

The Record LOCAL 1-2

We can either have democracy in this country or we can have great wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can't have both.

-- Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis





Utility Workers Union of America LOCAL 1-2

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

JAMES SHILITTO

Brothers and Sisters. Finally, the end of 2020 is in sight, although with more of the same to come as we enter the New Year. But take heart, Covid-19 vaccines are on the way, there will be a Labor-friendly Administration in Washington, DC., and we will continue the fight here in New York. This is a big deal. During the past four years, more damage has been done to Labor and Unions than in the preceding 30 years since Reagan busted PATCO in 1981.

As the current occupants in our nation's capital make-ready to scurry out the door, they are attempting to remove protections from dedicated federal civil servants, protections passed by Congress almost 140 years ago to stop politicizing the employment of federal employees, while also gutting worker safety and wage protections in all 50 states.

All signals show that the incoming Administration will begin immediately to restore and expand protections in the workplace. Working men and women have been pushed to the bottom of the pile in the last four years: just look at the numbers of Amazon and Walmart employees who still rely on food-stamps and other taxpayer assistance to feed themselves and their families. Don't forget during the same period the respective owners saw their fortunes skyrocket by billions of dollars as the stock market turned in its best performance in three decades. Something is wrong with this picture, Brothers and Sisters, and it behooves us all to work together to put a stop to this new age of Robber Barons.



In the midst of the Holiday Season, Local 1-2 has been forced by Covid to step nimbly and hold our third Membership Meeting via Zoom to meet the requirements of our By-Laws. So far, these meetings have been relatively seamless, with few glitches and the ability to communicate and to conduct Union business.

It was especially heartening that in this time of societal disruption, Local 1-2 was able to conduct an all-day vote, and an in-person vote at the October Meeting to approve new Officers.

As we discussed at the November Membership Meeting, we donated what usually would have been a Thanksgiving turkey raffle to the 100% unemployed theater workers, who as of this writing are seeing their federal benefits expire as Covid picks up a new head of steam across the country.

Not all is gloom and doom. We were still able to make our annual contribution to Rosary Hill, which tends to the terminally ill, and help them make the season festive. We cannot underestimate joy in these unusual days.

Covid or no Covid, I want to assure you that the work of Local 1-2 continues uninterrupted on your behalf.

Work safe, enjoy time with your loved ones at home, come to the Zoom Membership Meeting. Happy New Year to one and all!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT

WILLIAM SMITH

Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year to all of our Local 1-2 Brothers and Sisters as we look to 2021.

As President Shillitto pointed out in his column, the work of Local 1-2 has continued apace during this pandemic year, working on new Collective Bargaining Agreements for the Membership both in-person and via virtual negotiations to ensure that you, our Members, receive fair wages and benefits for the work you do.

In these last days of December, we are working hard to see that our Members at Asplundh and Lewis Tree also have a new agreement with the best possible terms. The contracts with these two companies who negotiate jointly, expire at the of the month.

And as President Shillitto reported at the November meeting, we are working hard with Entergy, Holtec and government at all levels to protect our Members at Indian Point as it is about to be decommissioned (although they still don't have a plan to replace the clean energy generated there). What we, the Officers, want to tell you is that Local 1-2 has a seat at all tables. Our members are the best qualified for the work and we will get those jobs. We will hold government accountable to our Members for those jobs. The whole Indian Point story is one of secret deals for political ends. We will continue to do all we can so that, going forward, all matters at Indian Point will be conducted in daylight.

As a nation, we must fight the climate crisis. We believe Utility Workers are the wave of the future when it comes to clean energy sources like wind and solar. Just as at Indian Point, we have seats at all the

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tables, and we will get those jobs as well.

Our biggest employer, Con Edison, is also a target as the energy landscape changes. Eventually, since they exist as a pass-through company, Con Ed will be forced to address its aging infrastructure problems and its reliance on outside contractors. While the Public Service Commission often operates as a rubber-stamp for rate increases, it is getting pressure from above to make Con Ed and other utilities around the State do more than just stick on a band-aid when equipment breaks down. New Yorkers should not have to continue to suffer through power outage after power outage, whether it is due to a storm or a burn-out. These outages can and should be reduced through better maintenance using Con Edison's professional, trained, unionized workforce. As a money-making operation, Con Ed will have to be nimble as new energy sources come on-line. Those jobs are ours too!

Many of you have questions regarding working from home or changes in the workplace during the Covid emergency. We are working every day to provide flexibility and health safety in the workplace. PPE is important to keeping all of us healthy and adequate supplies to all of our Members is paramount. If you are running into obstacles on the job or from antimaskers, stop work and give us a call. As the forecast for Covid stands right now, conditions will remain the same for several months, probably at least until next summer, as seen by medical experts. So, this changed world will continue and Local 1-2 stands ready to help keep you and your families healthy heading into the New Year.

On behalf of myself and President Shillitto, may 2021 be a brighter tomorrow.



Thomas C. Zambito Rockland/Westchester Journal News -Dec. 4, 2020

U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand says the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's "business as usual approach" to approving the sale of nuclear power plants must change and is trying to enlist her Senate colleagues in the effort.

On Wednesday, Gillibrand filed an amendment to a bill to assist a struggling nuclear power industry that would force the NRC to hold public hearings before approving a power plant's license transfer.

At issue is last week's NRC decision approving the sale of the Indian Point nuclear power plant to New Jersey-based Holtec over the objections of state and federal officials. They questioned whether Holtec has the expertise and financial backing to tear down the Buchanan plant.

"This amendment is an important and necessary reform to the way the NRC does business," Gillibrand said. "After failing to substantively respond to repeated calls by the Congressional delegation to fully address the state and local stakeholders' petitions and hold a public hearing, it is clear the NRC's business as usual approach needs to change."

Gov. Andrew Cuomo last week said the NRC commission's decision to approve the license transfer without a hearing "denies New Yorkers the public and transparent process they deserve."

The NRC, in a Nov. 20 letter to New York's federal lawmakers, promised a "meaningful opportunity" for lawmakers and environmental groups to air their concerns about the sale after the license transfer is approved. The NRC could then modify or condition the terms of the sale.

Holtec has a deal pending to purchase Indian Point from Louisiana-based Entergy when the plant shuts down its last working reactor – Unit 3 -- in April.

Holtec says it can tear down the plant's three reactors and clear the 240-acre site along the Hudson River of radioactive material in 12 to 15 years. The company would be paid out of decommissioning trust funds for the plant's three reactors, which currently total \$2.3 billion.

But, in a decision criticized by state and federal officials, the NRC agreed to an exemption which allows Holtec to divert some \$632 million of trust fund money to manage the dozens of cementand-steel canisters of spent nuclear fuel that will remain on the site long after the shutdown. In a letter to the NRC, the state Public Service Commission, which oversees the energy industry, challenged the exemption.

"Holtec's exemption request seeks to inappropriately divert more than \$600 million for spent fuel management costs—costs which are not included within the scope of the Commission's definition of decommissioning or the decommissioning regulations at issue here," PSC lawyers write.

In 1992, the PSC agreed to let ConEdison, the plant's then owner, charge state ratepayers \$14.8 million for the eventual decommissioning of two of the plant's reactors.

The PSC now questions whether the NRC should be allowed to divert ratepayer funds for spent fuel management, a federal obligation it considers "beyond the scope of decommissioning."

The federal government pays the owners of shuttered nuclear power plants tens of millions of dollars every year to manage the spent nuclear fuel that will remain on their sites until an underground repository for the nation's nuclear waste can be developed.

Gillibrand's amendment was not included in the

American Nuclear Infrastructure Act of 2020, which was approved by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Wednesday.

She has, however, added her amendment to the bill that will go to the full Senate in the coming months.

The infrastructure act promises money to assist struggling nuclear power plants and provides funding to assist communities home to power plants that have shut down.

Gillibrand voted against the bill, in part because it did not include enough money to assist struggling communities.

"By the American Nuclear approving Infrastructure Act without considering my amendment and others that I cosponsored to address nuclear safety and provide adequate funding for communities with decommissioned reactors and spent fuel storage facilities, the Environment and Public Works Committee missed an opportunity to strengthen and protect our communities hosting nuclear plants and spent fuel storage facilities," Gillibrand said. "Nevertheless, I remain undeterred and will continue working to address all of these issues as the bill moves to the Senate floor."

UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO LOCAL 1-2 Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2020

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Building Fund (without donor restrictions)	\$ 4,561,840	4,561,840	5,242 2,225 459,848	467,315	ı 	1	5,029,155			\$ 5,029,155
Political Action Fund (with donor restrictions)	\$ 26,031	26,031		1		1	26,031			\$ 26,031
Defense Fund (without donor restrictions)	\$ 923,069	923,069	7,192 664,398	671,590	1	T	1,594,659	638,102 - -	638,102	\$ 2,232,761
General Fund (without donor restrictions)	\$ 303,748	303,748	39,629 - 9,972	49,601	80,950	80,950	434,299	30,584 38,947	69,531	\$ 503,830
ASSETS	Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents: Cash Cash equivalents	Total cash and cash equivalents	Receivables: Dues Interest Due from other funds Other	Total receivables	Prepaid expenses	Total prepaid expenses	Total current assets	Von-current assets: Long-term investments Security deposits Property assets, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	Total non-current assets	Total assets

	~	June 30, 2020	-			
	General Fund (without donor restrictions)	Defense Fund (without donor restrictions)	Political Action Fund (with donor restrictions)	Building Fund (without donor restrictions)	Eliminations	Total
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS						
Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Liability for supplemental pension plan - current portion Due to other funds	\$ 224,748 113,195 1,124,246	↔	ч ц	\$	\$ (1,124,246)	\$ 224,748 113,195
Total current liabilities	1,462,189				(1,124,246)	337,943
Non-current liabilities: Liability for supplemental pension plan - non-current portion	22,600		•		•	22,600
Total non-current liabilities	22,600	3	I		2	22,600
Total liabilities	1,484,789		•	·	(1,124,246)	360,543
Net assets	(980,959)	2,232,761	26,031	5,029,155		6,306,988
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 503,830	\$ 2,232,761	\$ 26,031	\$ 5,029,155	\$ (1,124,246)	\$ 6,667,531

UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO LOCAL 1-2 Statement of Financial Position (Continued) June 30, 2020

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UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO LOCAL 1-2 Statement of Activities For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2020

			Three Months					Six Months		
	General Fund (without donor restrictions)	Defense Fund (without donor restrictions)	Political Action Fund (with donor restrictions)	Building Fund (without donor restrictions)	Total	General Fund (without donor restrictions)	Defense Fund (without donor restrictions)	Political Action Fund (with donor restrictions)	Building Fund (without donor restrictions)	Total
Revenue: Dues and initiation fees Interest and dividends Realized dain on sale of investments	\$ 2,015,726 (10,714)	\$ 13,127	чч 19	\$ 324,110	\$ 2,339,836 2,413 -	\$ 4,218,684 (10,408)	\$ 24,144 -	чч 	\$ 417,768 -	\$ 4,636,452 13,736
Unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments Other Net assets released from restrictions	4,055		- (250) (250)		3,805	3,045 750		- (1,640) (750)		1,405
Total revenue	2,009,317	13,127	(500)	324,110	2,346,054	4,212,071	24,144	(2,390)	417,768	4,651,593
Expenses: Program services: Member services	1,680,308	2,952	200		1,683,460	3,518,916	2,952	600		3,522,468
Supporting activities: Management and general	420,077	738	50	1	420,865	879,729	738	150	9	880,617
Total expenses	2,100,385	3,690	250	•	2,104,325	4,398,645	3,690	750		4,403,085
Change in net assets	\$ (91,068)	\$ 9,437	\$ (750)	\$ 324,110	\$ 241,729	(186,574)	20,454	(3,140)	417,768	248,508
Net assets: Beginning of period						(794,385)	2,212,307	29,171	4,611,387	6,058,480
End of period		5 7				\$ (980,959)	\$ 2,232,761	\$ 26,031	\$ 5,029,155	\$ 6,306,988

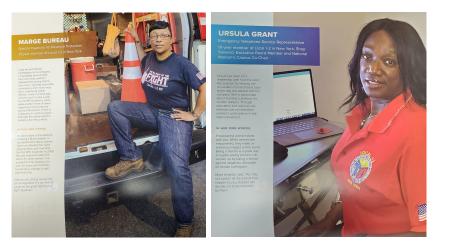
UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO LOCAL 1-2 (Supplemental Schedule) Schedule of Expenses For the three months and six months ended June 30, 2020

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UWUA WOMEN'S CAUCUS CALENDARS

UWUA Women's Caucus calendars are now available for purchase. The 13-month calendar – Women in Our Industry: Women in Power, Shaping Our Future, Unsung Sheroes - highlights sacrifices achievements women and by of UWUA. The calendar is an important fundraiser for training and educational initiatives the Women's Caucus is planning next year. The calendars can be purchased at \$20 each. The proceeds help the Women's Caucus build a pipeline of women leaders who will increase participation and engagement in the labor movement. The calendars are for sale just in time for the holidays and make a great gift.

Order your calendars today by emailing Valerie King (vking@ Ursula uwua.net) and Grant (Ursula.grant@uwua1-2.org) with the number of calendars you'd like (by orders of 10) and the name and address of the person who will be receiving your calendar order. Calendars are available while supplies last.



ROSARY HILL 2020



Christmas Gifts for Rosary Hill 58th Anniversary 1961 - 2020

Co-Chairpersons Marion Clark Diane Miskiewicz Chris Solomou Walter Klinke

Ed Nicholson

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

Please make your checks payable to ROSARY HILL

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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



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UWUA LOCAL 1-2 VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Place- Via Zoom Meetings Date – Tuesday 12/22/2020 Time - 6:15 PM Admission only to members in good standing Registration by 12 noon 12/22/2020

You must register using your name ,personal email, Company you work for and ID # @ localmeeting@uwua1-2.org If you have previously registered you are automatically registered for this meeting. 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 12/22/2020

Fraternally,

John Capra Secretary-Treasurer