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WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.

As we step into the promising year of 2024, the Officers and Staff of OPEIU Local 537 extend warm wishes for a year filled with happiness, health, safety, and prosperity.

The arrival of a new year often prompts us to reflect on how we can enhance our lives, relationships, and professional journeys. It's a time for setting goals and aspiring to achieve them throughout the coming months. With this in mind, let's collectively focus on improving our work-life balance and boosting productivity by investing in our professional growth.

The integration of Intelligent Automation (IA) into our workforce demands our attention. While we navigate this era of technological advancement, it's crucial to take caution and understand these advancements. We must ensure that technology enhances our roles rather than replacing them. We are willing to work in technologically driven environments. It's our responsibility to prevent technology from taking over our positions.

If your employer is implementing new technology that may impact your role, we encourage you to contact us here at the Local. We will engage in conversations with employers and/or negotiate over said changes.

For those members who participate in Local 30/537 Trust Fund, there was an increase in our Health and Wealth Fund of \$50.00.

We look forward to achieving our goal as a Local Union in the year 2024.

Please remember to stay safe, as there is currently an uptick in COVID, RSV,

and the Common Cold.

NEW DUES RATES

February 1, 2024

Each year, the OPEIU International Union imposes Per Capita increases on each Local, and in turn, each Local is expected to pass along the increase to its members. With this in mind, please take a moment to remember this important message: the last time Local 537 increased dues on its members was February 1, 2019. For the past four years, the per capita increase has yet to be passed on to our members, as mandated by our International Union. This increase in the International Per Capita has been absorbed from our budget. We have experienced enormous legal fees due to our continuous fight with some of our employers. While Local 537 tries to minimize the costs to our members, we can no longer absorb the increase.

Starting February 1, 2024, Local 537 will implement the monthly dues by \$1.10; This \$1.10 increase equates to approximately one cent (1¢) per working hour. We continue to strive to be able to enhance and expand the services we provide to you. This slight increase will allow us to continue providing the same level of quality and exceptional service that you've come to expect from us. We appreciate your understanding and support.

UNION STRONG

WE'RE ONLY AS STRONG AS OUR MEMBERSHIP!



We would like to welcome the following members to OPEIU Local 537 and extend an invitation to join us for our General Membership meeting January 17, 2024.

Lillian Almario
Danny Bui
Howard Canton
Lizandra Ceja
Hung Chang
Manuel Delpino
Menova Enjili
Darlene Flanders
Luis Reyes Gallegos
Stephanie Gascon

Jesus A Montalvo
Matthew Nussbaum
Myles Sanders Peoples
Desany Perez
Benjamin Phillips
Jocelyne Ramirez
Ryan San
Lorena Servin
Paige Shanley
Yanitze Solano

Adriana Hernandez
Janet Herrera
LaTasha Johnson
Ted Lee
Janice Luong

Sean C. Symmes
Louis Velasquez
Dakota Wright
Regina Young

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION AWARD CEREMONY

Due to the uptick in COVID-19, RSV, and common cold cases, for the safety of our members, we will not be able to hold an in-person meeting recognizing our brothers and sisters' years of service with Local 537. However, we invite you to join us as we celebrate you via ZOOM at our General Membership Meeting on January 17, 2024.

If you have five years or more of continuous membership and would like to request to receive your pin, you can make your request on the home page of our website, www.opeiu537.org, or by contacting Marlene Matsuda by email at marlene@opeiu537.org.

It's important to note that service pins are only given to members who make a formal request to receive one.

"Thank you" for your continuous years of Service and Dedication.

OPEIU INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, OPEIU International provides members and associate members to further their higher education and career goals.

The Howard Coughlin Memorial Scholarship is awarded each year to members or their children for undergraduate university or college education.

The John Kelly Labor Studies Scholarship provides assistance to members or associate members who wish to pursue undergraduate or graduate degrees in labor studies, industrial relations, social science, or a related field.

OPEIU International will post the 2024 scholarship applications in January and announce the application submission deadline.

You can check their scholarship page for application availability and more information. Please visit the International website:

<https://www.opeiu.org/MemberResources/UnionBenefits/OPEIUMembershipBenefits.aspx>



Union Plus Scholarship Program provides Union families with the cost of college. The application deadline is January 31, 2024. For more information,

please visit:

<https://www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships>

RATIFIED CONTRACTS

- IATSE Local 122 - Wages
- IBEW Local 413 - Wages
- IBEW-NECA Admin. Corp. (economics)
- San Diego Electrical Training Admin. Corp. - Economics

UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS

- Workers United Local 50

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER (Office Closures)



Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
Monday, January 15, 2024



President's Day
Monday, February 19, 2024

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm

The meeting will be held by ZOOM. Registration is required. Please RSVP to Marlene at marlene@opeiu537.org if you would like to attend.

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