



TWU LOCAL 100 NEWS

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Station Division

Last of Laid-Off Station Agents Back to Work

The layoffs are over.

On July 23, 2012 the last of the 456 laid-off Station Agents will be back to work, with full pay, full benefits, full employment. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome back our final returning brothers and sisters. It has been a long, hard road to get where we are now, but everyone is finally home and ready to move forward. The battles ahead will be just as hard but as you can see, when we stand as one we can accomplish what many thought was impossible.



State of the Station

By V.P. Maurice Jenkins



Finally they all are home! In this issue you will find that the final 20 station agents who were laid off returning to work. It has been one, if not the most horrendous times in the history of Local 100. It's not the first time we had layoffs. They have happened before. In fact, it was the catalyst for having a no-layoff clause inserted into our contract in the first place in the late 90's. The fact that we don't have one now could be the subject of much

discussion and frankly a waste of time. The struggle continues, we fought to keep them then; we fought to get them back. Now we strive to find ways to keep them still.

We must work together to make us the force necessary to secure our future. With that in mind we are currently in the process of a campaign to get a couple of booths re-opened. The MTA is saying they want to restore some service. We say, open up a booth. The fight has already started and the community is in the forefront. We are targeting two booths, first N9 at 181st Street and R182h on 168th St. Hopefully these will start a snowball going down the mountain.

And last but not least we bid a fond farewell to retiring Marty Goodman, our favorite militant. Marty was one of a kind, always in the battle. We fought many a good fight together. He was and is a friend committed and true. This is the end of an era.

One more thing; in an effort to give you better service we will be bringing you a telephone number that you can call from the booth with an office on a train station to better serve your needs and concerns.

Remember we work hard for you. We work better with you!

Campaign Is Underway to Force MTA to Re-Open Shuttered Booths

Stations department, PAC and the Education Department have begun a campaign to force MTA to re-open some booths it closed in 2010. We are beginning what will be a long and difficult fight with two booths in the Washington Heights/Northern Manhattan area: N9 at 181st street and Fort Washington and R 182 at 168th street, under-



neath Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. These two booths were chosen based on genuine need, and the already growing willingness of the community to back our efforts.

In the case of N9 at 181st street, a grassroots movement is well-underway, led by community activists and local politicians. TWU Stations has joined with these entities to help the cause.

The necessity of a fulltime revenue booth at 168th St. is a no-brainer. Between, hospital patients, visitors and the regular community, it is a chaotic and dangerous area not to have a booth. We hope to get the powerful and influential Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and various community groups in the area on our side.

These booths are just the first attempt at service restoration. We can promise you that we will be identifying and selecting booths from all 4 boroughs to be re-opened. We desperately need membership involvement on these efforts. Everything from identifying stations, to getting petitions signed, to alerting your community groups, to currying favors from local politicians is needed.

As we have learned from our fight to bring back the laid-off Stations Agents: together we can do what seems to be impossible. Please contact Your Stations officers at 212.873.6000 x 2055, 2037 & 2036, TWU PAC at 212.873.6000 x 2065, x 2063 to ask what you can do to assist in this new project. Stations shop Stewards: be aware that your help will be vital to facilitate this venture. Call Nick Bedell 212.873.6000 x 2035 for more info.

How Station Agents, Collecting Agents Can Work Together to Avoid Write-ups

By Markieth Wolford
Shop Steward Stations

As a reminder to all S/As, when the booth safe reaches maximum capacity (safe is full) call your appropriate district field office. Make a record of the supervisor's name, the time you called and the action recommended by the supervisor. Then make a notation of the safe being full in the station condition log that is in every booth. Next call the Union Hall 212.873.6000 x 2055 and tell the Union rep the problem. It is important to keep an accurate record of your actions because the revenue department is writing up Station Agents for ripped bags and bags with holes in them.

The booth safes that are filled to capacity are normally the sole reason for bags with holes and ripped bags. Keeping a detailed record of your actions in regard to a full safe may save you from a write-up or a conference on this matter. And it may have another benefit as well.

Collecting Agents can help the situation by noting on the pickup sheet when the booth safes are full. A small notation in the remarks column would help a whole lot. This potentially could help the collecting agent by confirming that management, not the Station agent, is being held responsible for ripped bags because of booth safes filled to capacity. Management's logical reaction would be to schedule more pickups.

It is management's responsibility to empty these safes, in a timely manner, not just for discipline purposes, but for security purposes as well. Right now management is trying to have its cake and eat it too.

By not doing their jobs in emptying the safes in a timely manner and then writing up the S/A for ripped and punctured bags is just plain unfair. Management is trying to cut corners by hiring fewer Collecting agents, and limiting those hired ability to work O.T. by scheduling fewer pickups thereby saving them money. Consider the lack of safe pick-ups another part of MTA service cuts.

We should make them accountable for all of their mistakes and shortcomings. We should not let them get away with it. Station Agents should not be written up for something that is clearly attributable to the MTA. In this small way two sections in Stations can reach common ground, stand as one and fight back.

Friends, Officers Honor Marty Goodman After Great Career

Station Agent Marty Goodman was honored in a retirement party on Friday June 22nd. As most of you know Marty has been a leading, if not the leading activist in Stations department for over 20 years. It is safe to say that the only ones who will enjoy Marty's retirement are the supervisors he loved to battle.

Marty received many tributes and gifts from his many friends, colleges and appreciative co-workers, including a beautiful crystal plaque from TWU Local 100 presented to him by Local 100 Secretary Treasurer Earl Phillips. This lovely event was hosted by former station VP John Mooney and S/A Sharon Allen.

Although this was a retirement party for Marty it is not the end of his involvement with TWU Local 100 and its causes. As he joined with his Union officers in our daily protest outside Jay Walder's condo and went to every public hearing and MTA board meeting, Marty will still be

involved in getting justice for all workers and in our case; TWU workers. Join us in saying Thank You Marty Goodman.



Above, Marty with, from the left, Exec. Bd. member Paul Piazza, Vice President Maurice Jenkins and Division Chair Derrick Echevarria. Inset, Marty with Secretary Treasurer Earl Phillips.

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The Truth About the CTA Job

By Antonio Roldan Jr. CTA Stations Shop Steward

The CTA job is hard mentally and physically. But it is also unpredictable. During your eight-hour tour almost anything can happen. The best advice for any cleaner should be as follows: come to work ready to work, in full uniform with a mindset of being ready for anything. And always remember to work safe.

The truth about CTA schedules is: You must work to your schedule. That means follow your schedule. That means if a supervisor asks you to do extra work (work not on your schedule) you are technically "off-schedule" and that should be noted in the station control log, with the name of the supervisor who put you off schedule. If you do get "off-schedule work" that does not mean that you must speed up to keep pace with your regular schedule. There is only so much time in an eight-hour shift. We must put our safety first and shortcuts do not constitute safety. You can only do what you can do.

The truth for new CTAs is try to learn as much as you can from the veteran CTAs. Their experience can make a lot of difference in how you do your job. Don't be afraid to ask questions of your experienced co-workers. Everybody was new at one time. They can save you time, energy and a lot of problems. Learn from their good work habits.

The final Truth is directed to all CTAs in general: do the best you can and always think of your fellow cleaner, because it could be you. Stand as one. Together we make a difference.