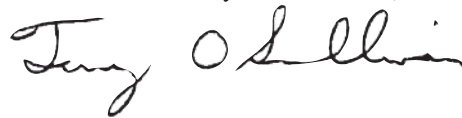
Como ustedes saben, la inmigración no es nuestro único problema crítico. Nuestros miembros están escribiendo cartas, haciendo llamadas y asistiendo a reuniones y concentraciones sobre un conjunto de políticas importantes que son críticas para nuestro sindicato.

A nivel nacional, apoyamos una Ley de Autopistas bien financiada y a largo plazo que creará trabajos mediante el arreglo de los

caminos, puentes y sistemas de tránsito de nuestro país. También luchamos para arreglar la Ley de Cuidado de Salud Asequible, de modo que los planes de atención de salud de múltiples empleadores de los que dependen muchos miembros de sindicatos no resulten afectados injustamente por los impuestos exigidos por la ley. Por último, quiero mencionar el oleoducto Keystone XL. Necesitamos que este proyecto se ponga en marcha y ponga gente a trabajar.

Creemos que los argumentos nos apoyan en todos estos asuntos, pero lamentablemente nuestros funcionarios electos no siempre responden a la lógica. Parecen entender el poder y es por eso que el Poder de LiUNA, el poder de una membresía comprometida y activa es tan importante. El cambio no se realiza fácilmente pero gracias a nuestra acción colectiva, llegará un día en que sea realidad. Les agradezco su apoyo y les pido que sigan en la lucha.

Los saludos sincera y fraternalmente,



Terry O'Sullivan



FORO SOBRE INMIGRACIÓN: ¡EXIGIMOS ACCIÓN YA!

Centenares de miembros del Local 79 y sus familiares asistieron al Foro sobre la Inmigración en la Iglesia St. Vartan durante la tarde del 6 de abril de 2014. El Foro, organizado por miembros latinos y miembros del personal del Local 79, se realizó para educar a los miembros del Local 79 acerca de una serie de asuntos clave relacionados con la comunidad de inmigrantes: La posición de LiUNA sobre asuntos migratorios, el estado actual de la legislación sobre reforma migratoria en el Congreso, asuntos relacionados con la Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia (DACA), los derechos de los trabajadores indocumentados y los servicios de inmigración disponibles en la ciudad de Nueva York.

Los presentadores en este Foro incluyeron a Terence O'Sullivan, Presidente General de LiUNA, Yvette Peña-O'Sullivan, Subdirectora de Asuntos Legislativos de LiUNA, el Senador Charles Schumer, el congresista Joseph Crowley, el senador estatal José Peralta, el asambleísta Francisco Moya y cuatro abogados de Make the Road New York.

El Gerente Comercial Mike Prohaska inauguró el Foro recordando a los presentes que Estados Unidos ha “florecido gracias a que se nutrió de tantas culturas y de las tradiciones de tantas personas.”

O'Sullivan habló de la necesidad de una reforma migratoria integral y dejó en claro que el apoyo de LiUNA “no tiene que ver con la política sino que primero y sobre todo apoya lo que se debe hacer.” Tanto Schumer, Crowley, Moya como Peralta contaron las diversas historias de la inmigración de sus familias e indicaron su determinación de garantizar que se apruebe la reforma migratoria integral. Peña-O'Sullivan denunció el estado actual de la legislación sobre reforma migratoria, recordando al público presente que tenían que comunicar a sus representantes electos que “habría consecuencias si se niegan a actuar.” Los abogados de Make the Road New York compartieron información práctica relacionada con los derechos de los trabajadores, la ley DACA, y los servicios de inmigración, recordando a los presentes que los trabajadores indocumentados comparten muchos de los mismos derechos de los trabajadores documentados cuando se trata de salarios, beneficios por accidentes de trabajo y la ley recientemente aprobada en la ciudad de Nueva York sobre pago por días de enfermedad. El Gerente Comercial Mike Prohaska cerró el Foro declarando que el “Local 79 toma muy en serio las necesidades de sus miembros y se encuentra en proceso de examinar nuevos programas y servicios que se están elaborando para ellos.”



MENSAJE DEL GERENTE COMERCIAL MIKE PROHASKA



En abril de 2014 se puso en marcha el nuevo sitio web del Local 79 (www.local79.org). El sitio web contiene numerosas características nuevas, incluida una lista actualizada de eventos, comunicaciones sobre noticias y eventos actuales y futuros relacionados con los miembros del Local 79 y del movimiento sindical, los canales Facebook y Twitter del Local 79, sitios de participación obligatoria con enlaces a mapas de

Google, información sobre servicios para miembros, enlaces a numerosas afiliadas, información de contacto con el personal e información general sobre el Local 79. Alentamos a cada miembro a visitar frecuentemente el sitio web para informarse sobre próximos eventos, leer comunicaciones sobre miembros y asuntos del Local 79 que son importantes para ellos, y para acceder a la información básica. El Local 79 ya ha iniciado su trabajo en la Fase II del proyecto del sitio web, que ofrecerá un Portal de los Miembros, donde los miembros podrán ingresar y realizar muchas de las transacciones que actualmente tienen que hacer en persona, por teléfono o por correo.

El 1 de abril de 2014, la Junta de Empleo No Tradicional para Mujeres (Nontraditional Employment for Women - "NEW") me votó como miembro de dicha junta. NEW, cuya misión es la de preparar a mujeres para trabajos calificados y sindicalizados en los oficios de la construcción, está al servicio de las mujeres de los cinco condados de la ciudad de Nueva York. El Local 79 tiene numerosas graduadas de NEW que han pasado a completar el programa de

aprendizaje y que han demostrado que, según nos dice el Coordinador de Aprendizaje Timmy Warrington, "se encuentran consistentemente entre los mejores Laborers." Aunque las mujeres representan aproximadamente el 3% de la industria de la construcción a nivel nacional, el 15% de los graduados del programa de aprendizaje del Local son mujeres. El Local 79 se enorgullece de ver más y más mujeres que trabajan como Laborers. Es verdaderamente un honor formar parte de la Junta de NEW, que brinda excelente entrenamiento y procura garantizar que continúe aumentando el porcentaje de mujeres en los oficios de la construcción.

El Sindicato Internacional de Obreros de Norteamérica (LiUNA) estuvo muy bien representado en la conferencia legislativa de N.B.C.T.C de este año en Washington DC. Entre los 300 delegados de LiUNA había varios miembros de la Junta Ejecutiva que asistieron e informaron a los representantes sobre los temas clave, incluida la Ley de Cuidado de Salud Asequible, la reforma migratoria integral y el oleoducto Keystone XL. Para sorpresa de todos, el ex presidente Bill Clinton se presentó como orador y fue acompañado por el nuevo alcalde de Boston y miembro de LiUNA Martin Walsh. El Senador Schumer también estuvo presente e informó a los delegados de sus esfuerzos para asegurar la obtención de más fondos designados para la infraestructura de Nueva York.

Deseo que ustedes y sus familias tengan un verano muy divertido y saludable.

Mike Prohaska

MENSAJE DEL VICEPRESIDENTE Y GERENTE REGIONAL DE LA ZONA ESTE RAYMOND M. POCINO

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas:

¿Qué es lo que saben sus hijos de nuestro sindicato? ¿Y qué saben sus padres, sus vecinos, sus cónyuges? Les hago esta pregunta debido a la enorme cantidad de desinformación que anda por ahí acerca de los sindicatos, en su mayor parte inventada y distribuida por las fuerzas antisindicales que no van a descansar hasta destruir a todo el movimiento sindical.

Es una batalla que LiUNA y todos los sindicatos siguen combatiendo aun cuando el campo de juego financiero sea tan desparejo. Americans for Prosperity, por ejemplo, la organización conservadora antisindical fundada por los billonarios hermanos Koch, gastó la enorme suma de \$121 millones tan solo en el 2012, dedicando una gran parte de esta para derrotar a los candidatos prosindicalistas y fomentar la legislación antisindical. El movimiento sindical no puede gastar esa cantidad de dinero ni responder a cada anuncio publicitario de estos "miembros del uno por ciento." Lo que sí tenemos nosotros, que ellos no tienen, es una membresía activa y comprometida, gente como ustedes que se presentan en una obra en construcción preparados para trabajar y en una concentración o una reunión preparados para crear una diferencia.

Además de ser un miembro del Local 79, usted es una persona que puede correr la voz sobre el valor del sindicalismo. Entonces, la próxima vez que hable a sus hijos, sus padres, sus vecinos, no dude

en contarles que los miembros del sindicato ganan como promedio \$201 más por semana que los trabajadores no sindicalizados, tienen una probabilidad tres veces y media mayor de tener una pensión, y

una probabilidad del 31% de tener un seguro de salud provisto por su empleador. Aun mejor, hágales saber lo que el sindicato ha significado para usted. Nuestros enemigos desean caracterizarnos como un tipo de monstruo sin rostro empecinado en destruir a América, cuando la realidad es que somos gente común y corriente que trabaja de manera colectiva para apoyarse mutuamente y que hemos triunfado más que nadie en lograr proteger el trabajo y la clase media.

Como miembros del Local 79, tienen mucho de qué enorgullecerse. Asegúrense de llevar ese orgullo a todas partes y compartir nuestra historia. Es tan solo una forma más de poder fortalecer nuestro sindicato, nuestra unión.

Los saludos sincera y fraternalmente,

Raymond M. Pocino





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JULY 16

**General Membership Meeting
– 5:00 PM**

St. Vartan Church
630 2nd Avenue

AUGUST

No General Membership Meeting

SEPTEMBER 24

**General Membership Meeting
– 5:00 PM**

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