Elections Are Over, Let’s Get To Work

by Marvin Kropp, President, Joint Council 13

The elections for 2016 are over and what a crazy ride it was. Unfortunately, some of the candidates that labor supported lost in very tight races. Let’s start right here in our home state of Missouri. Here in Missouri we lost two races that in my opinion were very crucial to our state. The first being the Governor’s race, Chris Koster would have surely supported labor and vetoed any action to enact Right-to-Work. Now on the other hand we are facing certainty that the newly Governor elect Eric Greitens will support any RTW placed on his desk. We will continue to fight the RTW issue head on and will not back down. RTW if passed will lower our state’s standards and mean less money in our members’ wallets. We cannot allow this.

The second home race that was lost was the run by Jason Kander who was running for U.S. Senate against Roy Blunt. Kander lost the race by 3% of the vote. Kander ran a very tough race to unseat Blunt which went down to the wire. Jason would have fought if elected for many of the issues we as labor hold close to our heart. I look for Kander to be back at some point, he is a fighter and has our state’s interest in his heart. Teamsters Joint Council 13 worked tirelessly to get both candidates elected in these races, the Joint Council along with assistance with IBT International did job site visits, phone banking, lit drops at homes, home mailings and everything else we could do. I would like to thank all the lost timers of Joint Council 13 who spent weeks and days away from their families working on these campaigns.

We also have a new President Elect of the United States it will be Donald Trump to lead our nation for the next four years. The Teamsters along with many other Labor Unions have already reached out to work with the new President. As with any new President we will have to wait and see how everything plays out. Will he be with us on our labor issues or not, time will tell. Trump has made many promises on infrastructure and bringing back manufacturing jobs to the U.S., we will hold him to his promises. I wish him the best for all of us in our great country. Finally, our own International Brotherhood of Teamsters held its national election for who would lead our International Union for the next five years. Teamsters from across the United States and Canada voted in this election. The members have spoken and General President Hoffa will continue to lead the International Union. I congratulate General President Hoffa and all the candidates elected in this year’s IBT election and wish them all the very best for the next five years. Voter apathy once again was apparent in this year’s IBT election, the process cannot be made any easier than to mail the ballot back in once you receive it. As a member, you have a right and duty to do so! We must all unite after now that the election is over and do what we do best fight for protecting our standards of living for all the members. Teamsters Joint Council 13 looks forward to working with the International once again to make sure that happens.

Lastly from the entire Teamsters Joint Council 13 Executive Board and staff I would like to wish all Teamsters of JC 13 a very safe and happy holiday season. I look for 2017 to be a very interesting year for Missouri so get ready to roll up your sleeves for another fight at the Capitol!

Teamster Horsemen Make $9,500 Donation To Ronald McDonald House

Teamster Horsemen Chapter 13 present a check for $9,500 to the Ronald McDonald House of St Louis from the proceeds of the 5th annual Fall Classic Poker Run and Auction. The Horsemen would like to thank all those who volunteered, made a donation, and participated. We couldn’t have done this without all of you! Plans are already in the works for next year’s event and we are also working on our 3rd annual Mouse Races that will be held April 15th 2017. Hope to see everyone there!
Great turnout for the 3rd Annual Joint Council 13 Dan McKay Memorial Bass Tournament. The weather was amazing for mid-October with temperatures in the eighties. Many boats weighed in with some great bags. After the weigh-in all fishermen enjoyed BBQ catered by the Branding Iron Restaurant, and refreshments. Every fisherman received a nice attendance prize after the dinner. Also, every year a large raffle is done for several large prizes with all monies collected going to Snowflake Village at St. Louis Children’s Hospital.

Here are this year’s winners for the Teamsters Joint Council 13 Charity Bass Tournament:

1st Place - Team of Capstick & Linberry
2nd Place - Team of Stonebreaker & Drscheiwiet
3rd Place - Team of Ramsey & Kettler
4th Place - Team of Odom & Truop
5th Place - Team of Dale & Springs
6th Place - Team of Capstick & Brown
7th Place - Team of Hunt & Hunt
8th Place - Team of Greg & Dunlop
9th Place - Free Entry to Next Year’s Touram.
Big Bass - Team of Phillips & Zuccarello

Total payouts for eight places, and two big bass this year was $4,737.00. Great Job Guys!

This year’s event raised a total of $19,390 for St. Louis Children’s Hospital Snowflake Village. Snowflake Village provides ill children, and their siblings Christmas gifts at the hospital over the holidays. Thanks to the entire group of Teamster fishermen who reached deep into their pockets to raise another $2,400 at the tournament. Teamsters Joint Council President Marvin Kropp would like to thank all the locals, officers, agents, and members who made this year’s tournament a huge success. Next year’s Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2017, again at Lakeview Resort so make your reservations early.
LOCAL 600 SETS A RECORD

Four Winners For The James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund

Local 600 has 4 winners for the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund this year, along with being acknowledged as the Local Union with the MOST historically awarded scholarships, this year's awards go to:

1. Paul Ferkel, whose daughter Natasha, was awarded a $10,000 scholarship (YRC Freight member)
2. Ron Skimehorn, whose daughter Alyissa, was awarded $1,000 (YRC Freight member. No photo available.)
3. Jeffrey Piper, whose son, Kenneth, was awarded $1,000 (UPS Freight member. No photo available.)

Local 600's 4th winner, Brittney Massey, pictured with her father Don Massey (YRC Freight member) was awarded a $1,000 from the JRH Memorial Scholarship Fund Essay contest.

Local 600 congratulates these accomplished students, and wish them great academic success!

One Of Our Best,
Thank You Bo Garrick

Bo Garrick is our very best person when it comes to standing up for the labor movement. He stood on lines of support for so many different fights and campaigns. He’s an amazing man and we all owe him a great bit of gratitude.

Teamsters Local 600 Report

by Larry G. Tinker, Jr.,
President, Local 600

On November 13th Teamsters Local 600 held our constitutionally required nominations for Union offices for the upcoming elected term. I would like to thank the large number of members who attended. As you may or may not have already heard, each of the current Officers of your Executive Board were once again duly elected to a new term of office. On behalf of myself, Tim Meadows, Mike Gryz, John Ketting, Scott Zahm, Ted Niedert and Steve Hof, we “THANK YOU!”

It is an honor for each of us to know that so many supported us and have faith that we will continue to work hard each and every day on behalf of all members of Teamsters Local 600. We pledge, that, with your help, we will continue to fight for every member’s rights. We will never forget that it is you who put us here and it is you, the members, who we will strive to represent.

I would also like to say “thank goodness we will not have to see nor hear another political election commercial for the near future!”

However, the results of the November 8th election have many extremely fearful for the stability and well being of the entire labor movement in our state. I personally feel the final result of the Missouri elections will drastically impact the members’ economic lives. Should these newly elected politicians follow through on their campaign promises, to attack and harm each of us by making Missouri a “right-to-work” state, to eliminate prevailing wage, along with the laundry list of other legislation which is intended to strip union members of their hard fought rights to collectively bargain with their employer.

We should remember that such laws not only directly impact Union families, but trickle down affecting every single worker in our state.

It saddens me to know that a majority of citizens in Missouri believed the blindly followed these snake oil salesman to their own demise. More than ever before it will take all of us to stand together when the time comes to voice our opposition in Jefferson City. I know this will be a hard, uphill fight so I will suggest and ask that each of you reserve a portion of your negotiated paid time off to stand for yourselves and stand with your brothers and sisters in this upcoming fight!
Well the year is coming to an end, and Local 618 is busy with many contracts being ratified and upcoming contracts expiring having proposal meetings. Recent contracts ratified have been Fabick Tractor, SuperValu, American Radiator, GexPro, United Rentals, Trench and Safety, Allied Aviation, Buckeye Int. and Broadway Ford.

Upcoming proposal meetings and negotiations to be held are Cummins, Univar, Kirby Smith, and Schroeder Truck.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this year's Local 618 Santa Day to be held on Saturday, December 17th. Look for more information at the bottom of this page. It's always a great time and each child gets a free picture with Santa.

Also, Ron O'Conner a 34 year Local 618 member was sworn in as the new Teamster Local 618 Trustee to replace Clint Hankins who retired. Brother O'Conner will be a great asset to the Executive Board, Ron has always been an active member, we look forward to having him aboard. Ron has been employed at Weber Chevrolet for the past 32 years.

The entire Local 618 Executive Board wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

Hoffa and Hall pledged to continue the progress the Teamsters have made in national bargaining, organizing and political action.

“2017 will be a watershed year for Teamsters and for this nation,” Hall said. “The Teamsters Union will continue to be a force for change and will lead our nation in efforts to improve the lives of working families.”

The unofficial vote results can be viewed at www.ibtvote.org.

Local 618 Reaches Agreement With Fabick Tractor

Teamsters Local 618, and Fabick Tractor reach a new five-year agreement! Derek Kropp, President of Teamsters Local 618 who negotiated the agreement stated, “The new five-year agreement comes with fully funded pension, health and welfare, an increase in night shift differential, wage increases in each year of the agreement, and beneficial language changes for on call work.”

Thanks to Shop Steward Bill Coy, and negotiating committee members Chuck Villmez, and Chris Belt who assisted in negotiations. Great group of Local 618 Teamsters!
Trust me – The Labor Movement will survive. We will adapt and grow stronger against the attack on the middle class.

Holiday season is approaching. Our Santa Day and Open House is Saturday, December 10th 2016. Come see Santa and have the little ones get their pictures taken between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Come back to join us at our annual Open House from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and enjoy appetizers and adult beverages. Both events are held at the Union Hall lower level with parking around rear of building.

Since my last report, the Meridian Medical contract has been ratified. The Collective Bargaining Agreement contained substantial wage increases (hourly & yearly bonus), maintained the Local’s top health care plan and maintained pension for all members.

The locals BOYCOTT of Schnucks continues. We are still waiting for the board charge decision and arbitration is scheduled for late January.

Happy Holiday Season to all. Please Join Us. Saturday, December 10th 2016 Santa - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Open House 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Teamsters Local 688 Union Hall 4349 Woodson Road St. Louis, Mo. 63134 Parking in rear of building
Wake Up Bubba, You’ve Been Had!

by Ronald M. Gushleff, Sr, President
Eastern Missouri Teamsters
Retiree Council

Brothers and Sisters,

I wish to thank all of you who voted in the November 8th election to protect and secure American workers, senior citizens, retirees and veterans. You realized the importance of your vote and performed your guaranteed right to choose what you hoped would be the continued American Dream of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. I hope you considered in your choice the right to collective bargaining, livable wage, retirement with dignity, pension, social security and adequate health and welfare protection for you and your family. I hope you had some humanitarian care and concern for the homeless, poor, hungry American children, unemployed, minimum wage “poverty level income” and other Americans who are less fortunate than yourself. This is what I consider when I participate in American Democracy and choose my elected representatives who legislate the laws of the U.S.A. and Missouri. I can cautiously assume that all my Union Brothers and Sisters reading my opinions agree with my comments. Right!

Unfortunately, I was overwhelmed with the deplorable future of the American workers, senior citizens, retirees and veterans potential living standards because of the deplorable actions of the right-wing, anti-Union, plutocrat, oligarch and corporate greedy power brokers. The artist of the deal made a deal with the devil and now those who promoted this deal will I hope suffer the consequences of their dastardly deal.

I will not condone anarchy. I will reluctantly acknowledge the deplorable results of the November 8th election in the U.S.A. and Missouri. I will not condone the question-able character or credentials of any right-wing, anti-Union ideolog who professes any commandments to usurp the rights of American workers, senior citizens, retirees and veterans. Every American citizen has a constitutional right to peacefully express their displeasure with any Governmental result which they consider deplorable. The political, economic and middle class status for the next two to four years will certainly be a challenge for survival in the U.S.A. and Missouri. Your attention should be directed to all the sanctimonious political “bull sh!t” propaganda thrown at you for your vote. I believe you will sooner rather than later be able to realize who the lying liars are and their extremist campaign political lies. November 8, 2016, a deplorable Presidential election year that will go down in infamy as a deplorable election vote result. Did you vote? Deplorable political results are a result of good citizens who don’t vote. The U.S. Electoral College, for a true Democracy, has got to go into the dust bin of history. “Wake up Bubba, you’ve been had.”

Support and join your Local Union retirees’ clubs. You retired from your job, not your Union. Union yesterday, today, tomorrow, forever. Buy American, Buy Union, Boycott China-Mart, Boycott Schnucks.

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**Frank Kanallakan Retires From YRC Freight**

Teamsters Local 600 Vice President Mike Grzyb and Frank’s coworkers congratulate Frank Kanallakan (pictured in overalls). Frank retires from YRC Freight with 29 years of service. We wish Frank the best times during his retirement!

**I.B.T. Local 600 Golden Age Retirees Club**

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY FAMILY CELEBRATION!**

Brothers, Sisters, Teamster Retirees, Families, Friends, Supporters…

“Come All Ye Merry and Cheerful Christmas Celebrants”

**Friday, December 9, 2016**

at I.B.T. Local 600 Union Hall

161 Weldon Parkway, Maryland Heights, MO.

Festivities begin at 10:30 a.m.

Catered scrumptious lunch will be served at 12 Noon

COST: $5.00 per person

Please bring an inexpensive attendance drawing gift. Thank you!

Please R.S.V.P. to:

Don Rice 314-895-3450
Jim (Smitty) Smith 314-337-3343
Mike Mendenhall 217-835-1200
Ron Gushleff 314-962-4128

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year! Peace on Earth, Joy to the World! Santa Claus is a Retired Teamster!

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**Marvin Brawley Retires**

Congratulations to Teamsters Local 600 member Marvin Brawley who recently retired from the Reynolds County Road and Bridge department after 19 years of service. Good luck to Marvin in all his future endeavors.

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**Pollard Retires From YRC Freight**

Teamsters Local 600 Vice President Mike Grzyb (left) congratulates Dennis Pollard (right) on his recent retirement from YRC Freight. Dennis retires with 37 years of service. Congratulations Dennis!
Rich Way Retires From Weber Chevrolet

Our congratulations to Brother Richard Way who is retiring after 33 years as a Teamster 618 member employed by Weber Chevrolet. Richard has been at Weber for his entire Teamster career. He is planning on enjoying his retirement and doing some traveling. The Local 618 Executive Board wishes Brother Way the very best!

Pictured left to right is 618 Steward Ron O’Connor, Richard Way and Local 618 Recording Secretary Mike Ham.

2016 Bar-B-Que Southward’s Farm Local 604 Retirees

Front Row: Mary Alls, Nada Knight, Mildred Brandenburg, Sue Cole, Janet Ranek, Dorothy Snider, Margie Southards, Doris Seitz. Back Row: Judy Brandenburg, Marianne Copeland, Betty Welch, Alice Boxx, Margie Flett, Karen Hensley, Vic Southards, Tina Flett, Janine Nichols, Karen Irwin, Cheryl Ketcherside, Debbie McEnnis. Not Pictured: Mary Ann Lewis and Mary Ann Bennett.

Big Bob Roth Retires

Congratulations to Robert “Big Bob” Roth he is retiring after 38 years as a Teamster. The last 11 years he worked at Ambassador Steel. Pictured with “Big Bob” is Teamster Local 682 President Ed Kimbrell, and Local 682 Recording Secretary/Business Agent Mike “Squatty” Haverstick.

Ron Vineyard Retires

38-year Teamster Local 600 member Ron Vineyard who has just retired from Northstar Distributing after 25 years of service. Congratulations to Ron pictured here with several of the men who had loaded his truck for the past 25 years. Best of luck in your retirement.

Alan Cannady Retires

Alan Cannady retired from Lewis Bakery with 40 years. Congratulations Alan enjoy your retirement.
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