



Teamsters Local Union 295 News

AIR FREIGHT CHAUFFEURS, HANDLERS,
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In Loving Memory of Anthony “Tony” Purcell

We honor the life of Tony, a remarkable man whose presence touched so many. A proud high school and college athlete and talented running back, he carried that same drive and determination into every chapter of his life. His passion for the culinary arts shone through as a chef and ice sculptor, creating beauty and flavor with equal skill. For 23 years, he served with dedication at DHL, not only as an employee but as a shop steward—a true leader who stood for fairness and integrity. His loyalty, work ethic, and pride were unmatched, and he inspired those around him every day. Tony was a beloved and greatly respected brother of mine, an exceptional person that exemplified the Brotherhood that he was proud to be a part of. A man of deep faith, he lived with purpose and grace. He was a Dallas Cowboys fan through and through, cheering with heart and soul. Above all, he was a friend, a mentor, and a beacon of strength.

His legacy of leadership, commitment, and kindness will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. Our sincerest condolences go out to his loving family and friends.



Congratulations to the Local 295 Scholarship Fund 2025 Recipients



L – R: Dylan Baier, Logan Colina, Obadiah Garraway, Charlye Nicolosi & Ernesto Rivera III
The Executive Board and I congratulate this year’s Scholarship Fund Winners and their parents. We wish them the best of luck in their academic endeavors. This year’s recipients were awarded a total of \$31,000 which was made possible through Donations from our vendors and friends of Labor.



President's Message

A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take everything you got.
"Common sense is genius dressed in its working clothes" – Ralph Waldo Emerson

I am proud to announce that after more than 15 years of dedication and hard work the Local 295 IBT Employer Group Pension Fund has officially emerged from the "Red Zone" to the "Green Zone" as certified by the Plan's actuaries for the plan year beginning July 1, 2025. Being in the "Green Zone" means the plan is considered healthy under federal guidelines with sufficient assets to meet its obligations to participants and retirees.

This milestone marks a major achievement representing years of commitment and collaboration from the Union and Company Trustees. Years of consistent contributions, sound management and adherence to the Plan's Rehabilitation Plan adopted in 2009 restored the Fund's financial strength. Strong investment performance and careful oversight by the Trustees have helped it reach its' stable and healthy status. In the coming months, the Plan's actuaries, Union and Company Trustees will review potential plan design improvements with the goal of enhancing benefits where feasible.

I regret to report that the current global and national economy has resulted in low volume of shipping in the airfreight industry, and along with the negative impact of automation in operations has led to companies downsizing and some of our shops are suffering layoffs.

It is my honor and privilege to represent the honest, hard-working members of Local 295, to work with this Executive Board, Business Agents, Stewards, and alternates. Going into the new year we will face all the challenges that come our way together. Our team's mission is to serve our members, to protect, preserve and improve their lives.

I'd like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, a happy holiday season and a New Year full of health, happiness and prosperity. God bless everyone.

Lou Calhoun

Local 295 Bulletin Board



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TEAMSTERS
Scholarship Fund

The Teamsters Scholarship Fund 2026 applications are now available at **Teamster.org/scholarships**. Applications will be accepted through **April 1, 2026**.



JAMES R. HOFFA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2026 Scholarship applications are now available at: **jrhmsf.org**

Local 295 Membership Meetings are held quarterly. Please check your union bulletin board for dates & times

Congratulations Retirees

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Name	Type	Credits	Name	Type	Credits
Adoyi, Agouda	Early	14.0	Desir, Jean	Early	3.8
Antonucci, Michael	Early	8.8	Edward, George	Late	33.5
Baal, James	Late	18.1	Farley, Joseph	58 & 30	37.0
Barbiero, Antonio	58 & 30	34.0	Folkers, Kurt	58 & 30	31.0
Bessa, Jorge	58 & 30	30.7	Giraldo, Miguel	Early	13.9
Black, Timothy	RMD	31.5	Gorse, Paul	Late	21.7
Blackman, Ian	Early	11.0	Guilz, Nicholas	Early	1.7
Campoverde, Luis	Early	17.2	Heidenfelder, Gary	Early	7.9
Canzona, Nicholas	Disability	26.0	Hogan, Andre	Early	13.2
Carbone, Martin	Late	22.1	Mera, Sigifredo	Early	26.3
Carrington, Lorraine	Early	5.5	Nunez, Osvaldo	Early	21.7
Castela, Manuel	Disability	35.6	Ocasio, Oscar	Disability	14.3
Cerenzia, Michael	Late	3.0	Olivo, Luis	Late	10.0
Clarke, Howard	Late	4.8	O'Neill, Imelda	58 & 30	37.7
Coletti, Deborah	Early	18.0	Orsino, Christopher	Early	12.5
Conte, Richard	Early	32.4	Powell, Fatima	Early	17.5
Cruden, Michael	Early	14.7	Steo, Mary	Late	18.0
DaGrossa, Darren	Early	30.4	Tucker, Quitina	Early	10.8
Davis, Charles	Early	12.8			

Beneficiary & Survivor

Callahan, Denise
 Duran, Danielle
 Geritano, Deborah
 Greto, Carmela
 Keilleen, Jennifer
 Kelly, Elydia
 Kleineisel, Rudolf
 Perccia, Tami
 Reichardt, Jane



Name	Type	Employer	Credits
Boccia, Michael	Late	AEI	39.0
Bickel, Christine	Early	Airborne Express	9.0
Cumming, Keith	Disability	Airborne Express	14.0
DiBiasi, Darrin	Early	Airborne Express	7.0
Fazio, Giacomo	Early	Airborne Express	5.5
Karousos, Spyridon	Early	Airborne Express	5.6
Mealing, Rodney	Early	Airborne Express	9.0
Nadile, Carrie	Early	Airborne Express	15.8
Ospino-Santana, Alvaro	Early	Airborne Express	8.0
Ruck, Louis	Early	Airborne Express	9.0
Salvatore, Kelly	Early	Airborne Express	10.4
Tipping, Joan	Normal	Airborne Express	9.3
Collina, Thomas	RMD	Ambassador	12.3
Bigley, Jeffrey	Late	First Vehicle Services, Inc.	5.7
Dolphin, Jonathan	Early	J&J Air Freight Trucking	8.0
Taliercio, William	Late	JRS Trucking	3.5
Mancilla, Manuel	Late	UPS	18.5



After more than **50 years of dedicated service at the Funds Office**, Linda Kellner has worn many hats and excelled in every role she embraced.

Linda's career has been defined by **unwavering commitment, deep expertise, and a genuine care for the people she served**. Her leadership and guidance have supported generations of members ensuring that everything ran smoothly and with integrity.

As Linda embarks on this well-deserved retirement, we celebrate her legacy and thank her for everything she has given to our members and the Local 295 Health & Welfare and Pension Funds. Linda will continue to share her wisdom as a **consultant**, ensuring a smooth transition and leaving us in the very capable hands of **Frances Jasmin**.

Congratulations, Linda—with our deepest gratitude and warmest wishes as you embark on this next chapter, we will miss your expertise and guidance.

L – R: FRG Steward
 Billy Blaine, Rich
 Conte & Jeff
 Sidorski – Tim Black
 & Lou Calemine –
 James Roventini
 with FRG Steward
 Rodney Gilmore





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and
Happy
Holidays
to you and
your loved
ones.

The Local
295
Executive
Board



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