



AIR FREIGHT CHAUFFEURS, HANDLERS,  
WAREHOUSEMEN, ALLIED WORKERS, MISCELLANEOUS,  
PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES

# 295 News

## "Our Fight Has Just Begun"

MESSAGE FROM  
**JIM HOFFA**



**Teamsters Local 295 along with  
Teamsters Joint Council 16 members  
rallied by the thousands in New York's  
Times Square on Saturday April 9, 2011**



Local 295 along with General President Hoffa and Teamsters throughout the country  
have been active in fighting back against the coordinated war on workers.





## President's View

*"All that serves labor serves the nation. All that harms is treason. If a man tells you he trusts America, yet fears labor, he is a fool. There is no America without labor, and to fleece the one is to rob the other."*  
Abraham Lincoln

All Local 295 members should be aware that there is an ongoing war against the middle class. I have never experienced a time that has revealed such an anti union atmosphere as now. Politicians backed by billionaires and multi-national corporations are carrying on a union busting agenda, they are running smear campaigns against unions, pensions and hard earned Union rights such as collective bargaining, seniority, etc.

After Wall Street and the banks brought our economy to a near collapse, politicians and their corporate sponsors are going after working people and their Unions. This "War on Workers" must stop!

Some politicians blame workers Unions for the collapse and say that the only solutions needed are to cut services, lay off workers, do away with workers pension benefits, healthcare benefits and reduce wages. They claim they just want to balance the budget, but the problem is they want to do it at our expense.

Others claim that the other group is to blame for the economic crash and that the only way to fix it is to raise taxes and that we have to be willing to tighten our belts more and share their ideas of a new society.

The working middle class has had enough hardships in the past few years. I have had enough of the politicians blame game. They either use Unions as a scapegoat or they use the masses in unions to be elected.

The middle class consists of workers and small business owners who are both getting squeezed hard. Without relief this will change life as we know it in how we live our lives and plan for the future. The loss of good Union jobs and non-union jobs will be much more than just a decline in living standards.

We have to think about what type of life we, our children, and our grandchildren will have if we continue to lose jobs, have lower wages, no pensions or healthcare.

This economic crisis is not the first of its kind or depth. In the past we the American people, our Labor Unions, our elected officials and American corporations collectively guided this country through the "Bad Times".

As I quote the late great labor leader from 1964, Teamsters General President James R. Hoffa; this may be the simple plan to follow whereas all parties (Government politicians, corporate America, labor, etc) need to recognize the importance of abandoning all party politics and self serving interest and need to realize the importance of what is at stake.

*"We should quit always doubting each others motives. All government action is not bad, all business is not looking to monopolize profits, and all Unions are not seeking unjust wage increases."*

*"If we are to pull this country out of a situation of permanent stagnation of the economy, it will require us to all pull together. If we can succeed, we shall give democracy a full economic dimension as well as a political and social one. If we fail the social democracy will continue to dwindle and political democracy itself may be lost."*

Now is the time for us and all parties involved to bring this nation through these bad times. One cannot face our problems or the nation's economic problems with blinders on. We need to stand together and we are obligated to do this for future generations and our Great Country.

Fraternally,

Lou Calemine  
President

## ***Pension Summit***

Our pension fund unlike many has survived because of decisions that were made by the trustees and is on the road to insure benefits are available for years to come.

Plan on attending the PENSION EDUCATIONAL SUMMIT for Local 295 / 851 PENSION FUND UPDATE & INFORMATION

- 295 / 851 Pension Fund History
- What has gone on with our Pension Fund
- What is presently going on with our Pension Fund
- What is going on in the world with Defined Benefit Funds
- What are the trustees of the Fund working towards

Sunday, May 1, 2011  
At 9:00 AM

Plattduetsche Park Restaurant  
1132 Hempstead Turnpike  
Franklin Square, NY 11010

**\*\*Please Note: ONLY CURRENT ACTIVE MEMBERS THAT ARE WORKING PARTICIPANTS TO THE PENSION FUND MAY ATTEND.**



Thomas Conelias, Vice President

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## **MEET YOUR DELEGATES**

The following Elected Delegates and Alternate Delegates will represent Local 295 at the 2011 International Convention: Delegates (1<sup>st</sup> Row L – R) Lou Calemine, Thom Conelias, Vinny Bruno, Bill Robertson  
Alternate Delegates (2<sup>nd</sup> Row L- R) Jack Ruggiero, Iggy Garcia, Ron Catti, John Drago



The International Brotherhood of Teamsters Convention is held once every five (5) years.

“The International Convention shall be the supreme governing authority of the International Union and shall have the plenary power to regulate and direct the policies, affairs, and organization of the International Union.”



# LOCAL 295 /851 SCHOLARSHIP FUND



## Texas Hold'em Tournament

**Sunday, June 5, 2011**

**1:00pm Start Time**

**American Legion Hall**

51 Roosevelt Ave  
Valley Stream, NY 11581  
(516) 791-9719



**Food, Drinks, Raffles and 50-50**

**SAVE THE DATE..... MORE INFORMATION COMING  
SOON!**



TEAMSTERS LOCAL 295  
33 WEST HAWTHORNE AVENUE  
VALLEY STREAM, NY 11580

### Get a Withdrawal Card When You Leave Your Job

Be sure to request a withdrawal card within 90 days from when you are laid off, called to active duty, terminated, retire, go on disability or leave the craft. The charge for the withdrawal card is \$.50. All initiation fees and back dues must be up to date before the withdrawal card is issued. Mail or bring in the form below to the Local 295 office along with your check or money order for \$0.50. It is your responsibility to obtain a withdrawal card. Failure to obtain a withdrawal card might obligate you to pay extra dues and re-initiation fees.

### Withdrawal Card Request Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Day of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Leaving: \_\_\_\_\_

(Quit, Laid Off, Terminated, etc.)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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