
Secretary-Treasurer's Message

In This Issue

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As the temperature heats up and summer approaches, it's a perfect time to look back on an eventful and historic spring for Local 63. This issue brings you a variety of news from the entire Local 63 family.

New faces, heroic acts, awards, honors, and trailblazing members abound as Local 63 continues to set the standard for Teamster locals across the country. Our members aren't simply the most dedicated work force in the nation. The stories in this issue demonstrate the selflessness, caring, and creativity of our members — individuals who recognize that strong communities start with strong individual actions.



Also inside you'll read about Tudy Murillo's quest to raise funds to help an injured Teamster friend, and his 50-mile bike race through the mountains of Mexico in honor of his mother.

We all know that being a Teamster is about more than simply carrying a union card. Never was that more apparent than when Teamster Local 495 needed our help in resolving a dispute with Disney. Local 63 members came out in force to support our Teamster brothers and sisters at a recent rally and our support helped Local 495 secure a good contract with Disney.

Multiple trips by Local 63 members to the Gulf States with canned goods, bottled water, Christmas presents, and clothes helped bring hope to those displaced by last year's terrible hurricane season. Last month Local 63 was honored and thanked by leaders from Mississippi Local 891 for our support in their time of need.

We've also been hard at work fighting for the rights and privileges of our members in securing excellent contracts, and fresh faces on the Executive Board promise that Local 63 will continue to stand strong in the future.

Please take time to read your newsletter and join me in celebrating the continued strength of Local 63.

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Take, for example, Local 63 business agent Meline Juarez — one of the first female Teamster business agents. She's spent the last five years serving on the Covina City Council and on March 21 Meline was unanimously appointed Mayor of Covina by the council. Her appointment is historic — she's the first Latina to serve on the council and the first to be selected as Mayor. A dedicated Teamster who worked her way up the ladder from a clerical position, Meline is a perfect example of hard work paying off in the long run. Read her story inside, and join me in congratulating Meline on this historic honor.

Inside you'll also find two stories about Local 63 heroes. Izzy Flores Jr. — son of Local 63 member Izzy Flores Sr. — visited a membership meeting to speak about his experience serving as an Army medic in Iraq. This young man shed light on an issue important to us all, and his bravery will not soon be forgotten.

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