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## **125TH ANNIVERSARY SECURES THE EDUCATION FUTURE OF LOCAL ONE**



The Rockettes kick off the Training, Education and Technology Fund of Local One at the 125th Gala.

***The School is the last  
expenditure upon which  
America should be  
willing to compromise.***

**— Franklin Delano  
Roosevelt**

As everyone by now knows, April 17th was our wonderful celebration of the 125th Anniversary of Local One. What you may not know is that Local One seized an opportunity the Gala presented and used it to form the Training, Education and Technology Fund of Local One.

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# 125th GALA PERFORMERS



Alvin Ailey Dancers



Bebe Neworth



Eric Owens



Million Dollar Quartet

## **FROM THE DESK OF THE RECORDING-CORRESPONDING SECRETARY**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The loss of a Brother or Sister is difficult under any circumstances. The loss of a friend due to drug, alcohol or mental health issues is particularly difficult. A life so full of promise can be gone in what seems to be the blink of an eye and the living are left with an enormity of feelings and questions. In a previous Spotlight I addressed the ordeal of dealing with the loss of both of my parents within a year of each other and then the impact that the 9/11 attacks had on me shortly after my Mom passed. I was lucky to have a loving wife who supported my decision to seek the professional services offered by The Actors Fund. I believe we are now all at a point in need of the care and services that The Actors Fund can provide. We need their professional advice in terms of education and training to help prevent a life changing tragedy. As I stated at the June Regular Monthly Meeting, President James J. Claffey, Jr. instituted an immediate initiative to address the situation. Representatives from The Actors Fund will have already met with your Executive Board by the time you read this and we will have a pro-active plan underway. The necessary education and training will be developed and offered to you. The details of which will be forthcoming. At this point, I can only ask for your willingness and cooperation to participate and your understanding for such a program to exist. And in doing so, I can only hope that by working together we prevent any senseless and heartbreaking tragedies.

Several other aspects of Union business continued during this difficult time and I am pleased to report that the Political Action Committee communicated to every elected member of the New York State Senate and Assembly in support of the marriage equality legislation which was supported by Governor Cuomo and Mayor Bloomberg and was successfully passed by the NYS legislature before their recess. Your support of the PAC participation in regard to the legislation at the May Regular Monthly Meeting is greatly appreciated. The Committee addresses many issues which affect us all. The meetings are led by Co-Chairs President Claffey and Treasurer McDonough who welcome any and all members to the meetings which typically meet once a month usually on a Wednesday. Please feel free to call the office for the date of the next meeting.

Work continues on a newly redesigned Local One website which is in dire need of the advancements in internet technology. The site will be more interactive and require the completion of a Member Profile to allow for full access to all the information being offered. The use of the website for employment opportunities will be greatly expanded as will the education and training offerings. We hope to launch the new site later this summer.

As always, your Officers and Staff members are here to serve you and your families. If I or Administrative Secretary Edmond Supple can be of help, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Union office. I wish you all a safe and happy summer, full of life and love with your families.

Fraternally,  
Robert C. Score  
Recording-Corresponding Secretary

## TREASURER'S UPDATE

The 125th Anniversary Gala has come and gone and I can honestly say it was a great event. From the Rockettes, Bebe Neuwirth, Alvin Ailey, Eric Owens from the Metropolitan Opera House, to the Million Dollar Quartet, every act was amazing. Congratulations to all of our newest Gold Card members as well. As I have said before, it is an honor to be the Treasurer of Local One for such an historic occasion. An event such as this took years of hard work by many different individuals. Safe to say all of the hard work paid off. Once again, congratulations to all and Happy Anniversary Local One!!

At the event, I made an announcement regarding the formation of the Training, Education and Technology Fund of Local One. It will be a Taft-Hartley Fund and will be administered by two Union and two Management Trustees. We have also applied to be a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. We had our first meeting on June 20th at the Union Hall. All documents are signed and the Fund is open for business. Putting this Fund in place will give us several ways to raise money for the Fund by either negotiated, contractual obligations from the employers, fund raisers, or simple individual donations to the Fund. Our goals are simple ... make the best stagehands in the world, safer, smarter and more advanced than they currently are.

I am proud to say that Chairman Paul F. Dean, Jr. will be expanding our already intense education program to even higher levels than before. All of our current and future members will be at the top of their game.

At our Pension, Welfare and Annuity Fund Meeting on May 31st, the Union Trustees requested that we engage Segal Associates to construct several scenarios for possible future Pension increases. After some discussion, the Management Trustees agreed. Therefore, we will be working closely with Segal Associates over the summer to be ready to present potential increases at our fall Trust Meeting currently scheduled for September 21st. If all goes well, our goal would be for a January 1st, 2012 implementation.

The Local One Golf Outing is Monday, August 15th. As it has every year, it will be held at the Black Bear Golf Course in Franklin, New Jersey. Foursomes will go very quickly, so make your reservations early.

In closing, I would like to thank Trustee William Ngai for his years of hard work on the Local One Spotlight. His years of dedication have improved the size, look and information within Local One's favorite informational journal. I have every confidence that Trustee Dan Dashman will do a great job presenting and protecting one of Local One's jewels.

Respectfully,

Robert "Toby" McDonough  
Treasurer

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**ALL QUESTIONS, COMMENTS  
AND SUBMISSIONS GREATLY  
APPRECIATED**

Upcoming Monthly Membership  
Meeting dates are:

September 25  
October 23  
November 20

Organized in 1886, Local Number One has served the entertainment community in theatre, television, and other entertainment venues proudly and professionally. With over three thousand members covering an expanding jurisdiction throughout the greater New York metropolitan area, our experience and knowledge covers the range of expertise required for any application. From fabrication to installation to safe operation, we can do it.

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PRESIDENT JAMES J. CLAFFEY, JR.; VICE PRESIDENT WILLIE WALTERS; TREASURER ROBERT (TOBY) McDONOUGH; RECORDING-CORRESPONDING SECRETARY ROBERT C. SCORE; THEATRICAL BUSINESS MANAGERS KEVIN MCGARTY AND MICKEY FOX; TELEVISION BUSINESS MANAGERS ROBERT NIMMO AND EDWARD MCMAHON, III; CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEES PAUL F. DEAN, JR.; TRUSTEES WILLIAM NGAI AND DANIEL DASHMAN; REPLACEMENT ROOM CHAIR DANIEL THORN; ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY EDMOND SUPPLE, SR. AND FINANCIAL SECRETARY ANTHONY MANNO

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Thank You

**COME TO YOUR UNION MEETINGS!  
IT'S INFORMATIVE AND PART OF YOUR DUTY AS A MEMBER**

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## THE EDUCATION FUND

Here is how it happened. As the funding process for the 125th Anniversary Gala accelerated, Treasurer Toby McDonough thought about how the Gala could contribute to the long-term welfare of our members. After research and consultation with outside experts Toby came up with the idea of a tax-exempt education fund. Such an education fund could serve two purposes. It would fund the current Gala and it would fund Local One's present and future education initiatives after the Gala was over. With the help of others, Treasurer McDonough created a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt fund for the educational advancement of our members. Money that would otherwise have to come out of the General Fund will now come out of the *Training, Education and Technology Fund of Local One*.

The budget for education has been about \$100,000 per year, all of which has come from the General Fund, paid for by your work dues. The Education Fund, qualified under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3), is a mechanism for soliciting contributions, tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law, from our Employers for the education of our members. Now our Business Managers in both Television and Theatre can negotiate a percentage contribution by employers for the education of our members.

How valuable is this? The education budget from the General Fund saving about \$100,000 annually which includes the cost of all the work done by the Chairman of the Education Committee and its members. The new education fund will fund all of our education programs and the work needed to make our education program successful.

On the education fundend, if we are able to negotiate a mere one-half of one percent contribution to the education fund from our Employers, the annual education contribution, year after year, will be in excess of \$1,000,000. That's ten times our current budget for education.

Funding on this level opens enormous opportunities for Local One to maintain our cutting edge lead in the technologies of our industry. We will be training, preparing and tutoring our members for certifications under the ETCP standard. We will be able to investigate creating our own training facility. We will be able to bring in many more specialists from around the country and around the world to educate

our members on the latest control boards, virtual scenery and lighting, sound system operations, and the newest lighting processes, including dimmable LEDs.

The Education Fund has a similar structure to our trust funds. It is a Taft-Hartley Fund with Trustees from both the Local and our Employers. The Union Trustees will be the Treasurer and Recording-Corresponding Secretary

by right of office. The initial Employer Trustees are to be Vice President of Madison Square Garden Richard Claffey and Met Opera Director of Labor Relations Ann Marie Hackett. The Administrator of the Education Fund is appointed by the President and is currently the Chairman of the Education Committee. Trustee Paul F. Dean, Jr., President Claffey, Treasurer McDonough and Secretary Score have all expressed their satisfaction with this arrangement.



Treasurer Robert "Toby" McDonough signs the papers creating the Training, Education and Technology Fund of Local One.

# THE CELEBRATION!



## DINNER IS SERVED

What about the celebration? More than 1000 people attended the Gala. The opening of the festivities was a video history of Local One that will be used in the future for the orientation of our incoming members. The fabulous Radio City Rockettes immediately followed the video. Their precision and beauty were even more extraordinary because we were all so much closer to them than in Radio City Music Hall.

President Claffey then welcomed everybody to the Gala. Representatives from many areas of Local One's jurisdiction performed. Eric Owens of the Metropolitan Opera gave a rousing rendition of "Old Man River." Bebe Neuwirth sang, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre performed a duet, David Letterman had prepared a video "Top Ten List," and the "Million Dollar Quartet" closed the evening.

But, it wasn't just about entertainment. Local One was honored by proclamations from Governor Cuomo and Mayor Bloomberg. The I.A.T.S.E. International President Matthew D. Loeb spoke movingly of our leadership. The New York State AFL-CIO President Denis Hughes spoke to the need for unions like ours in this time of crisis.

Finally and most importantly, Local One honored others. First, honorary membership cards were presented to Bebe Neuwirth for her unstinting support of so many of the organizations that aid our members such as the Actors Fund and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS (BC/EFA); BC/EFA was honored for its years of work against AIDS and its support of the Actors Fund; and Phil Hymes, lighting designer, for all of the assistance he has given our members over a long career.

## GOLD CARDS

The most important honors awarded were eight Local One Gold Cards. Four were awarded to members, two were awarded to members posthumously and two were awarded to employers. All were voted the honors for extraordinary service to Local One. Local One congratulates all of our Honorees.



□ Brother Thomas Richard Fitzgerald: Decades of support and employment of Local One members, plus unique contributions to our craft from his company, Sound Associates.

□ Brother Neil A. Mazzella: Decades of support and employment of Local One members, plus truly unique contributions to our craft from his company, Hudson Scenic.



□ Brother Carl Vitelli, Jr.: Decades of leadership by example in the television industry including putting Local One members to work and training them.

□ Brother Arthur P. Siccardi: Decades of support for our members, including years of on the job training to numerous members of Local One.



□ James L. Dolan, President of Cablevision: Mr. Dolan for many years has supported and insisted on the employment of Local One members in the face of great pressure to do otherwise.

□ Philip J. Smith, Chairman of the Board of The Shubert Organization: Mr. Smith has supported and employed Local One members for decades despite tempting opportunities to do otherwise.



□ Our Late Brother Peter Feller: Owner of Feller Scenic Studios, employer, instructor and mentor to a generation of stagehands.

□ Our Late Brother Francis P. DeVerna: Former President of Local One, a founder of Four Star Stage Lighting, the employer, instructor and mentor to a generation of stagehands.





**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Saturday, September 10th  
**LABOR DAY PARADE**



The McGarty's, Brother Brian and Sister Laura, supporting Workers' Rights in Wisconsin this Spring

Beginning at 8:30 AM, we assemble on EAST 44th St. between Fifth & Vanderbilt Ave.

The Parade is scheduled to commence at 10:00 AM

We will have a float with live music as well as T-Shirts, Caps and plenty of Water. There will be entertainment for the Children.

The marchers will be treated to a luncheon after the Parade starting at 12:00 noon.

Tickets are available for the Grandstand for those members and their families who are unable to walk the Parade route.

Members who wish to, may drive up Fifth Avenue with their vintage vehicles suitably decorated with flags and/or ribbons.

Members needing tickets, wishing to drive up Fifth Avenue or other information should contact VP Willie Walters at 212-333-2500 ext. 129

T. P. U. Local One Presents

“The Donald B. Kleinschmidt Memorial Golf Outing”

at Black Bear Golf Club to benefit The

***TRAINING, EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY FUND OF  
 LOCAL ONE, I.A.T.S.E.***

On Monday August 15, 2011

Join Your Brothers and Sisters in Supporting Local One  
 Volunteer to Help – Donate – Reserve to Play and/or Dine –

Buy a Tee Sign

Contact Treasurer Robert “Toby” McDonough at  
 212-333-2500 ext. 128

## 50 Year Members Honored in the Hilton's Trianon Room



Front row, from Left: Clifford Stahl, Mrs. Peter Braunstein, Gerard Burns, Joseph Hansen  
 Back row, from Left: President Claffey, Michael Meyer, Harry "Joe" Gorta, Jr., William Weingart, Treasurer McDonough, Secretary Score. Timothy Donovan was in attendance but unable to stay for the picture.

### 1961 50 Year Honorees

PETER M. BRAUNSTEIN  
 GERARD S. BURNS  
 RONALD J. BURNS  
 TIMOTHY F. DONOVAN  
 HARRY J. GORTA, Jr.  
 JOSEPH C. HANSEN  
 VICTOR LEVY  
 MELVYN LEWIS  
 MICHAEL MEYER  
 ARTHUR NEDELMAN  
 CLIFFORD STAHL  
 JOSEPH F. STERN  
 WILLIAM WEINGART

On Thursday, May 19th 2011 at 12:00 noon Local One honored the thirteen remaining members of the Class of 1961 initiated into our great Union fifty years ago. We regret that not all thirteen were able to attend, but Local One remembered and honored them all.

The festivities began with a cocktail hour where many of our past and current 50-year members and their families mingled with past and present officers of Local One. The Hilton had set aside two rooms adjacent to the Trianon Ballroom and arranged them as reception rooms with bars and hors d'oeuvres for all.



The Honorees and Guests enjoying lunch in the Gorgeous Trianon Ballroom at the Hilton Hotel.

At about 1:15pm the doors to the Trianon Ballroom were thrown open and all of the guests made their way to their assigned seating. Treasurer and Funds Trustee Robert "Toby" McDonough opened the presentation with a report on the health of the Pension Fund, which pleased the attendees. Toby then brought up Recording-Corresponding Secretary and fellow Funds Trustee Bob Score. Bob in inimitable fashion introduced the President of Local One and also a Funds Trustee James J. Claffey, Jr.

President Claffey introduced many dignitaries including the International President Matthew D. Loeb, International General Secretary-Treasurer James B. Wood, several International Vice Presidents including Local One's own Anthony DePaulo and retired International Secretary-Treasurer Michael Proscia, Local One Gold Card Members and the Elected Officers of Local One.

President Claffey then asked Rabbi Jill Hausman of the Actors' Temple to give a blessing to the assembly. Rabbi Hausman who usually presides at such functions with Father Richard Baker of St. Malachy's, the Actors' Chapel, explained his necessary absence and proceeded with the blessing, following which Luncheon was served. All appeared well pleased with the lunch and with the clearing of the main course the important business of the affair began.

One by one each of our attending honorees, those who were able and so desired, approached the podium and spoke from their hearts to the assemblage. Photos were taken with the presentation plaque and with their guests. Family members represented those who could not speak from the Podium, and the President came to their tables for photographs.

A final surprise for the guests was the presentation of a 60-year gold watch to Brother Frederick Olsson. Gold watches were also sent to our other 60-year honorees: Brothers Thomas A. Bertolino, Joseph E. Brown, Jr., Marvin I. Duckler, Frank E. Olson, German Pavon, Jr., Bernard Starr, Anthony Terzi, Sr., and Andrew Tracy.

In honoring longevity of service we must congratulate our two longest serving members: Brother Alan Howard, 73 years a member and Brother John T. Walters, 70 years a member.

Local One would like to thank Mr. James Johnson and his whole staff for the terrific affair they presented us with. We would also like to thank Brother John Cooper for his assistance in ensuring the sound was flawless throughout.

Local One has already decided to return to the Hilton next year and we all look forward to another wonderful time honoring those to whom we owe so very much.



60 Year Member Frederick Olsson with his Honorary Gold Watch.

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## LOCAL ONE ARCHIVES



64 years an active member of Local One, Brother Nicky Knox