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"It's about how we treat our veterans every single day of the year. It's about making sure they have the care they need and the benefits that they've earned when they come home. It's about serving all of you as well as you've served the United States of America."

-- President Barack Obama

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JAMES SHILITTO

Brothers and Sisters, The United States of America has a new President-elect in former VP Joseph Biden. Come January when Biden is sworn into office, we can expect positive changes to the national Labor landscape.

For the past four years Labor in the US has been taking it on the chin from a vocal anti-Labor Administration. The US Department of Labor and the National Labor Relations Board have been working actively to undermine our ability to organize, to institute a national "Right to Work" (work for less) mandate, to make OSHA and federal wage laws ineffective and to roll-back protections in the National Labor Relations Act.

All we ask is that Labor and Unions be given a fair shake and a seat at the table. With that, we can more than hold our own. Now, we look forward to the ability to have our voices heard and acted on.

Closer to home, I want to thank each of you for your participation in our virtual Membership Meeting in October where you voted against a recall election, following the ratification of the Con Edison contract, and approved Frank Dominguez as a new Business Agent, and two new Executive Board Members, Joel Pacheco and John Scarpa. We all wish them well in their new responsibilities.

This November, in accordance with the Local 1-2 By-Laws, we will have our third required Membership Meeting of the year and will hold our fourth next month. We must continue to conduct Union Business amid the constraints imposed on all of us by the CoVid pandemic.

Local 1-2 has sustained 11 losses to the virus, including Business Agent Joseph Caradonna, and many hundred infections in our ranks. As I reported earlier, we have worked closely with management at each company where you are represented to work out safety protocols and to have a work from home option when that is possible. Unfortunately, many of us cannot avoid contact with the public or to working in close quarters, which means: Safety First!

I look forward to welcoming you to our second virtual Membership Meeting, where joining in is as easy as clicking on your computer. Be there. And remember always, apathy is lethal.

Please remember to thank a Brother or Sister Veteran for their service to our Nation and the Union.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

WILLIAM SMITH

Brothers and Sisters, in these times when we cannot gather in large groups, let's remember that November is the month for Veterans. It started out on Armistice Day in 1918 when at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, World War I ended. Because of its terrific carnage it was thought to be the "war to end all wars." Unfortunately, this was not to be. Since then, the men and women of our Armed Forces have been asked to answer the call time and again. So, this month, not just on November 11, let's celebrate our Brothers and Sisters who have served to keep us free.

As President Shillitto said in his column, there is a new day about to dawn for Labor and Unions across our nation. Our Union, despite the anti-Union sentiment coming from Washington in the past four years, has been relentless. As millions lost their jobs forever to the pandemic, and millions more barely got by, please do not forget that the Fat Cats and Billionaires got richer and richer while millions were sickened and more than a quarter-million Americans have died. This did not have to be. Science tells us we KNOW how to stop this virus, but we all were let down by Washington. To our benefit Local 1-2 got out in front of the virus, and even with heartbreak among us, we can keep the lights on and the power flowing while working as safely as possible.

With the Con Edison contract behind us, we have lots more work in front of us. We must negotiate a new agreement for our tree-trimmers with Asplundh and Lewis, in joint talks, before that contract expires at the end of the year. With winter upon us, and Con Ed under the gun to prevent the outages of winters past, we think there will be a great incentive to reach an agreement. The PSC isn't really buying it anymore when Con Ed pleads Acts of God when it comes to weather outages. We all know, and we point it out, time and again, that continuous maintenance is needed to protect the public, but isn't a priority for the Bosses. They make theirs, regardless of outages.

Our hope is to make these events a thing of the past. There's a new energy landscape coming our way; and we at Local 1-2 plan to get those jobs for our Members whether in wind, solar or energy storage. We're the ones with the skills and we're the ones to do the job. Come to the Membership Meeting; it's painless online.

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JAMES GEOGHAN STEWARD OF THE YEAR AWARD

FRANK CARIGLIANO

Whereas James Geoghan Represented the Highest Standards of Union Brotherhood, Serving His Brothers and Sisters With Honesty, Integrity and Selflessness in the Highest Traditions of Trade Union Solidarity, It is now Our Honor to Present the James Geoghan Steward of the Year Award to Frank Carigliano. In Recognition of His Devotion to Practicing the Values Represented by This Award Over His Many Years of Service to Local 1-2, New York, UWUA, AFL-CIO.

On This Day November 23, 2020

Fraternally,

James Shillitto. William Smith

President Local 1-2 Vice President Local 1-2

Frank Carigliano has spent the past two decades as a Union man first, a Con Edison worker second. He is a defender in the workplace and a fighter for his Local 1-2 Brothers and Sisters. Frank began his career in February 2000 working in Maintenance Services. In April 2007, he transferred to Gas Operations. Presently, Frank is working for Stores Operations in Eastview, NY. He became a Shop Steward in 2015.

Christmas Gifts for Rosary Hill 58th Anniversary 1961 - 2020

Co-Chairpersons

Marion Clark
Diane Miskiewicz
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For 2020, we'd like to outline what ROSARY HILL is about as a reminder to our old friends and an introduction to our new ones. ROSARY HILL serves incurable cancer patients of all races and creeds. They do not accept payment from the patients or their families but instead are supported solely by the expression of God's love through the gifts of individuals. See one of the individuals listed below to make a donation that will surely make you feel good this Holiday Season.

In Memory of Joe Caradonna and our Brothers and Sisters who have succumbed to the virus

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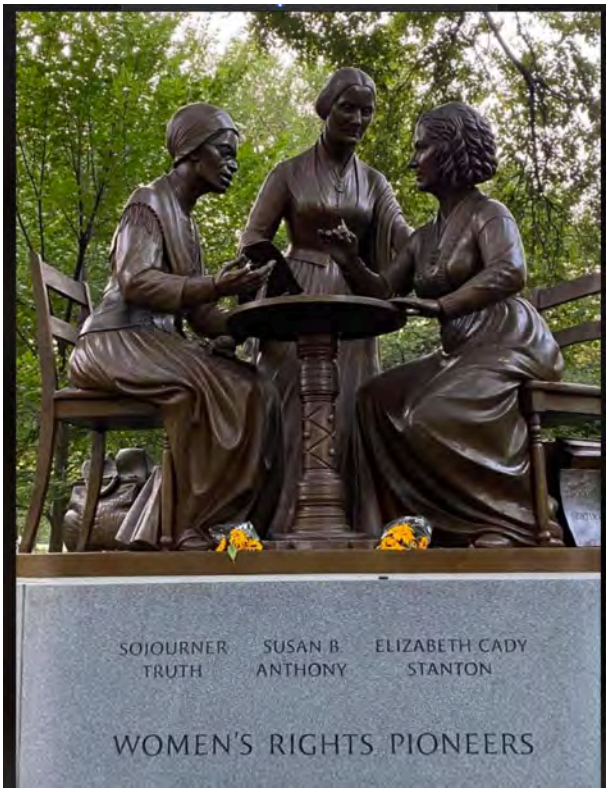
Please submit your donation by Monday, **December 14, 2020.** We will meet between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Friday, **December 18, 2020** at the Union Office, 5 West Cross St., Hawthorne (next to the Post Office, 2nd floor). The phone number there is 914-747-0309 if anyone needs to check in on the morning of the 18th.

With Holiday Blessings
Merry Christmas to All
Walter, Ed, Diane, Mark, Marion & Chris



This year we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment (Granting Women the Right to VOTE) although it would take another 5 decades and more before Black Women were able to VOTE! Our UWUA National Women's Caucus Co-Chair Local 1-2's Ursula Grant stands with our foremothers (Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady-Stanton, and Susan B. Anthony) in a new installation in Central Park.

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Place- Via Zoom Meetings Date – Monday 11/23/2020 Time - 6:15 PM Admission only to members in good standing Registration by 12 noon 11/23/2020

You must register using your name ,personal email, Company you work for and ID # @ localmeeting@uwua1-2.org NO COMPANY EMAILS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Questions and comments under New Business, Old Business or Good of the Union should be sent via Personal email to localquestion@uwua1-2.org by 12 noon 11/23/2020

Fraternally,
John Capra
Secretary-Treasurer