# WHAT A YEAR! Unity Wins Every Time



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Brothers and Sisters. First, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to you and your loved ones.

When the history of 2023 is written, one of the highlights will be that it was the year the Labor Movement roared back to life. The demise of trade Unions has long been forecast with the rise of tech giants, who gobble up workers and spit them out when they're done.

I don't have to name names of these companies, you know who they are, where you hear horror story after horror story of dangerous workplaces, no safety training and active Union suppression.

But this year put the behemoths on notice that workers will rise up, workers will strike, and workers won't return without a good contract.

Local 1-2 has had successes this year without having to resort to any work actions. This is partly because we are essential. Also, because your Union leadership has received extensive training in negotiation, through Cornell University, continuing Labor education, and being tested in real time at the table.

As this is the last Record of the year, followed by the last Membership Meeting of the year, everyone is

now on notice that Local 1-2 will be fighting for big stakes in 2024. Stakes that include our future in the constantly changing utility landscape-where we are strongly placed today-to battling our biggest employer, Con Edison for a fair and decent agreement. Many of you still remember the bitter taste of the Lockout in 2012. Con Ed broke its trust and tried to break us. Con Ed failed.

I can tell you we will be more than ready.

So much has changed in the utility industry since 2012 it might as well have been in another century. We have a terrific opportunity in these upcoming negotiations to secure a firmer, better future for our Union at Con Ed and for all the other companies where we work.

Solidarity and Unity will become increasingly important in the coming months. Buckle up and be ready. Apathy is lethal.



#### A Message from Vice President William Smith I extend my my wishes for Happy

# Holidays and a Happy New Year!

Brothers and Sisters, like President Shillitto, I extend my wishes for Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

Before the New Year gets here, we have a Membership Meeting where we conduct business

on behalf of the Union. Membership Meetings allow us to hear what our Union is doing. Membership Meetings often serve to reconnect Members from different parts of the companies where we work. Most of us enjoy doing service to our Union by showing up to the Membership Meeting and engaging in fellowship and unity. The pride of being a Local 1-2 Member.

At the Membership Meeting you will hear from the President on the current state of Loal 1-2. You will hear about upcoming events and contracts. If you have questions about the Meeting or the Union you can address the President from the microphone. And in this age of hybrid meetings, you can email questions for the meeting.

What Membership Meetings are not designed for is grandstanding from the floor that are not pertinent to

the matters at hand, and generally are bitching about the job.

The solution to this is that our Senior Business Agents and our Business Agents are present and available for any particular individual concerns or concerns of your

work group. They will hear you out and follow-up on your concerns or complaints.

We all understand that, at times, meetings can become heated. Boiling over is still a no-go verbally or physically.

In December we will be bringing good news about Local 1-2, and we will begin talking about upcoming negotiations, especially with Con Edison.

We want every Member who is able to come to the Membership Meeting in-person or online. You are

assured that you will be heard, but a meeting is not the place to address the Membership from the microphone or generate violence between us.

We have work to do. Be there in the spirit of Unity and Solidarity. Remember, the Boss is not your friend, Local 1-2 is.



### WE ARE BUSY, LABOR WORKS



Great day for Local 1-2 and Labor Assistance Professionals. We had a chance to celebrate the 32nd annual LAP luncheon with our dedicated staff of Local 1-2 counselors that not only help people recover from the disease of addiction, they also help our members get back to work and get their lives back, Thank you Sara, Donnie, Val, and All Labor Assistance Processionals!



Representatives from UWUA including National President James Slevin, Local 1-2 President Jim Shillitto, Senior Business Agent Darryl Taylor, Local 1-2 Safety Director Thomas Cunningham, Business Agent Robert Griffin and others attended a ceremony at the plaque for the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory. Knowing and honoring our labor history is an important part of building the future that workers deserve.

# LOCAL 1-2 LABOR DAY PARADE



## LOCAL 1-2 WOMEN'S CAUCUS LEADS CANCER WALK

On Sunday, October 15 in Central Park, UWUA Local 1-2 leadership and members walked in support of breast cancer survivors as part of the Susan G Komen Race for the Cure. One Person Can Make A Difference!



# HERE WE ARE: LOCAL 1-2 OUT IN THE FIELD







#### **Co-chairpersons**

Marion Clark Diane Miskiewicz Chris Solomou Walter Klinke Ed Nicholson Mark Pasquale

#### Christmas Gifts for Rosary Hill 62nd Anniversary 1961 - 2023

For 2023, 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

#### t this Holiday Season.

#### In memory of Joe Caradonna and our brothers and sisters who succumbed to the virus

#### Please make your checks payable to ROSARY HILL

(PLEASE NOTE ON CHECKS: "Servants of Relief for Incurable cancer" to submit for Company match contributions)

Neal Sullivan, Bob Cantalupo, Charles Mulligan
Pete Acocella, Chris Katzman
Scott Adrian, Bobby Czyzak, Frank Carigliano, Christine Goh
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Jim Slevin, National President

Please submit your donation by, **Monday**, **December 18**, **2023**. We will meet between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, **December 19**, **2023** at the Union Office, 5 West Cross St., Hawthorne (next to the Post Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor). The Phone # is 914-747-0309 if anyone needs to check in.

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





## Hear the magic this holiday season



Don't miss out on the magical sounds of the season with family and friends. The Union Plus Hearing Program offers members and their families discounts on multiple state-of-the-art, brand-name hearing aids and other hearing savings.

Schedule your free hearing exam\* today (a \$75 value).

Free hearing exam

Our specialists are available at 877-583-7071

\*Free hearing exam at participating Amplifon providers

UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO LOCAL 1-2 Consolidated Statement of Financial Position March 31, 2023

Consolidated Total	\$ 597,498 179,147	776,645	73,867 4,802	78,669	7,491	862,805	1,176,395 20,614	11,040,014	13,140,083	\$ 14,002,888
Holding Corporation (Without Donor Restrictions)	\$ 387,885	387,885				387,885		11,343,074	11,943,074	\$ 12,330,959
Union Total	\$ 209,613 179,147	388,760	73,867 4,802	78,669	7,491	474,920	1,176,395 20,614	"	1,197,009	\$ 1,671,929
Eliminations	ω.		- - (2,717,052)	(2,717,052)		(2,717,052)		"		\$ (2,717,052)
Building Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	\$ 46,633	46,633	17,082 - 1,582,661	1,599,743		1,646,376		"		\$ 1,646,376
Political Action Fund (With Donor Restrictions)	\$ 18,750	18,750	- - 19,500	19,500		38,250		"	"	\$ 38,250
Defense Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	\$ 179,147	179,147	- 4,802 1,114,891	1,119,693		1,298,840	1,138,271 -	"	1,138,271	\$ 2,437,111
General Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	\$ 144,230	144,230	56,785	56,785	7,491	208,506	38,124 20,614	'	58,738	\$ 267,244
ASSETS	Current assets: Cash and cash equivalents: Cash Cash equivalents	Total cash and cash equivalents	Receivables: Dues Interest Due from other funds	Total receivables	Prepaid expenses	Total current assets	Non-current assets: Long-term investments Security deposits Property assets, not of accumulated depreciation		Total non-current assets	Total assets

Consolidated Total	1,361,266 22,600 6,516,152	7,900,018	65,134	65,134	7,965,152	6,037,736	\$ 14,002,888
Holding Corporation (Without Donor C Restrictions)	\$ 6,516,152	6,516,152		"	6,516,152	5,814,807	\$ 12,330,959 \$
Union Total	\$ 1,361,266 22,600	1,383,866	65,134	65,134	1,449,000	222,929	\$ 1,671,929
Eliminations	\$ 	(2,717,052)	"	"	(2,717,052)	"	\$ (2,717,052)
Building Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	φ	1		"	·	1,646,376	\$ 1,646,376
Political Action Fund (With Donor Restrictions)				"	ı	38,250	38,250
Defense Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	θ	"		"	ı	2,437,111	2,437,111 \$
General Fund (Without Donor (( Restrictions)	\$ 1,361,266 \$ 22,600 - 2,717,052	4,100,918	65,134	65,134	4,166,052	(3,898,808)	\$ 267,244 \$
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	Current liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Liability for supplemental pension plan - current portion Mortgage payable Due to other funds	Total current liabilities	Non-current liabilities: Liability for supplemental pension plan - non-current portion	Total non-current liabilities	Total liabilities	Net assets	Total liabilities and net assets

UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO LOCAL 1-2 Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Continued) March 31, 2023

				Three Months			
	General Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	Defense Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	Political Action Fund (With Donor Restrictions)	Building Fund (Without Donor Restrictions)	Union Total	Holding Corporation (Without Donor Restrictions)	Consolidated Total
Revenue: Dues and initiation fees Interest and dividends Rental income Other Net assets released from restrictions	\$ 2,118,230 316 - 1,000	ه 10,550	\$ 	\$ 185,613	\$ 2,303,843 10,866 10,867	\$ 84,267	\$ 2,303,843 10,866 84,267 160
Total revenue	2,119,706	10,550	(1,000)	185,613	2,314,869	84,267	2,399,136
Expenses: Program services: Member services Supporting activities: Management and general	2,315,630 413,124	1,057 264			2,316,687 413,388	52,382	2,316,687 465,770
Total expenses	2,728,754	1,321			2,730,075	52,382	2,782,457
Change in net assets	(609,048)	9,229	(1,000)	185,613	(415,206)	31,885	(383,321)
Net assets: Beginning of period	(3,308,214)	2,427,882	39,250	2,033,035	1,191,953	5,229,104	6,421,057
Transfers	18,454			(572,272)	(553,818)	553,818	"
End of period	\$ (3,898,808)	\$ 2,437,111	\$ 38,250	\$ 1,646,376	\$ 222,929	\$ 5,814,807	\$ 6,037,736

# UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO LOCAL 1-2 Consolidated Statement of Activities For the three months ended March 31, 2023

# UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO LOCAL 1-2 Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses For the three months ended March 31, 2023

Total	<pre>\$ 1,654,651 663,134 131,399 35,733 127,402 6,416 163,722</pre>	\$ 2,782,457
Supporting Activities Management and General	330,930 - 26,280 14,982 59,551 1,283 32,744	465,770
Program Services Services	\$ 1,323,721 \$ 663,134 105,119 20,751 67,851 5,133 130,978	\$ 2,316,687
	Salaries, benefits and related costs Per capita taxes Travel, meetings, conventions and negotiations Occupancy costs Office expenses Donations Professional fees	Total expenses

## **SCENES FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING**





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### UWUA LOCAL 1-2 In Person Meeting

Place: Salvation Army Headquarters 120 West 14th Street, New York, NY 10011 Date: Thursday December 7, 2023

**Time:** 5:15 P.M.

#### **This Will Also Be a Virtual Meeting on Zoom** Admission Only To Members In Good Standing

**To Register:** Send your name, personal email, the Company you work for, and your employee number to localmeeting@uwua1-2.org by 12:00 noon on December 7, 2023

**Please note:** NO COMPANY EMAILS WILL BE ACCEPTED and if you register you will automatically be invited to the next three regular Virtual Union Meetings (registration is go od for one year).

Questions and comments under New Business, Old Business, or Good of the Union should be sent via your personal email to localquestion@uwua1-2.org by 12:00 noon the day before the meeting.

We look forward to you attending.

NOTE NEW MEETING START TIME

Fraternally, John Capra Secretary-Treasurer