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Teamsters Local Union 295 News



Teamsters JC16 & Local 295 Support Puerto Rico Relief Effort

This hurricane season struck the US hard with loss of lives, property and great hardships. The Teamster Disaster Relief Fund has once again responded to all areas and victims of these hurricanes. Unfortunately Puerto Rico was hit the hardest with the most loss of lives and the greatest amount of damage. They were hit with two back to back powerful hurricanes Irma and then Maria. These two hurricanes devastated the island; destroyed roads, electrical power grid, telephone communication and caused a vast amount of destruction to lives and property.



Teamster Local 901 in Puerto Rico is an affiliate of our New York Joint Council 16 who participates in all of our activities and business at Joint Council 16. They are a great bunch of honest hard-working Teamsters that were wiped out as a result of the hurricane and needed urgent help.



Once again a great joint effort of Joint Council 16 under President George Miranda's leadership, we were able to collect donations and purchase relief items that added up to four tractor trailers of generators, gas cans, canned food, water, batteries, flashlights, cleaning products, etc. to our grateful brothers and sisters of Local 901.

"I am proud to thank Joint Council 16's George Miranda and the 100+ volunteers who went to Puerto Rico, Local 553's Demos Demopoulos, Costco (Local 210 employer) who greatly discounted the goods purchased, Local 282 and Local 817 for the use of their trailers and drivers, all of our Teamster 295 members at DHL's building 263 for their part in handling and containerizing all of these goods. I am very grateful to DHL Express for stepping up to the challenge of flying these greatly needed supplies to our brothers and sisters at Local 901 and I particularly want to thank John Montecalvo and all the others in DHL Express for their help in this relief project. This speaks volumes on what can be accomplished when Labor and Management work together" said Lou Calemine.





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

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As this year comes to an end and a new year begins I am thankful and look back to what I consider to be a good and prosperous year for our Local and its members. We at the Local have successfully negotiated a 5 year National Agreement for our Clerical Unit at DHL Express and after some challenges we also negotiated a 3 year National & Local agreement for AEI. We successfully organized the Swissport USA bus operators at both JFK and LGA. Our largest employer DHL has enjoyed another year of growth. They have added new members, hundreds of upgrades from PT to FT and have opened new service centers. Our Local 295 Pension Fund investments have also done well in an upward market. These are all good things which I am grateful for, but we cannot take them for granted and must also be ready to meet any upcoming challenges.

I am always grateful and blessed that I am an American and a Teamster. I am grateful to live in this country, for our founding fathers, my predecessors for their sacrifices and service to this country and union; they have left us in a better place than when they lived. They were not perfect, our country, our union or our society wasn't perfect but they strived to do their best, to be better, and ended up the best. I know that my kids, grandchildren and I have more things than past generations had. All that we are blessed with is the result and the product of those great people before us and the great society that they built. I know that all we have can change overnight if we take it all for granted. I believe that this great American society has accomplished more than any other country or society throughout world history. It seems to me that we cannot afford to let our society collapse.

There are many dangers facing our country and our union. We won't recognize these threats if we are taught that all that our forefathers did was wrong, that our enemies are right, that we are wrong and the things that threaten us are our own fault. If we are not proud of our past or don't respect what has been accomplished by past generations what will our future be? Why would we fight to preserve and protect our great society if we allow it to collapse because we have taken it for granted? If we don't deal with the plain truth and reality of the past or current affairs there will be a price to be paid. There are evil people and forces that threaten all that is good or great with our country and our Teamster Union.

I believe our country, our union and our way of life are under attack by those that wish to destroy it instead of protecting, building and improving it. I will not apologize for a few bad people and the bad things that they have done when compared to all the good things that good people have accomplished before us. I choose to respect the good and keep my eye on the prize that was given to us by all that came before us. They have given me an attitude made of gratitude. We have the power to be successful when we are inspired by our proud history and learn from our mistakes. I am proud to be an American and proud to be a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

As always at this time of the year I am thankful for all the support and good efforts that our 295 Members, Stewards, Business Agents, Executive Board and Val give every day. I congratulate all the 295 Scholarship Winners and their parents and wish them good luck in their future, and thank all our generous contributors that fund these scholarships. I hope and pray for a New Year with health, peace and prosperity for all. MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

Fraternally yours,

Lou Calemine, Local 295
President

2017 Scholarship Winners



Once again the Local 295 Scholarship Fund had the honor of awarding scholarships to these fine young men and women, as we congratulate them and their Teamster parents and wish them the best in their scholastic endeavors.

The Scholarship fund celebrates its 11th year and has awarded over half a million dollars in scholarships to over 160 member dependents. Thank you to our sponsors, friends and contributors who support our mission!



Top Row (L – R): Gillian Benedetto, daughter of Michael Benedetto (DHL/TTN); Peter Drago, son of John Drago (DGF/AEI); Matthew Grasso, son of Vincent Grasso (DHL/ELZ); Samantha Macejko, daughter of Andrew Macejko (DHL/FRG); Danielle Mahn, daughter of Daniel Mahn (DGF/AEI); Rayvn Malone, daughter of James Malone (UPS/CSI)
Bottom Row (L – R): Ashley McDonough, daughter of Stephen McDonough (DHL/263); Adriana Ricottone, daughter of Richard Ricottone (DHL/263); Jenna Saccomanno, daughter of Philip Saccomanno (DHL/ELZ); Peter Scheer, son of Peter Scheer (DHL/SWF); Vito Titone, son of Peter Titone (MSS Transportation); Frances Velez daughter of Ernesto Rivera (DHL/263)

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Name: _____

Social Security No. (Last four): _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Last Day of Work: _____

Name of Employer: _____

Reason for Leaving: _____
(Quit, Laid Off, Terminated, etc.)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy Holiday Season
to you and your family.*

From your Local 295 family



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