



# The Local Scene

For Members, Family and Friends of Teamsters Local 676

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**Howard W. Wells**

What is going on in Wisconsin and other parts of the country is a crime. This is an attack on Public Sector workers everywhere. The Executive Board and I joined workers from Wisconsin and NJ at the Union Rally on the steps of the State House in Trenton Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of Feb.

Why are Public Sector employees being asked to take the hit when the 'financial emergency' was caused by government mismanagement and greedy Wall Street bankers. Because of the shortfalls in state budgets, which workers did not create, many State govern-

ments now want to renege on current contracts. Some like Wisconsin want to turn back the clock and take away the bargaining rights workers fought and died for years ago.

This is indeed a **War On Workers!** Imagine our Servicemen & women who are putting their lives on the line in other countries so their citizens may have basic human rights – coming home to find out that the basic right to bargain on employment issues has been stripped away.

Now is the time to stand in Solidarity with Wisconsin workers – with all workers and each other to weather this storm. Do not allow State or Local governments to divide us. They want you to quit – to give up – to let them destroy unions and lose your voice at the bargaining table and in the workplace.

It is time for Union members from all areas of the Labor Movement to join together with our allies in the community. We must turn the negative attacks into positive energy, unity and solidarity. Make sure future Teamster Brothers & Sisters will look back on our efforts and thank us for standing tall!

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## Local 676 Legal Day!

**April 17th, 2011 — General Membership Meeting  
Breakfast will be served starting at 9:30 AM**

**Lawyers from the firm of  
Willig, Williams, & Davidson**

**Will be available for questions and brief consultations  
In matters of**

**Wills, Estates, Domestic Relations, Real Estate,  
Traffic Disputes, Motor Vehicle Violations,  
Bankruptcy, Criminal Matters,  
General & Civil Litigation**

**Family members are welcome**

## Scholarship Deadlines



### James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship

Applications\* must be received by the IBT on or before March 31, 2011



### Teamsters Local 676 Scholarship Fund

Applications\* must be received by Local 676 on or before

~~April 15, 2011~~

*Extended to*

**April 22, 2011**

\*Applications are available for High School Seniors at the Local Union Hall  
Please call Shirley at 856-964-2101  
For information & applications.

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Solidarity Rally for Wisconsin ~ Feb. 25th

## Local 676 Officers on the Front Lines in Trenton

L.-r. ~ Howard W. Wells President/Principal Officer, Roy Kaiser Secretary-Treasurer, Trustee/BA Tom Lyon, Recording Secretary/BA Jim Bennett



L. to r.— Trustee Pat Bello ~ Trustee/BA Tom Lyon ~ Trustee/BA Ed Pearce  
**Local 676 Trustees Take the Plunge for Special Olympics**

## Member & Family Picnic 2011

As there was some dissatisfaction with Clementon Lake Park last year other options will be explored. The General Executive Board of the Local is currently checking into a number of different sites and caterers. We will announce the date and place once a decision has been made. Suggestions are welcome.



## Members of the 40 Hour HazMat Class Wear Red To Show Solidarity with Wisconsin Workers

Flanked by Howard W. Wells President of Local 676 (left) and Chuck Connolly HazMat Instructor from Local 445 (far right) members of the class representing Locals 107, 331, 469 and 676 wear red on March 1st.

Teamsters nationwide wore red to show support and solidarity with members of Unions in Wisconsin and across the country.



## Members of the Saturday HazMat Refresher Class

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### Presidents Message

My sincere thanks to the Membership for their overwhelming and continuous support and confidence in myself and the Executive Board. We are proud to represent you as your Delegates to the 2011 International Brotherhood of Teamsters Convention in July.

Nominations for Officers to lead the International for the next five years are one of the many issues that will be addressed at the week long Convention. Once again ~ Thank You!

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V.P./ BA Ernie Clements (left) & Howard W. Wells President / Principal Officer of Local 676 (right) present retiree **Roger Uherka** with a Certificate thanking him for his 40 years of service as a 676 member and employee of Amerada Hess Corp. Roger also received one of the collectible scale model #676 tractor trailers.



## Recent Retirees

~~ Congratulations All ~~

Michael Beato	United Parcel
Robert Brannigan	Patco
Abraham Camac Jr	Crowley
Charles LaPollo	Dubell Lmbr
Walter Meck	Sysco
James Miller	John Jeffrey
Patrick Quirk	Matlack Inc
Jorge Villanueva	Camden Iron
Robert Wells Sr	Abbonizio Cntr
Robert Yarbrough	Reliable Tire
Steven Zimmermann	Aramark



Trustee / BA Tom Lyon (left) with First Student Berlin Stewards Nancy Rieger (center) and Dolores Sleeth (right) preparing donations to their Annual Toy Drive for Those in Need for distribution.



## Spring 2011 Meeting Schedule

March 20th

April 17th  
~Legal Day~

May 15th  
~Scholarship Presentations~

No Meetings are held  
June, July, August

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## Dave Fox, Esq. our Worker's Comp Attorney with two Raffle Winners from last Fall

Dave often brings prizes for a free raffle when he visits us at the monthly Membership Meetings. Above left is September's winner Ralph Moody employed by First Student in Willingboro. To the right is Allen Jackson the December winner Dave can be reached at 856—546—8822



Members should receive a mailing from AIL



**Brenda L. Di Somma**  
A Representative from AIL spoke at the October Membership Meeting.

As a member of Teamster Local 676 you are automatically covered with \$4000 of Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance at no cost to you.



With the current disarray in the housing and mortgage markets, it is important to be able to have confidence in your mortgage company. **First Choice Lending of New Jersey, Inc. is a union company helping our union brothers and sisters.**

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