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80th Anniversary LOCAL 12 Operating Engineers 1939-2019

RON SIKORSKI

Business Manager

UNITED ROCK

Dan Hawn, Marty Collins and I opened preliminary meetings for negotiations with United Rock on February 5, 6 and 7. We are trying to lay the groundwork for an agreement.

We also met with United Rock on February 25 and 26 in Baldwin Park. We have made a little progress with them and will meet again to try and conclude this agreement.

DRIVER SAFETY MEETING

On Saturday, February 9, our insurance carrier provided a driver safety class for our staff who drive Local 12 vehicles in order to help avoid accidents from occurring. The defensive driver training class went well and was very informative.

TEICHERT CONSTRUCTION

We had a meeting with Teichert Construction and AGC Representative Jana Sangy regarding their opening an office in Southern California. They already have some small jobs in Southern California and are bidding on more. They wanted to share their plans for the future in Local 12's area.

It was a productive meeting and I hope it is the start of a good relationship between them and Local 12.

AGC

We had a meeting with Erin Volk of AGC regarding their outreach board. They have a lot of contractors that are signatory to Local 12. I assigned Financial Secretary Shawn Kinsey to keep us updated on the activities. I am thankful Erin included us on this board.

SCCA AND W. A. RASIC

We met with Attorney Steve Atkinson, Mike Roddy of the Southern California Contractors Association, and W. A. Rasic regarding Southern California Edison work. Nothing was resolved but we left the meeting with both sides trying to find some common ground.

BRAGG LABOR MANAGEMENT

We held a Labor Management meeting on a grievance with Bragg Companies. We were not able to resolve anything as new information came up. We will be getting more information before we can move forward on this grievance.

CALIFORNIA STATE FED

We had a meeting with Art Pulaski regarding San Bernardino/Riverside Counties Central Labor Council and the upcoming Joint Legislative Conference.

The Joint Legislative Conference is a conference with the California Labor Federation and the State Building and Construction Trades. In April, a few of us will be attending the conference in Sacramento.

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE MEETING

We had a District Representative meeting last week to discuss the upcoming negotiations and certain contractors that we are having issues with. We will be paying a little extra attention so remember Brothers and Sisters, we will need to stick together so we can get a good agreement in the upcoming negotiations.

March 2019

Business Manager's Report (continued)

DISTRICT 6 MEETING

We have been holding our District 6 Meetings at the Painters Hall for the last 15 years but due to internal changes we are having to look for a different location.

I attended the Las Vegas membership meeting in February at the Nevada State AFL-CIO building which is too small for our membership. Starting in April we will be using the Culinary Apprenticeship Hall.

With the approval of the membership, we will start looking for a new building in Las Vegas so we can have a new office with a meeting hall, something the membership can be proud of.

TRUST MEETING

We had a Trust Meeting this month. We made a lot of investment changes in an effort to gain higher returns for our Pension Investments. The Annuity Plan is moving forward and has assets of about $10 million, on which we are receiving 4.5% interest at this time.

BOLSA CHICA LOWLANDS PROJECT

The Civil Wage and Penalty Assessments for the Bolsa Chica Project are:

CWJ Construction, Inc.	$ 111,348.11
Burr Construction, Inc.	$ 73,441.30
Mirack Construction, Inc.	$ 70,009.93
Total	$254,799.34

Thanks to the agents in District 7 and Contract Compliance. They did a great job.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

I would like to thank the Executive Board for approving a check for $5,000 to help Brother Michael Prettenhofer when his house in Indian Springs was a total loss as a result of the Indian Springs fire in Nevada.

At the February 2019 Executive Board Meeting, Nick DiFranco was sworn in as the new District 6 Representative by President Dan E. Hawn.

Shawn Kinsey

Financial Secretary

LOCAL NO. 12'S 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Brothers and Sisters, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the 80th Anniversary of I.U.O.E., Local Union No. 12. Local No. 12 was amalgamated March 1, 1939 and ever since then we have been fighting for: workers' rights, better pay, benefits, safety and working conditions. We have bargained collectively to improve the lives of Local No. 12 members. We truly owe a debt of gratitude to the operating engineers who came before us and we have a responsibility to teach those lessons to future members. Remember United We Stand, Divided We Fall. With the support of Local No. 12's membership, we can move this organization forward for future generations. Happy 80th Anniversary Local No. 12!

WEBSITES

Local No. 12's website is up and running at **www.local12.org**. There is really good information and we are always looking for good pictures to post on it. Also, the Operating Engineers Trust Fund website is www.oefi.org, check it out, it contains great information about the different trusts and it can answer many frequently asked questions.

I.U.O.E. LOCAL UNION NO. 12 DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

The summary plan description booklets for the Local No. 12 Annuity have been mailed out to the membership. This booklet has good information about the plan and should answer many questions. Take a moment to review it, you will be glad you did. The defined contribution plan with the Local No. 12 Pension Plan will be a crucial source of retirement income for Local No. 12 members and their families.

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Larry Davison

Recording-Corresponding Secretary

Basic Picket Procedures for Legal Common Situs Picketing

There has been some confusion among our Brothers and Sisters regarding picket lines. The following are some basic procedures for legal common situs picketing:

1. The primary employer must be engaged in its normal business at a common situs.
2. The picket signs of the picketing union must clearly identify the struck employer who is the subject of the dispute
3. The pickets must be as reasonably close as possible to the situs of the primary employer.
4. The primary employer must be "present" when the picketing occurs.

RESERVE GATE RULE

The reserve gate rule is: The union must limit its picketing to the gate reserved for the primary contractors if:

1. The gate is reserved for use only by the primary contractor, its employees and its suppliers.
2. The primary contractor, its employees and its suppliers are forbidden to use the neutral gate.
3. The primary contractor, its employees and its suppliers, in fact, use only the gate reserved for them.

NEUTRAL GATE PICKETING

The union can picket the neutral gate if:

1. The dual gate system has been established.
2. The dual gate system is not clearly and properly established.
3. The party establishing the dual gate system gives the union inaccurate or misleading information about it.
4. The neutral gate is polluted because it is being used by the primary employer, its employees or its suppliers.
5. The primary gate is so isolated that the pickets cannot be seen by neutral contractors' employees, delivery persons and by the general public.

FOCUS ON THE PRIMARY

Keep the picketing primary:

1. Do not picket until the primary employer shows up at the jobsite.
2. Do not picket when you know the primary employer is off the jobsite.
3. Make sure that picket signs identify the primary employer and the union, and also state that the union has no disputes with other employers.
4. Be very conservative in making decisions to picket the neutral gate: when in doubt, whether picketing is justified, don't do it.
5. Do not ask neutral contractors' employees to stay off the job, even if they are your own members. ("I can't tell you what to do. Whether you work or not is your own decision to make.")
6. Do not threaten neutral contractors.

THE GOLDEN RULE

Please remember one thing. Once a picket line is set up, your union representatives are unable to tell you what to do. Follow the golden rule: "Thou shalt not cross the line."

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

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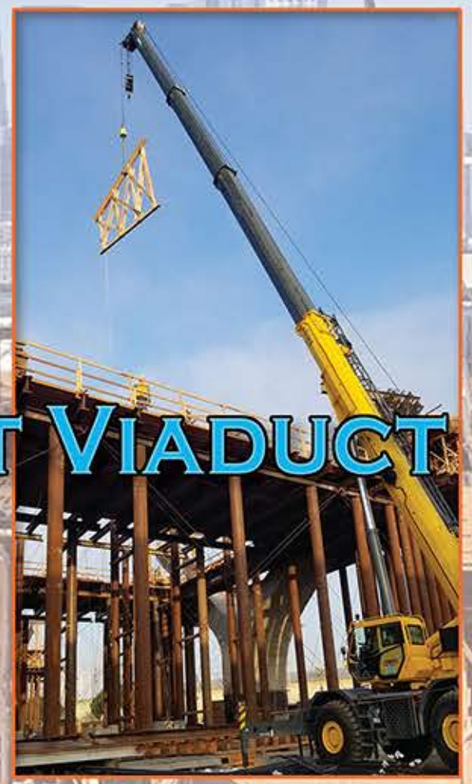
ON THE JOB

1st Shift (l-r) are Miguel Lerma, Randall Montes, Hegel Quezada, Jason Johnson, Julian Gutierrez and Kameron Montes.



2nd Shift (l-r) are Nolberto Rodriguez, Danny Frantzen, Brian Taylor and Jesus Gonzalez.

THE SIXTH STREET VIADUCT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Los Angeles, California

Rebuilding the iconic 6th Street Bridge connecting East Los Angeles to Downtown, over the 101 Freeway and the 60 Freeway interchange.

DISTRICT

DAN BILLY
DISTRICT 1
REPRESENTATIVE

Work in District No. 1 continues to be abundant. Out-of-Work Lists remain relatively low during the winter months and job orders continue to be steady in a variety of types of work.

THE SIXTH STREET VIADUCT REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Los Angeles' Sixth Street Viaduct is one of the most famous and iconic bridges in Southern California. The bridge acts as a vital connection between the growing Arts District on the west side of the L.A. River and the historic neighborhood of Boyle Heights on the east side. The bridge was built in 1932 and spans 3,500 feet across the L.A. River. This bridge has been used to represent the tough uncompromising side of Los Angeles in countless movies, music videos and TV commercials.

The $482 million project to replace the old viaduct is due to a rare chemical reaction that has weakened the cement supports of the bridge making it vulnerable to a major earthquake.

Skanska-Stacy and Witbeck, Joint Venture is the general contractor for the project that broke ground in February 2015 and is scheduled to be completed in late 2020.

TEJON RANCH

After nearly 20 years of planning the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved development of the Centennial project. This project is located near the northwestern corner of Los Angeles County, approximately 70 miles north of downtown Los Angeles.

The project is currently expected to add 19,000 homes to the area. We hope this project continues to move forward and Local 12 members get the chance to do one of the things that we do best – break ground.

THE GRAND AVENUE PROJECT

After two decades of jumping through planning hoops, a groundbreaking ceremony was held in mid-February on a $1 billion project across from the Walt Disney Concert Hall now referred to as The Grand.

The Grand will consist of a 20-story, 309 room Equinox hotel and a 39-story residential tower with 400 residences (80 units of affordable housing). The complex will also include restaurants, shopping and public plaza.

ALAMEDA CORRIDOR-EAST (ACE)

In 2018, ACE completed major grade separation and at-grade crossing improvement projects in the San Gabriel Valley that kept Local 12 members busy. The Puente Avenue roadway underpass opened in April, the Temple Avenue train diversion project in Pomona in July and the San Gabriel Trench in September.

The Durfee Avenue underpass in Pico Rivera began demo in January. The project will construct a roadway underpass on Durfee Avenue under the Union Pacific railroad tracks with retaining walls and a new railroad bridge.

Two future projects that are in the final design phase are grade separations. One in the City of Montebello and one on Turnbull Canyon Road in City of Industry. These projects will receive approximately $78 million for their construction and begin in 2020, thanks to voters rejecting a repeal of the new state SB-1 revenues.

Elections are a pain in our backsides but necessary for our success. Primary elections are just a year away. They will be here before we know it. Make sure that you and your families are registered to vote. Pay attention to the candidates. Check on who is putting money in our pockets and who is taking money out of our pockets. Support the candidates that Local 12 is recommending. They keep our projects moving and help to keep our issues safe.

REPORTS

Ron James
District 3
Representative

Brosamer and Wall, Inc. has started work on the Highway 99 Lanes and Shoulder Improvements Project and has Fine Grade Equipment, Inc. as a subcontractor. This $61.5 million project has about 12 operators working and is scheduled for completion in October 2020.

Griffith Company is expected to start the Highway 43 and Stockdale Highway Roundabout Project by April 2019. This project is valued at $6.8 million. They are also working on the JPCP Lanes and Pavement Improvement Project on Highway 99. This is a joint venture project with Vanguard Construction. Griffith Company has Fine Grade Equipment, Inc. as a subcontractor on this project which is valued at $68.1 million and should last through July 2020.

Griffith Company has the 24th Street Widening Project through downtown Bakersfield. They are adding a lane in each direction and have 10 operating engineers working.

Road and Highway Builders, LLC has a project in Death Valley at Scotty's Castle rebuilding the washed out road to Scotty's Castle. There are 15 operating engineers working on this project.

Meyers Earthwork, Inc., was low bidder on a culvert and paving project in Death Valley. This $1.9 million project will employ 10 operating engineers.

Security Paving Company, Inc. is still busy on the Kern River Bridge Project with 10 operators working. Security is also continuing work on the Highway 46 Widening and Bridge Replacement Project. This $24.9 million project will last until May 2019 and has 5 operators working. In addition, Security will start Phase 3 of the Centennial Corridor Project valued at $58 million.

Security Paving Company, Inc. is nearing completion of the Highway 58 Widening Project from Cottonwood Road to Weedpatch Highway.

Granite Construction Company picked up a contract at the Borax Mine in Boron; this contract is ongoing. They are building new settlement ponds, as well as adding capacity to the existing ponds. There are 8 to 12 operators working on this project.

Granite Construction Company is still busy on the Belle Terrace Operational Improvements Project. This $32.1 million project has eight operating engineers working and will be completed in April 2020.

Flatiron-Dragados-Sukut Joint Venture has started work on the Isabella Dam Safety Modification Project and will employ 40 plus operating engineers at its peak.

Nick DiFranco, District 6 Representative

The work in District 6 remains strong. Work has begun at the MSG Sphere project. The project is a collaboration by Madison Square Gardens and Las Vegas Sands. The Sphere will stand 360 feet tall and is set to open in 2021.

The NFL Raiders Headquarters and Practice Facility projects have started in Henderson, NV. It will feature three outdoor fields as well as indoor fields and is expected to be completed in 2020. Construction also continues on the $1.9 billion NFL Raiders stadium which continues to employ many operating engineers.

The Las Vegas Convention Center Expansion Project has started which is located where the Riviera Hotel and Casino once stood. The project is expected to create 14,000 construction jobs. It is being constructed under a Project Labor Agreement at a cost of nearly $1 billion.

Local 12 signed an agreement with Portable Aggregate Producers LLC. Their crusher plant is located just outside of Boulder City, NV. They are employing 12 operating engineers. We look forward to working with them.

In closing, I would like to congratulate Shawn Kinsey on his appointment to Financial Secretary. I would also like to congratulate Ray Gort on his appointment as Business Representative and welcome Dick Wood as the new Contract Compliance Officer. I know they will all do a good job for the membership of Local 12.

Building Inspection

Jeff Fellows and Matt Read
Inspection Business Representatives

I know it's hard to believe that we live in Southern California with all the rain and actual winter weather this year. The inspection industry continues to remain strong although it has slowed down a little with jobsites needing to dry out and temperatures needed to rise for some of our asphalt and concrete inspectors. We need the rain and hope everyone puts a little money aside to enjoy the downtime with friends and family.

We have a couple of high-rise buildings that will keep many inspectors busy. The Grand Avenue Project now known as The Grand is currently underway with Twining Inc. covering the inspections. This is a $1 billion project in Bunker Hill across the way from Walt Disney Concert Hall. It will consist of a 20-story Equinox Hotel and a 39-story residential tower, which will also include 176,000 square feet of restaurants and shops.

The other project is called Constellation Park and is located across from the Westfield Century City Mall. This will include a 1.2 million square foot high rise residential development on 6 acres. There will be two 40 plus story residential towers, one 12-story loft building with city and ocean views and a 1,200-stall parking garage below ground. Twining Inc. is also overseeing the inspections on this project.

RMA Group Inc. is doing the inspections on the Kaiser Permanente Downey Medical Center new tower and parking structure. It will add 96 inpatient beds and will include the latest technological innovations in medicine. The tower will make the hospital the second largest Kaiser facility in Southern California. Completion is set for late 2020. Kaiser Permanente has many new construction projects and always uses 100% union labor.

There are many other ongoing and upcoming projects that should make 2019 a very good year for our inspectors. Many contractors are calling in looking for LA City Grading Inspectors and we don't have enough to go around. If you have had LA City Grading in the past or could get it pretty easy, I think you would be in great demand and be able to land a long-term project. If you make an appointment with the city to test and the date is quite a ways out, you can always call in daily and see if they have any cancellations.

Make sure you check with the Training Site in Whittier to get a current schedule of classes and take advantage of any study material and discounts. They will be offering American Concrete Renewals periodically and International Code Council Renewals as well as continuing education units. They can also help with the LA City Grading study guide. The phone number is (562) 695-0611.

A reminder to get familiar with all the inspection classifications and observation duties in our agreement. If you are doing inspections, we don't currently have a classification so make sure you reach out to Matt Read or Jeff Fellows and let's get it put into our agreement. This year we have negotiations so let's capture as many new classifications as possible and continue to grow our membership. Don't forget to check out the Local 12 website at **www.local12.org** and view the calendar of monthly steward and membership meetings. You don't have to be a job steward to attend, just a member who takes pride in this union. The monthly membership meetings are a great way to network with members and get the low down on current and upcoming projects. Work safely and hope to see everyone soon.

Local 12 members working at the Silverlake Reservoir Project from (l-r) are inspector Garrett Ward, Batch Plant Operator Michael Barney, and inspector Elizabeth Wantland.

Working at the Lucas Museum/Parking Structure from (l-r) are Smith Avery inspectors Eliu Gutierrez, Tom Turpin, Michael Guilherme and Danny Zembower.

RMA inspectors working at the Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Downey from (l-r) are Frank Gonzalés, Darryl Faulstick, Aaron Baldwin and Roque Richie.

PENSIONERS

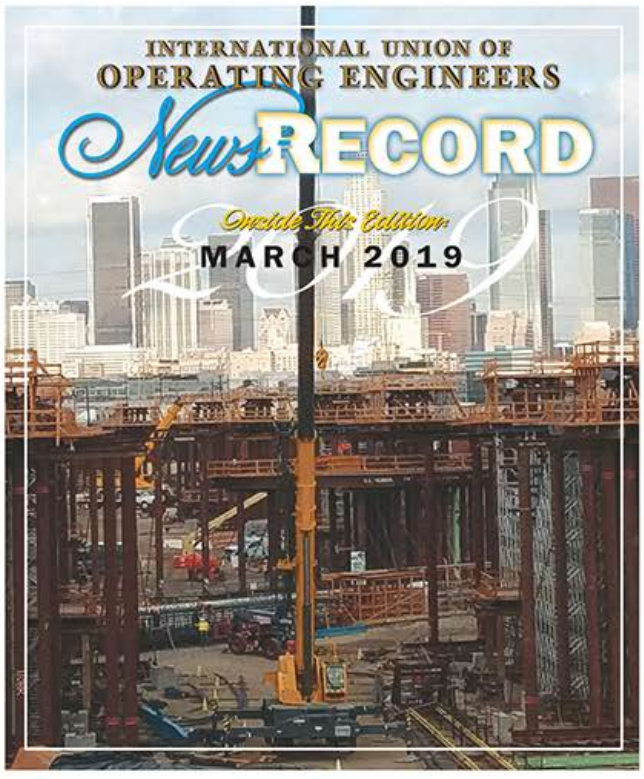
Members listed below have been approved for pensions as of February 2019.

Bruce A. Andrew	2075164	Tom Guevara	1824639
Mark J. Butler	2341290	Paul Keserovich	2344768
Rudy M. Cabrera	2089959	Jimmy W. Lee	2093793
Salvador F. Diaz	1966044	Lee Maddux	2413895
Jimmie D. Dulin	1731331	Charmaine L. Marshall	2562711
David P. Evans	1972200	Ruben H. Perez	1712018
William E. Fasoli	1968731	Rosalio Sanchez	1789396
Ronald R. Glaze	2030396	Daniel S. Wilson	1810522
Barry L. Grant	2552023		

IN MEMORIAM

Our deepest sympathies go to the bereaved families as we share with them the loss of these good friends and members of Local 12 as of February 2019.

Member:	Reg. No.:	Local:	Date:	Location:
Richard Alfieri	877273	12	02/13/19	Canyon Country, CA
Bernie L. Anderson	1173036	12	01/04/19	Costa Mesa, CA
Roy L. Anderson	1064416	12	02/03/19	Yorba Linda, CA
Steve A. Boger	2652647	12	12/15/18	Lemon Grove, CA
Whitney Brayton	917118	12	01/22/19	Hemet, CA
Terence Davies	986417	12	01/28/19	Pahrump, NV
Don P. Elliott	2021334	12	02/03/19	Norco, CA
Rulon D. Ferrin	2047798	12	01/24/19	Kingman, AZ
William L. Greenough	1960006	12	02/11/19	Temecula, CA
Jack Haney	1153402	12	01/26/19	Valley Center, CA
William C. Johnson	1018655	12	02/01/19	Las Vegas, NV
Lawrence E. Kelsey	956538	12	01/29/19	Lemon Cove, CA
Richard Martinez	647725	12	02/06/19	San Diego, CA
Gerald B. McDonald	755093	12	12/29/18	Bakersfield, CA
James H. Mills	1038188	12	02/09/19	Fountain Valley, CA
Norman A. Powell	1442199	12	02/11/19	Cantil, CA
Alva Ray	1229916	12	02/04/19	Bakersfield, CA
Darl H. Snyder	2364839	12	01/25/19	Weldon, CA
David Stevens	1699614	12	02/09/19	Perris, CA
Albert M. Terrones	1087998	12	01/18/19	Indio, CA
Loyd W. Ussery	842679	12	02/09/19	Bakersfield, CA
Bobby E. Varnell	1025710	12	12/05/18	Mena, AR
Larry Vaughan	1186818	12	01/21/19	Mesquite, NV
Bill D. Waddell	2232914	12	12/21/18	San Diego, CA
Richard L. Ward	609102	12	02/04/19	Cherry Valley, CA



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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
–April 2019–

DISTRICT 1
3rd Friday, April 19, 8 p.m.
Pasadena Hilton
168 S. Los Robles Ave.
Pasadena

DISTRICT 2
2nd Friday, April 12, 8 p.m.
Santa Maria

DISTRICT 3
1st Thursday, April 4, 8 p.m.
Bakersfield Office
120 Bernard St.
Bakersfield

DISTRICT 4
2nd Tuesday, April 9, 8 p.m.
San Diego Office
4811 Viewridge Ave.
San Diego

DISTRICT 5
3rd Tuesday, April 16, 8 p.m.
Redlands Office
1647 W. Lugonia Ave.
Redlands

DISTRICT 6
4th Friday, April 26, 8 p.m.
Culinary Academy of Las Vegas
710 West Lake Mead Blvd.
North Las Vegas

DISTRICT 7
4th Tuesday, April 23, 8 p.m.
IBEW 441 Hall
309 N. Rampart, Suite M
Orange

STEWARD MEETINGS
–April 2019–

DISTRICT 1
No meeting scheduled.

DISTRICT 2
1st Tuesday, April 2
Santa Maria

DISTRICT 3
No meeting scheduled.

DISTRICT 4
No meeting scheduled.

DISTRICT 5
No meeting scheduled.

DISTRICT 6
3rd Thursday, April 18

DISTRICT 7
No meeting scheduled.

RETIREE CLUB MEETINGS

CHAPTER 2
1st Wednesday of each month
Luncheon, Las Vegas
Wayne Grimes (702) 525-2335

CHAPTER 6
2nd Tuesday, 9 a.m., San Diego
Andy Gonzales (619) 479-8612

PHOTOS:
Front cover of union cranes hoisting a large amount of steel and wood to rebuild this Los Angeles landmark and center page photos are courtesy of District 1.

MEETING CHANGE
The District No. 6 Membership Meeting location has changed to the following:

April through December 2019

Culinary Academy of Las Vegas
710 West Lake Mead Blvd.
North Las Vegas, NV 89030
(702) 924-2100

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www.local12.org