



LOCAL 1-2 UPDATE
MEMBERSHIP MEETING THIS THURSDAY,
SHOW UP, STAND UP, VOTE

The September Membership Meeting is this Thursday at 6:15 pm at the High School of Fashion Industries, 225 W. 24th St. in Manhattan, where Local 1-2 will be conducting a secret ballot vote as required by Local 1-2 By-Laws. Please attend and add your voice.

While the bad taste that Kevin Burke left in our mouth over the Lockout will never go away, we need each and every one of you to remain united and strong in the coming months and years. We are pressing Con Ed on a couple of fronts following the Lockout including regular meetings with our legislators and our own filings with the Public Service Commission. And unless we stay strong and united as proud Members of the Middle-Class, Kevin Burke and his 1% will never rest until they make all workers their chattel and bootlickers. Just ask Mitt Romney, who wants to implement a federal "Right to Work" law. Bye-bye job if he pulls that off.

UWUA National Vice President John Duffy, formerly our Local 1-2 VP, came across the following blog post written in July from a 1% Union-hater and resident of Westhampton Beach where Kevin Burke "summers," when he's not taking away health care from people with cancer. We hope it adds insight into what Unions and Union Members are up against from the rich when it comes to workers like us. Read it and laugh:

"U.W.U.A. 1-2 activists come into Westhampton Beach, no part of which is serviced by Consolidated Edison, and litter the area because the President/Chief Executive Officer of the utility lives in the neighborhood! What a bunch of low lifes I've never doubted that unionized labor was a necessary adjunct of the post-Civil War 19th and early 20th centuries in the United States... the American workforce might not have survived without unions.

However, some of the unions began to "go bad" 100 years ago as detailed in "A History of Organized Felony and Folly: The Record of Union Labor in Crime and Economics."

But I am a product of the 1940s and thereafter, and overwhelmingly the view from here is that unions breed sloth, ineptitude, despotical leadership and corruption on a massive scale... the names John L. Lewis, Jimmy Hoffa, Mike Quill and Albert Shanker come too easily to mind."

So, there you have it. This is what Burke and his Hampton neighbors think of you and, for that matter, the giants of Labor who created the middle-class in this great country. This is what Burke and his ilk think of you most of the time-except when the lights go out. And that's what Burke and his 1% cronies across the country think of you, your families and Unions. We say fight back.

You should not have to put up with attitudes like this from Burke, Ivey, Adamo and their "rule the world" cronies. No one should, and certainly not the people who do the work from which they grab their riches. We prefer to stand with our Union Brothers and Sisters.

Please come to the Membership Meeting. Otherwise, eventually, Burke and his very nasty friends will take away everything you ever worked for and then tell you you're lucky to have a job. Brothers and Sisters the stakes are that high!

APATHY IS LETHAL!