

Local 4



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IN MEMORIAM

JON HOLOHAN

*March 23, 1943 - May 24, 2009
Initiated May 5, 1998*



MARC VITUCCI

*September 16, 1955 - June 16, 2009
Initiated September 9, 1985*



Rest in Peace

*"A shadow o'er our stage is cast
Our brothers and sisters gone for-
ever"*

General Meeting Schedule

Monday, September 14, 2009
Monday, October 5, 2009
Monday, November 2, 2009
Monday, December 7, 2009
Monday, January 4, 2010**
Monday, February 1, 2010**
Monday, March 1, 2010**
Monday, April 5, 2010**
Monday, May 3, 2010**

** tentative schedule

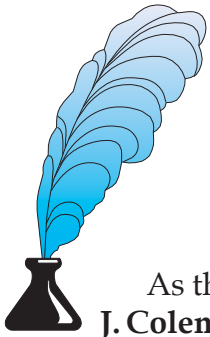
Annuity Fund Education Meeting

Mass Mutual, the company that manages the Local. No. 4 Annuity Fund, will meet with participants of the Fund to discuss and answer any questions concerning their investment services.

The meeting will be held at the Union Hall on September 9th between 4pm and 8pm.

The meeting will be limited to fifty participants.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP the Fund Administrator, Pete Fitzpatrick (pfitzpatrick@iatselocal4.org) or call (718) 252-8777).



From the Desk of the Business Manager

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

As the lengthy renovation of the **John J. Coleman Jr. Memorial Building** comes to completion, I invite both old and new members to drop by and view the remarkable transformation of this old building. You may not recognize the place! Our great appreciation goes to Bros. **William Thornhill** and **Joseph Dallara** for their wonderful work. The **Bill Meems Memorial Conference Center** was completed in March, and we are now using it for Executive Board meetings, Fund Meetings, and additional space for anything needed to help the Local become more productive. The **Union Meeting Hall** has been totally redone and is now ready for our first meeting of the fall season.

As I write this column, the Local is preparing for **Paul McCartney's** run at the brand new **Citifield** and **Wilco's** run at **KeySpan Park**. Bros. **Kenneth Purdy** and **Tony Santoro** have been doing an excellent job finding brothers and sisters to fill the calls, and by keeping up with the different times and changes put to them by **AEG Live**, the promoter of both events.

Contract negotiations are in full swing at **BAM**, **KAS**, **AEG** and **Sesame Street**, all up for renewal within two months of each other. The one sticking point in each of the contracts is the large increase that needs to be negotiated in the welfare end to keep our excellent medical coverage. Over the term of some of the contracts, the medical cost is increasing by close to 30% over the life of the contract. I will do everything in my power to negotiate for the necessary increases. Our negotiations are almost complete.

At this time I would like to thank former Business Manager **Peter Fitzpatrick** for recommending me to **IATSE President Matthew Loeb** for appointment to the **Executive Board**

of **District 10 of the IATSE** (New York and New Jersey). In this capacity I will attend my first Executive Board Meeting at the **IATSE National Convention**, which I will address in the next newsletter. Many thanks Pete!

On a solemn note, since the last newsletter we have lost two of our brothers with the passing of **Jon Holohan** and **Marc Vitucci**. I knew both of these wonderful men personally. I know that they will be sorely missed.

BAM will be hosting **VH1/MTV** for close to three weeks of shooting late in August and early September. Hopefully this will keep many members employed.

In closing, I wish all of our members a safe and healthy summer. As always, if there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Education Committee

The Education Committee at its last meeting in June, 2009, reiterated that upcoming applicants, apprentices, and new members will be required to take six education courses. Four of the six classes have recently been offered to the general membership.

In the Fall of 2009, the committee intends to schedule six classes for upcoming members, apprentices, and new members. They are the following:

1. Basic Theater Electrics
2. Basic TV Electrics
3. Basic Shop Carpentry
4. Basic Theater Sound
5. Basic Rigging
6. New Member Orientation

As soon as the schedule is finalized, it will be posted on the web-site. All questions regarding Local No. 4's education programs and requirements should be sent to the Education Committee via Chairman Steve Cowie (scowie@iatselocal4.org).

Annuity Plan Update

Dear Participants:

The Trustees of the Annuity Plan of Stage Employees Local No.4 (the "Plan") have approved the following change to the Plan:

Rollover Contributions:

You can roll over funds from another employer-sponsored, qualified retirement plan into this Plan and postpone taxes on the amount you roll over. You may not roll over any money from a plan that was contributed to on an after-tax basis; only funds that were contributed on a before-tax basis may be rolled over into the Plan. Any money you roll over into the Plan will be subject to the same investment gains and losses, administrative expenses, and distribution restrictions as the rest of your Individual Account.

We know that you share in our pride in being able to provide this increased service. As always, should you have any question, please contact the Fund Office.

Sincerely,

The Trustees

E-Mail Address and Survey

Local No. 4 needs all our members to send us their **e-mail addresses and return their surveys**. Your e-mail address will be as important as your home address. Please send your e-mail address to **Recording Secretary Terry Ryan**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Local Four Check-Offs

It is very important that **checkoffs** be filled out correctly at your place of employment, and given to the **Shop Steward**, who will then remit it to the office.

The information on the checkoff is used by the **Fund Administration** to upload information to your Annuity Account at **Mass Mutual**.

Information such as your Social Security Number, your address, and your date of birth is *crucial* to this process.

PAT'S PATTER

by Pat McDonald



Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

No man is truly married until he understands every word his wife is NOT saying.

Politics is the art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich by promising to protect each from the other.

It's better to sleep on what you intend to do than stay awake all night over what you did.

The difference between persistence and obstinacy is that one comes from a strong will, the other from a strong won't.

The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs: one a time.

If you ask a question you don't want an answer to, expect an answer you don't want to hear.

Cyclones Outing: July 11, 2009 at KeySpan Park



Meems Scholarship 2009

In memory of the late William J. Meems, (Recording Secretary of Local No. 4 from 1975-1996), Local No. 4 has instituted the "WILLIAM J. MEEMS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM". This program will award a one-time, single year grant of \$1,000 to the son/daughter of a Local No. 4 member in good standing.

To be eligible, the applicant must:

-Be the son or daughter of a member in good standing of Local No. 4.

-Be a graduating high school senior (or have graduated in June, 2009) at the time of application

-Be enrolled as a full-time matriculated student in an accredited college or university 4-year degree program as an incoming freshman.

-Carry at least 12 credits in his/her first semester

The award of the grant will be based upon the following criteria:

-The applicant's high school grade index/average (weight of 60%)

-The applicant's most recent SAT scores (weight of 40%)

Letters of recommendation (from teachers, counselors, employers, etc.) may also be submitted for inclusion in the applicant's file.

Those wishing to apply may contact the Local No. 4 office to request an application. Applicants who wish to be considered for this year's grant must submit their applications no later than August 31, 2009. The winner of this year's award will be announced at the September General Meeting of Local No. 4.

Change of Address

If you have moved recently it is important that both the Union and the Administrators of the Local No. 4 Funds have your current address.

If you are not receiving a statement from **Mass Mutual** concerning your **Annuity**, it may be due to an address problem.

Please call the Office if you have experienced difficulty getting mailed information that you see others getting.

Local Four History

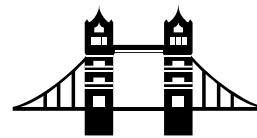
Now that the John J. Coleman, Jr. Memorial Building is complete, we at the Local are looking to set up an Archival or History area in the building. We are turning to you the members, for help in achieving this. We welcome any photographs, newspaper articles, film or videos to help keep alive our cherished history. We would love to see photographs of stagehands on the job, showing off what they do best. We promise to scan or duplicate your materials and return them to you unharmed. You may bring the materials directly to the Office or email them to us. Thank you in advance for all your help with this project.

Looking for Work?

If you are available for work, you should call the Local on each Friday for the upcoming week. Your availability will be added to the database and sent to department heads who are looking for members to work in their venues.

Members should log on our website (www.iatselocal4.org) for notices of basic job openings. If you do not have access to the web site, you will still be notified by postcard.

Welcome New Members!



We wish to welcome the following new members who were initiated into Local No. 4 during the first half of 2009:

Sean Dasaro

Joseph Franco, Jr.

Sotirius Gountas

David Hertz

Michael Hill

Oleksandra Shamborovska

Carl Taylor

Gregory Wolfe



*Join us for the
LABOR DAY PARADE!!
Saturday, September 12, 2009*

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