



TWU LOCAL 100 NEWS

MOW United

March, 2011

Our Commitment: To enforce our contract and labor law; to take work back from contractors, and to aggressively pursue picks in all Divisions. To visit all locations diligently and enforce safety at all times.

GET ON THE BUS!

BE HEARD
LOBBY DAY
TUESDAY MARCH 29

Why Wisconsin Matters Here

By Tony Utano

Brothers and Sisters,

Lobby Day is on March

29th. It's our opportunity

to go to Albany and get in our legislators

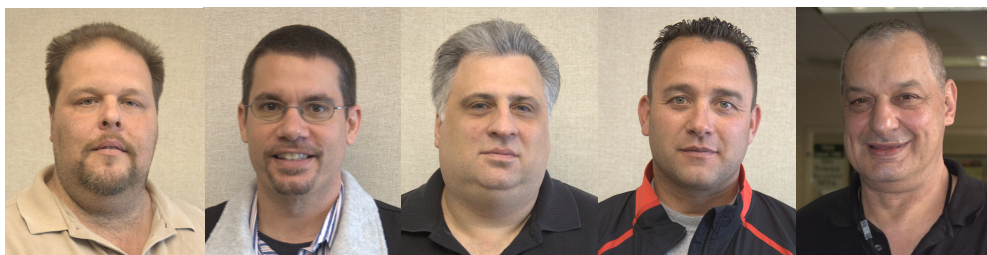
faces – because believe

me, they really need it. This

is a make-or-break time for unions in New York State. Givebacks already agreed to in Wisconsin will cut the pay of public sector workers there by \$400 to \$500 a month. That's before they take away collective bargaining rights for the workers – if Governor Walker gets away with it.

What's at stake here in New York for TWU Local 100? Well, it's certain that there's a huge amount of pressure to do to public employees what they are doing to Wisconsin workers here. There's big money and big profits behind taking away our pensions and our health care. We're in the fight of our lives, so let's get out on March 29th and win it. Sign up on the Union's website now.

A strong union can accomplish a lot for its members, and this is exactly what you will find in this issue of MOW United. Specifically, we are bringing hundreds of hours of work in house – for example, tunnel lighting, computer work in ICC, etc. When the new administration came into office last year, we began by enforcing seniority rights, and we will be working to take as much work in house as possible. We will also be working to reduce mid-week RDO's.



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Track

**"Be Safe" up in heaven Kev,
you will be greatly missed.
We will keep up the Fight.**

Brother Kevin Malusson, Vice Chair of Track Division, died in his sleep on Feb 24 at the age of 39. A funeral was held in Brooklyn on March 4 and drew a huge turnout of TWU members and officers. Track Chair Jack Blazejewicz said: "Kevin was not only a top notch union rep, he had a heart of gold. Always the one to offer assistance and bring in little things for my kids." Local 100 lost a great officer and we all lost a great friend.



Structure

Structure Getting All New Component Work in ICC

Since early last year, we have been holding constructive farming out meetings with management to increase work for Local 100 members. Our latest success is an agreement to take new component work in-house. **That's new jobs for structure division.** Approximately the same number of concrete pours as last year have been scheduled this year on weekends – which means more work for Local 100 members and not contractors. Look for more information in our next issue about more work coming in-house. – Richard Rocco, Structure Chair.

LES

PROTECT YOURSELF

Open the News or especially the Post any day of the week and you're likely to come across a story of some Union member or official caught in a relatively minor job infraction – like closing his eyes on the clock. But that news story often gets that union member fired. We've got a bulls-eye on our backs because the people who own the papers are going after us. So protect yourself – don't be the next NY Poster Boy.

– John Chiarello, LES Chair

Power Team to Play FDNY, NYPD, Postal Workers

Now that the weather's getting warm, some of us are getting back into practice for softball season. On the board this Spring are contests against New York's Finest, New York's Bravest, Postal Workers, and others. Power Division is ready to play ball – give me a call at 646-242-4027 and I'll fill you in on the game schedule and the details of team participation.

– Eddie DeCamillis, Power Chair.



MTA Says



The Latest on the 3%

Trust the MTA to make it as hard as possible for transit workers to get their lawfully arbitrated raises. According to the Daily News, the MTA has already spent \$690,781.27 to pay lawyers, who charge \$540 an hour, to stop our contractual raises. This despicable delay on the part of management is now in its final stages. Because the decision affirming our third year raises was unanimous in the lower court, the MTA must ask "permission to appeal" before they can even file that motion. That's pending. If permission from New York's highest court is not granted, our raises are coming soon. If it is granted, we have another court fight, before the issue is decided. We expect to win, and get retro pay.

We Want Your Contract Ideas

Look for TWU Local 100's Contract Survey coming to your mailbox soon. There will also be an electronic version you can get and fill out by email. If you have not registered your email address with the Union, please do so on the Union's website at www.twulocal100.org and click on **"Get Alerts"**. Member ideas are very important. We don't claim to have a monopoly on creative solutions. Have an idea for the next contract? Let us hear about it!

MOW Now Has the Highest Number of Members Who Have Restored Themselves to Good Standing After Having Fallen Behind On Their Dues!

**Congratulations to All:
Get up to date Now!**

Pick News

Issues in Signal Pick Warrant

Attention: After a one week postponement initiated by the union, Signals Dept. is now conducting a pick. We are aware of issues regarding the move into new quarters. Rest assured that there will be NO MOVE unless all the quarters are completely ready. Special thanks to Bobby Mallon, IND and Duvet Williams, BMT.

Elevator/Escalator Pick: After more than 6 long years E&E received a pick and everyone moved. We would like to thank our Shop Stewards and Officers for their help, with special thanks to the LES Committee. Especially Duane MacMenamie whose help was invaluable.

Draft Pick Book at Structure:

We are now in negotiations on this pick. Thanks for the solidarity on the part of our Stewards and Members.

Power Division Pick Set for March

15: Our third rail pick is set for "the 15th of March." See you there.

This just in: Telephone and EEM Pick Set for April/May:

The LES committee and shop stewards are currently working on telephone maintenance and EEM picks.

Lighting Pick: The LES committee has scheduled a preliminary meeting for a lighting pick in the near future. Stay tuned to the next issue for more news.

ReM News

On March 1st, 2011 REM's were supposed to be in uniforms. Pete Foley L/E Chair & LES Division Chair John Chiarello Initiated a 1.9 Safety Grievance based on a safety bulletin that states you can not work with more than 50 volts wearing polyester clothing, a potential fire hazard. As all ReM's know, the equipment you work on has voltages ranging from 110V-220V. The LES committee is meeting with management and will keep you up to date on the issue.