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We have made it through a hot, humid summer. Many of our members were able to take some much needed time off from work and utilize a wonderful contractual benefit called vacation. Children have returned to school and traffic has picked up. Labor Day was the last official holiday for the summer season and now our reality has set in... it's time to get back to work.

We know that our workplace is our second home; we spend more time at work than we do at our actual residence. In some offices, it is quite the family setting. With this in mind, although we may get comfortable, let us not forget our workplace is a "PLACE OF BUSINESS".

We have access to confidential information, phones, computers, office supplies, printers, etc. and even snacks in some cases, which are all the property of the employer. Please do not think taking a pack of pens or even a gift or reward from a vendor is acceptable. We must keep in mind that we are entrusted with confidential information and the property of the employer. Please be responsible in the handling of their property and the confidentiality and trust given to us.

As union employees, we are held to a higher standard because of the Department of Labor (DOL). It's not worth losing your job over a \$5 or \$10 item; even a \$50 item isn't worth it. Your salary and benefits far outweigh anything that could be removed from their property. Your family is depending upon you to supply their needs through your union employment. Let's keep it *professional* at all times! 🌈



OPEIU members have always been there to help their sisters and brothers in need. From Hurricanes Katrina and Sandy, to firestorms in the West, we are proud to say that OPEIU came together to help those affected.

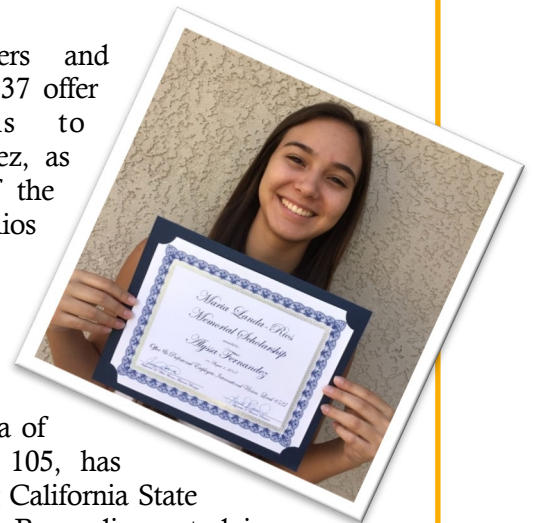
Our sisters and brothers in Texas and Louisiana need our help. Hurricane Harvey is thought to be the largest natural disaster ever to hit Texas. The damage caused by the downpours and floods will take several weeks, if not months, to assess

before a price tag can be put on the recovery efforts.

There are several ways to help out with the post-hurricane rebuilding. OPEIU's Relief Fund is one way to help. **Donations can be mailed to Mary Mahoney, Secretary-Treasurer, OPEIU Relief Fund, 80 Eighth Ave., 6th Floor, New York, NY 10011.** 🌈

Scholarship Update

The Officers and Staff of Local 537 offer congratulations to Alyssa Fernandez, as the recipient of the Maria Landa-Rios Memorial Scholarship for 2017. Miss Fernandez, daughter of Michelle Grajeda of SMART Local 105, has started attending California State University San Bernardino, studying Psychology. Best wishes for a successful college experience. 🌈



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Members' Corner



WELCOME OUR NEW
MEMBERS
WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

We would like to welcome the following members to OPEIU Local 537 and extend an invitation to come to our next membership meeting in September to be initiated.

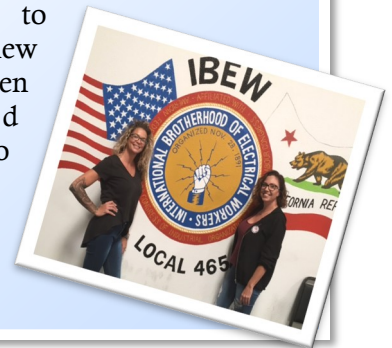
Corina Trejo-Avila	Maricela Krulak-Lopez	Rebecca Pomales
Lakeesha Clark	Lytrell C. Moffett	Edwin S. Saucedo
Marilyn E. Ferguson	Lydia G. Munoz	John Thompson
Andrea Graglia	Ashley Olmos	Alma Venegas
Hannah Kim	Brian M. Peddicord	Charles Wilkinson

Happy Life! Congratulations to Kathryn Denham, who retired from San Diego Firefighters Local 145 on June 30, 2017, after over 30 years of service. Wishing you a happy, healthy, and active retirement. 🌀

Get Well... The Officers and Staff of Local 537 sends get well wishes to Evie Vaughn of United Teachers Los Angeles. We hope you get well soon. 🌀

New Signatory Employer

We would like to welcome IBEW Local 465 as our new signatory employer, and to welcome our new members: Kristen Salazar and Jackie Villarino to Local 537. 🌀



Ratified Contracts

CWA Local 9586
Laborers Local 652
Plumbers and Pipefitters Union Local 525 (Wages)
San Diego Building Trades (Economics)
Sheet Metal Benefit Plans Administrative Corporation
UNITE-HERE Local 11



Please join Local 537 in sending condolences to Roslyn Jones, Shop Steward at SEIU Local 721, whose mother passed away. Our condolences also go to Tara Thomas of United Teachers Los Angeles, whose father Theodore passed away in August. Please keep the Jones and Thomas families in your thoughts and prayers. 🌀



**A friendly reminder to
Fall Back on Sunday,
November 5, 2017**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017, 7:00 PM, AT THE OPEIU OFFICES.