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ABOUT THIS COVER
Construction workers and all Americans celebrated on May 10 as the final piece of the World Trade Center spire was set in place.
Dear Brothers and Sisters:

On the Fourth of July we celebrate the 237th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. I sincerely hope you and your families enjoyed the day, and took a moment to contemplate the courage and foresight of our Founding Fathers.

It is equally important we remind ourselves that the first week of July marked the 150th anniversary of the Battle at Gettysburg, the bloodiest battle of Civil War: a conflict which ultimately preserved the United States.

In the next few months and on November 5th New Yorkers will be asked to vote — as many as three times — to elect a new Mayor, a new Comptroller, and what will be a new City Council.

The end result of that process will chart the course our City will take for the next four years and beyond.

There is no better way to celebrate the freedoms bestowed upon us by the Founding Fathers which were preserved with the blood and sacrifice of those courageous soldiers at Gettysburg and on battlefields throughout the world — than by exercising our right to vote!

It is the time for working New Yorkers to stand up, stand together and take back our City! Our 6,000 members, our families and our neighbors can make a difference. Working together we possess the power to start the process of restoring our City to its glory.

That process begins by casting a ballot.

Remember we are voting for other offices beyond the race for Mayor. In the Citywide races our board urges you to support your vote for Scott Stringer for Comptroller; and Letitia James for Public Advocate.

We have also provided a list of candidates in races throughout the city. These candidates have demonstrated a strong record for defending worker’s rights and the labor movement as a whole.

We urge you to support them.

No matter how you feel about the men and women we have endorsed, please honor those who have sacrificed to preserve your right to choose — VOTE!

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JOHN LIU

The decision was not influenced on the latest polls, reports of scandals — whether actual or alleged — or single issue politics. Ours was a decision of conscience.

John Liu has always stood up for our families; for the working men and women who have made this city great. John Liu has fought to protect the prevailing wage for the skilled trades, worked to preserve the integrity of our licensing procedures at our worksites, and as Comptroller fought Mayor Michael Bloomberg to expose the notorious CityTime Scandal and the sweetheart Marriott Marquis tax abatement which will cost the City more than $345 million in revenue.

As the labor candidate John Liu has stood up for us, and now we are proud to stand up and endorse John Liu.

We are equally proud to have stood with New York City IUOE Coalition and IUOE Local 14 President Ed Christian; IUOE Local 15 President Dan Schneider; IUOE Local 30 President Jack Ahern; IUOE Local 211 President David McCredo; and IUOE Local 891 President Robert Troeller on the steps of City Hall as our 18,000 member coalition was among the first to endorse John Liu.

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Cast Your Vote

New York City Council District Endorsements

District 1: Margaret Chin
District 2: Rosie Mendez
District 3: Yitta Kurland
District 4: Daniel Garodnick
District 5: Micah Kellner
District 6: Noah Gotbaum
District 7: Mark Levine
District 8: Melissa Mark-Viverito
District 9: Inez Dickens
District 10: Ydanis Rodriguez
District 11: Andrew Cohen
District 12: Andy King
District 13: James Vacca
District 14: Fernando Cabrera
District 15: Ritchie Torres
District 16: Vanessa Gibson
District 17: Maria del Carmen Arroyo
District 18: Austin Shfran
District 20: Peter Koo
District 21: Julissa Ferreras
District 22: Costa Constantines
District 23: Mark Weprin
District 24: Rory Lancman
District 25: Daniel Dromm
District 26: Jimmy Van Bramer
District 27: Daniece Miller
District 28: Karen Koslowitz
District 30: Elizabeth Crowley
District 31: Donovan Richards
District 32: Eric Ulrich
District 33: Stephen Levin
District 34: Antonio Reynoso
District 36: Kirsten John Foy
District 37: Rafael Espinal
District 38: Sara Gonzalez
District 39: Brad Lander
District 40: Mathieu Eugene
District 41: Darlene Mealy
District 42: Inez Barron
District 43: Vincent Gentile
District 45: Jumaane Williams
District 46: Alan Maisel
District 47: John Lisyanskiy
District 48: Chaim Deutsch
District 49: Debi Rose
District 50: Mendy Mirocznik
District 51: Vincent Ignizio

Local Endorsements

After dozens of meetings and interviews with the candidates the IUOE Local 94 Executive Board has endorsed the following candidates for City Council. We have listed the candidates by District. The names of the incumbents are in bold type.

We urge you to support these candidates who by reputation and promise will stand up for our families and our interests.
Sitting between 55th and 56th Streets in midtown Manhattan 1740 Broadway is easily recognized by New Yorkers and tourists alike by the iconic 150-foot tall “Weather Star” tower on its roof. The 26-story, 580,000 square-foot office tower is owned and operated by Vornado Realty Trust.

While the building may be more than 60 years old, a major modernization program launched by Vornado in 2010 under the direction of then newly hired Chief Engineer Ken Fais has made 1740 a noteworthy example of sustainable operations and maintenance. Those efforts not only resulted in earning 1740 a successful LEED EB Silver certification in 2011, but they also reduced energy consumption by more than 20% since 2010 (resulting in hundreds of thousands in annual savings), and increased the Energy Star rating from 78 in 2010 to 91 in 2013.

With more than 36 years in the building industry, Chief Engineer Ken Fais helped to develop a plan to revamp the building’s mechanical systems and operations, with a diligent focus on base building operations and controls.

Using recommendations from the audit and retro commissioning reports, combined with his own experience with automation and VFDs he developed a new building controls strategy. Perhaps most importantly, he also spent an enormous amount of time training his team of engineers and helpers to run and maintain the mechanical systems to optimize performance while minimizing energy consumption.

Just a few weeks ago, Fais and his best-in-class Engineering Team were presented with the Urban Green Council’s EBie “The All Rounder” Award for their efforts. “It was a special night for Vornado and for the efforts of our entire team,” said Fais.

In addition to Anthony Ioannou, the Property Manager for 1740, the building’s Engineering Staff consists of Jesus Ramirez, Assistant Chief; Andy Iorio, Engineer; and Carlos Arevalo and Gene Rivera, Helpers.

Other improvements included the installation of six secondary steam valves; and metered tie-in of all of this equipment to Vornado’s web-based Energy Information Portal (EIP) for continuous monitoring and evaluation.

In addition to the energy improvements, all plumbing fixtures were upgraded to meet and exceed LEED EB requirements. And even the lights in the Weather Tower were replaced with LED bulbs.

Together these projects dramatically changed the energy needed to heat and cool the building, leading to a 20% decrease in the building’s energy intensity (kBtu/ft²), including a 19% decrease in electricity between 2010 and 2012, and a 15% reduction in steam consumption, while running a fully occupied building.

To further the building’s efforts in energy reduction, the crew has a proactive relationship with their tenant base, and engages them to curb their energy consumption. Sub-metered tenants get the direct financial benefit of their reduction – which can be visualized and quantified on Vornado’s EIP.

At the forefront of Vornado’s sustainability programs, 1740 is poised to re-certify its LEED status at the Gold level. Through improvements to the operations, infrastructure and tenant relations at the building, 1740 Broadway serves as a model of sustainable, smart building technology in a 1950s legacy building.
It is dealing with portions of a 100 year-old infrastructure. “There is so much old piping and everything is so densely layered. Sometimes it’s like the building is a giant jigsaw puzzle,” said Cruz.

According to Kohlbrecher few, if any, of the original plans can be found, if they still exist at all. “There are no plumbing diagrams, no electrical riser diagrams, there’s a lot of detective work involved,” said Cruz. “You can start tracing a line or pipe looking to find one thing when you’ll find something you were looking for months ago. There’s a lot of mystery,” he said.

Solving those mysteries and building on retro upgrades and improvements made more than 25 years ago have forced the team to develop the skills to modify and repair existing systems at optimum efficiency. “With all the historic stuff around here there’s a lot of hands-on repair. It requires us to be very thoughtful in thinking things out to make what needs to be done happen,” said Thirkield.

Although steam is now bought from Con Ed, one of the original coal-fired furnaces still sits in the sub-basement. All the while new limited steam controls are now in the process of being installed. At the top of the building three Carrier 800-ton centrifugal chillers operate on a top floor room. Two of the units which date back nearly 40 years underwent retrofit upgrades in 1997.

“Originally they used R-11 and they use R-123. The other is still operating on R-11,” said Kohlbrecher. At the same time two water towers were moved to the roof. Today, other bigger changes and challenges are on the horizon. “One of our tasks now is to look at a plan for long term upgrades and replacement,” noted Kohlbrecher.

Unlike its neighboring Woolworth Building and Verizon’s Headquarters at 140 Water Street which are converting part of their space to residential, 195 Broadway will remain true to its commercial roots. Earlier this year the publishing firm of Harper Collins agreed to lease 180,000 square-feet of space at 195 Broadway. That deal is apparently just the first of a series of changes from the marble-rich lobby to the roof. Other plans call for retail development in the lobby. “Converting that space is very complicated because of our landmark status. Everything must be replicated to the original,” said Kohlbrecher.

“There are some spectacular water views from the roof,” said Kohlbrecher, “perfect for a rooftop restaurant.”

Ancient Design Meets Modern Efficiencies at 195 Broadway

Constructed as the home to AT&T and Western Union the landmark building at 195 Broadway has stood for nearly a century, and yet its operating systems are efficient enough to have earned an Energy Star award more than 25 years ago. It is the responsibility of Chief Engineer Neil Thirkield and his Local 94 team including Assistant Chief Johnny Cruz, Alphonso Franco, Sean Lally, Jose Vallines and Vincent Licato to attain 21st century efficiencies within the 20th century landmark.

Designed by William Welles Bosworth the 26-story, one-million-square-foot neo-classical tower was constructed in three-phases between 1912 and 1923. The building’s nearly 200 horizontal columns pay homage to the Rome of Cicero and Cesar. The breathtaking lobby with its 50 oversized marble Doric columns, vaulted ceiling, and brass and alabaster chandeliers evoke the atmosphere of the Parthenon in ancient Greece. It is believed 195 Broadway contains more marble than any other building in New York. For all the eye-catching marble, granite and bronze it is the responsibility of the Thirkield’s team to maintain efficiencies and ensure the comfort of the tenants. According to Assistant Chief Johnny Cruz, many times the biggest challenge the three phases so seamlessly and were able to match all the marble and granite, exclaimed Wayne Kohlbrecher the property manager for the building’s owner L. & L. Holdings. “The design was intended to replicate ancient Greece and Rome and actually reference the Parthenon,” added Kohlbrecher.

“It’s amazing how they constructed the building’s nearly 200 horizontal columns pay homage to the Rome of Cicero and Cesar. It is the responsibility of the Thirkield’s team to maintain efficiencies and ensure the comfort of the tenants.”
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2013 Service Award Recipients

With many joined by family and friends more than 100 Local 94 engineers were recognized for their service during June 12 ceremonies at the HTC Auditorium.

**45 Years of Service**

John Campbell
Robert Cicciari

**40 Years of Service**

Salvatore Alini
Richard Bailey
Michael Balenzano
Louis Belfiore
Kenrick Blackett
Robby Brybag
Savior Buttigieg
Michael Caparino
John Carozzi
Fernando Chacon
Ted Chambers
Burt Cibelli
Oscar Clarke
Frederic Colin
Anthony Colton, Sr.
Joseph Coniglio
Patrick Connell
Kalev Dekastriozza
Angelo Deservio
Raymond Dowie
Edward Duke
Robert Eichert
Edward Failla
Arthur Favero
Anthony Febrazi
Stephen Ferber
David Finnigan
Michael Fowler
William Franceschini
Julio Garcia
Vincent Gatt
Dennis Gomez

**35 Years of Service**

Antonio Agazzi
Mark Bateman
Matthew Bilotti
Anthony Casale, Sr.
Fong Chan
Robert Coffey
Michael Daly
Matthew Feeley, Jr.
George Fellows
Richard Fernandez
Edwinn Figler, Jr.
Theodore Horlebein
Jeffrey Hoyt
John Kramer
Zivan Kurtin
James Lagan
Kevin Ledwith
Robert Licato
Carmine Macchia, Jr.
Timothy Malloy
Jeffrey Maughn
Robert McComiskey, Jr.
James Mullen, Jr.
James Murphy
Patrick Murray
David Peacock
Wilfredo Perez
Nicholas Pizzone
Louis Pollina
Paul Reese
Paul Repetto
Jerry Rudzinski
Robert Scudieri
Eric Srotthann
Michael Tomczek
John Twardowski
Patrick Walsh
Hugh Warren
Michael Werring

**30 Years of Service**

Vincent Anello
Kevin Brown
James Burke
Robert Burns
Richard Costello
Michael D’Alessio
Gary Dunn
Michael Gilmour
Michael Haviariz
James Hutchison
Cedrick Joseph
Edward Lobue
William Mallia, Sr
Robert McLoughlin
Michael Morris
Michal Murphy
Salvatore Ribbot
John Seehof
John Speirs
Andrew Stranach
Walter Symanski
Andrew Travero
Gerhard Haub
John Hetlyn
Gerard Hodel
Dennis Hofmann
Douglas Hoyt
Paul Hudson
Syed Hussain
David Iocco
Thomas Kastner
Kevin Keating
Job Keenan
James Kelly
Paul Kelly
Mark Kennedy
Joseph Kraus
Vincent Laino
Dante Landi, Jr.
Carl Langner, Jr.
Louis Lautza
Baron Leverich
Wilson Lorenzo
Richard Magnani, Jr.
Thomas Magorrian
Walter Malher
Pedro Marrero
Michael Mascher
John Mastorakis
Michael Meginley
Christopher Menutly
Anthony Messina
Vincent Moncello, Jr.
Frederick Moore
James Morrissey
Kenneth Nardo
Joseph Natai
Rocky Nelson
Richard Nuccio
Nelson Ocasio, Jr.
Kevin Oeufled
James O’Neil
Peter Panagiotatos
Joseph Passenjato
Joseph Pelleciio
John Peterson
Edwin Quiles
Kevin Ridder
Joseph Riggio
Philip Russo, Sr.
Alejandro Sacerio
Belisario Sanvelo
Louis Scaduto
Thomas Silverberg
William Skidis
Tommy Stellaborte
John Sullivan
Joseph Szabo
Maxine Thomas
Matthew Thompson
Robert Thompson
Neal Troiano
George Tsapelas
Robert Velez
William Vella
George Vieiro
Peter Zask
Among those singled out for special recognition and presented with plaques for their service to the local were three members of the Local 94 Executive Board: Business Agent and Treasurer John Kramer (35 years); Business Agent/Auditor Ray Macco (25 years) and Trustee Gerald Steicher (25 years).
The natatorium was one of two, brick and cinder block modules attached like wings to the school to help meet the needs of the growing student population.

“We did lose some trees in front of the school and the natatorium was actually built over a sunken garden. It was really quite nice, people from the neighborhood would come, sit under the trees and have picnics,” recalled Condon.

There were other less visible changes as well. In 2003, the Department of Education contracted with Temco and from 2004 to 2007 Condon was named Building Manager overseeing the staff of 16 maintenance employees.

When Temco was replaced by ABM in 2008 Condon stayed on as the only Local 94 employee at the school.

Like many Local 94 fireman Condon holds licenses for sprinkler system, interior fire alarm, boiler, as well as AED and air pollution certificates. And, unlike others he holds a pool operator license.

Whether he is cutting keys or making another large or small repair, Condon must always find the time for the maintenance of the 268,000 gallon swimming pool. “We have to meet some very strict health department standards. Chlorine and pH must be monitored and logged three times a day, every day,” said Condon.

Every Sunday he’s back at the school to backwash the sand filter and vacuums the pool.

“Just a beautiful, beautiful place. It’s a big school with 4,800 students so there is always something to do. And the kids here are all very nice. We’ve never had problems here.”

The four-story red brick building adorned with six columns outside its main entrance is a familiar Bay Ridge landmark.

And like school districts and schools everywhere Fort Hamilton High School has undergone many changes. And perhaps never more so than over the course of Condon’s career. “When I was first hired in 1981 the custodian asked me if I had any fears about wearing a window belt. Of course I said no.

“Let me tell you I had second thoughts when hanging out a fourth floor window trying to manipulate putty to repair a broken pane in February,” Condon said with a laugh.

Newly installed windows eliminated many of the problems from the old eight-pane windows; and four new, gas-fired burners have replaced the old oil burners.

“When I started here we were using Number 6 oil, then Number 4 then and later Number 2. Now, we have a brand new boiler room, said Condon. “Not only do the new boilers burn cleaner, I don’t have to come out in middle of the night to check if we have enough oil.”

The one change most talked about throughout the school and entire Bay Ridge community is the $5.3 million Olympic-size swimming pool which dates to the late 1980’s. “We don’t call it a pool it’s the Natatorium,” said Condon.

“Of course, when they told us they were going to add a natatorium I had no idea what they were talking about,” Codon added with a smile.

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Kuba Brown, Entire Executive Board Unanimously Re-elected

What began as a series of meetings to nominate Local 94 officers ended with the unanimous re-election of Business Manager and President Kuba Brown and the entire Local 94 team.

“I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart,” said Brown in thanking the members at the last of the day’s three nomination meetings. “To be the guy with 6,000 people standing behind him...well, it means a lot.”

Proof of that support was demonstrated throughout the day when increasingly larger audiences Brown and the executive board were re-elected by acclamation.

Attendance at the 5 p.m. session was so large there were not enough chairs in the room. “The fact that we had didn’t have enough chairs at the start of this meeting has sent a strong message to the leadership,” exclaimed Financial Secretary Robert Zimmer. “It shows your belief in the leadership. "And the leadership believes in you. You are the union. You are the people we represent,“ added Zimmer.

One after another each officer addressed the audience to express their appreciation for the support they received. “I cannot tell you how proud I am to be a part of this union and this team,” said Recording Secretary Tom Hart. “It is an honor and a privilege to serve you”.

In his remarks Brown reminded the membership of some of the many accomplishments attained over the course of the past nine years. “Eight and a half years ago the Health Fund was $8.5 million in the hole. Today we’re $100 million in the black!”

“Nine years ago people said there were not enough people coming to the meetings. We gave you three meetings a day. You made us proud by the way you responded. “You told us you wanted a mic on the floor (and I remember the days when we used a bullhorn), well, we have a mic on the floor. Then turning to the stage behind him Brown added, “And we walk the floor with you. There is no reason for us to speak to you from a stage. “You are my friends, my supporters, and I believe in you and I am grateful that you believe in me,” said Brown.

“I am also very proud because you are better than any other operating engineer union in America. No one takes more pride in their work than our members. Forty years ago when I started in this trade we were considered nothing more than high-priced janitors,” Brown noted.

“That was then. Today you bring a knowledge and skill and are leaders in sustainability and you take pride in your work. I am especially proud that you never say you can’t do a job. Operating Engineers take on challenges and find a way to get the job done. You take on those tough challenges every day!”

Brown then challenged the membership to bring that same attitude toward the fight to restore and rebuild the middle class and provide a future for our children and grandchildren.

“As a union we must now take on the movement against the American worker. We must get rid of right-to-work laws. Laws which have lowered wages, eliminated benefits, and destroyed the middle class. We must make a strong commitment to take on those right-to-work laws and restore the middle class and provide opportunities for all Americans.”

The newly elected officers will be installed at the 5 p.m. General Membership meeting on September 11, 2013.

LOCAL 94 OFFICERS

Business Manager/President
Kuba J. Brown

Business Agent/Assistant Business Manager/vice President
Thomas Costello

Recording Secretary
Thomas Hart

Business Agent/Treasurer
John Kramer

Business Agent/Auditor
Michael Gadaleta

Business Agent/Trade
Raymond Macco

Business Agent/Trustee
Jack Redden

Business Agent/Trustee
Kelly Drummond

Trustee
Robert Zimmer

Trustee
Eddie Burke

Trustee
John Cancio

Trustee
Gerard Steichen

Auditor
Anthony Fusalo

Council Member Margaret Chin Hails Chiefs for Local 94 Sandy Response

Council Member Margaret Chin praised Local 94’s response to Sandy and sought input on dealing with future storms at the April Chief’s meeting.

The councilwoman, who represents Lower Manhattan was the featured speaker for the gathering of some 80 chiefs and assistant chiefs at the United Federation of Teachers building.

“Guys were out there working 24/7 throughout the storm,” said Chin. “You got those buildings up and running.”

Beyond the response to Sandy, Chin wanted to hear about the problems engineers faced to ensure those problems are avoided in the future. The councilwoman got an earful as chiefs described everything from communications failures in dealing with Con Ed, to obtaining permission to work in the atriums, plazas and other public spaces in their buildings.

“Hearing your stories is why I came here. Your voices should be heard, you need to sit on the New York City Resiliency Task Force.”

Testing, Training also Discussed

Other speakers at the nearly three-hour meeting included FDNY Director of Public Certification and Education Steven Ertrachter, who provided insight and information on upcoming changes in the Certificates of Fitness examination procedures and the introduction of new exams. (See pages 22-23)

Attorney’s Greg Hach and Michael Rose provided information and fielded questions relating to Workers Compensation.

Howard Styles provided information on the new training courses and materials added to the Training Center. And, Zach Stern discussed and sought input from the audience on the introduction of several new courses on sustainability including new equipment.
Local 94 Engineers Launch New Technology at The New School

When The New School decided to put up a new University Center on Fifth Avenue sustainability was as important as comfort and innovative design. “This building was designed to meet the highest energy efficient Green Standards,” explained New School Facilities Manager Thomas Whalen.

“What we have is an incredibly complex series of systems including 14 CALMAC ice storage tanks, a cogeneration plant, and internal graywater and blackwater sewer treatment systems. We’ve even incorporated things as simple as light shelves which bounce natural light into the room reducing the need for electric lighting,” added Whalen.

The innovative building will open with a LEED Gold rating. And because no matter how complex or sophisticated a system may be, it’s only as efficient as engineers who operate them. With that in mind, and a recommendation from the Durst Organization, the building’s developer, Whalen turned to Local 94.

“When we looked at the level of equipment we would be running, we realized we needed engineers who were highly trained and technically skilled. As we looked around we found that the candidates who came to us from 94 had solid training and a strong mechanical background. Not to take anything away from anyone, but we felt Local 94 was our best option,” said Whalen.

The new 375,000 square-foot, 16-story University Center which is located on the east side of Fifth Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets features 230,000 square feet of academic and communal space on the lower seven floors; and a 608-bed student residence on the upper nine floors.

With the student residence scheduled to open in mid-August, Whalen began putting his team together during construction. The first hires were Chief Engineer Rich Lavino and Assistant Chief Ray Batista who have been working in the building during the construction. Engineers Phil Mattos, Anthony Vitola and Sean Carey followed. Three more engineers will be coming on board later this month.

The entire team is excited and energized by the challenges presented by the start-up. “It’s a unique opportunity,” said Lavino. “You just don’t see these types of systems built for a building this size. We are walking into a state-of-art system. It is going to be a great learning tool for the guys who come in here and for Local 94,” he added. “What is most important is everyone takes ownership. We’re confident we have the people here who will treat this building as if it’s their own home.”

According to Whalen the Local 94 crew has already lived up to Lavino’s expectations. “There are always going to be problems with a start-up. What we’re seeing is the level of dedication necessary to get the project off to a good start.” “These guys are not just over there sling wrenches. Along with the high level of skill there is a sense of taking ownership; and they shrink from nothing. ‘If something needs to be done they do it.’ And the demand for performance will remain high. According to Batista, the natural gas fueled 256 kW cogeneration plant is expected produce as much as 30% of the electricity, and the graywater/blackwater treatment plants should reduce potable water usage by more than 70% and sewer discharge by nearly 90%.

“But it is up to us to make sure those systems, and all the systems perform to those levels,” he said. “Maintaining these systems is our challenge. Everyone is excited by the opportunity to learn but we also have to make sure it all works.”

And with every piece of equipment metered and monitored the crew is confident they will create the baseline that will meet even their high expectations.

The building won’t open until next month but Local 94 crew (l to r) Sean Carey, Assistant Chief Ray Battista, Anthony Vitola and Phil Mattos are in place and excited by the new Green challenges.

“When we looked at the level of equipment we would be running, we realized we needed engineers who were highly trained and technically skilled. We found that the candidates who came to us from 94 had the stronger background.”

Tom Hart
Let’s hear it for the nearly 40 Local 94 members and staffers who took the time and donated blood during the April 10th Blood Drive held at the Training Center.

The blood donations were accepted from 10 am to 3 pm with many of the donations made before and after the general membership meetings held throughout the day at the Hotel Trades Council auditorium.

Along with the standard post donation servings of fruit, cookies and juice, everyone who donated blood were automatically entered into a drawing for a pair of tickets to a New York Yankees game. John Fox won the tickets.

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who took the time to make a donation the big winner was the Red Cross.

So once again we say thank you to the Local 94 members and staffers who made a donation.

2013 Golf Outing

The calendar said May but the winds blew as if it were March or October. Yet, on May 13 hundreds of intrepid Local 94 members and supporters headed out to Staten Island for the annual Spring Golf Outing.

Touraments were played at both La Tourette and South Shore with everyone from both courses gathering at the Old Bermuda Inn for dinner and the awards ceremonies.

“Captain and Crew” was the format and the final scores were tabulated under the Calloway Scoring System. Team and individual prizes were awarded to players from each course.

Charlie Cerimond, Dave Kramer, Peter Peplinski and Tom Piotrowski won the top prize at LaTourette with a score of 65. Tommy Piotrowski generously donated back his prize.

Chuck McGinley took “Closest to the Pin” honors on the 3d hole when his ball stopped 3 1/2 inches from the hole; M. Duffy’s ball stopped 6’ 8” from the pin to win the prize on 12.

Long Drive honors at LaTourette went to Joe Angelo who also donated back his prize.

The low score at South Shore was also a Calloway 65. The three-man team of Jim Shanahan, Jim Carbonaro and Pete Fiore turned in the winning score. The trio proved to be as generous as they were good when they donated the prize money back to the Scholarship Fund.

Golfers had three chances at “Closest to the Pin” honors at South Shore. Chuck Turner (3’ 6”) was closest on the difficult uphill 17th.

Romano proved to be as long as he was accurate also won the Long Drive competition and then donated back both his prizes!

Billy Macco won the 50/50 raffle and he too made a donation back to the Scholarship Fund. All-in-all it was great day for everyone and as always the Scholarship Fund was the big winner.

For those who like to plan ahead, next year’s outing will be held on Monday, May 12th.

In the meantime, don’t forget to get your tickets for the annual Family Picnic, Saturday, July 27.
Those who still think of Wall Street as stilted and stuffy obviously haven’t visited the Andaz Hotel located at 75 Wall Street. Opened in 2010 by Hyatt in what was once the home of Barclay’s Bank, the 253-room Andaz occupies the lower 17-floors of the 46-story tower between Water and Pearl Streets. The remaining upper floors are residential condominiums.

It is Supervising Engineer Nick Mehm edovic and his team of Norma Carbonaro, Daniel Camacho, Ken Wanta, John Ughomah, Anthony Marinelli and Giuseppe Galante, who are responsible for ensuring the engineering operations for the hotel.

From the time the hotel opened the Andaz crew has faced a nor’easter, two blizzards, and Hurricane Irene -- all before Superstorm Sandy hit last fall.

“We’ve had to face some challenges. Especially after Sandy,” said Mehm edovic.

Like many of engineer teams in lower Manhattan the crew at the Andaz was forced to work for several days without heat or electricity. “It was like being in a science fiction movie,” said Mehm edovic.

Carbonaro, who is one of only two women licensed watch engineers in Local 94, called it heartbreaking. “This was a new property and we’d been here since it opened. This is our house. Now it was freezing, there was contaminated water everywhere. We just went to work,” she said.

Forced to move from their basement offices by flooding; and with the BMS damaged by the water, the crew worked out of the seventh floor and had to troubleshoot each problem the old fashioned way.

“This was a situation when we realized we were engineers. We all get so used to having the BMS and solving problems with the computer,” said Carbonaro. “Working in those conditions helped us to realize how much we had grown as engineers.”

Carbonaro noted that while no one was laughing “for me, looking back it was fun.”

Fun or not, the effects of the storm are still being felt, especially on the hotel’s Concourse below street level where the spa, gym, meeting and conference spaces were damaged and have since been reconfigured and renovated.

And as with any hotel it is critical that the needs and whims of the guests be addressed. BMS allows the team to monitor any problem that crops up in any room. The team is equipped to make every repair. “We do everything and anything that needs to be done,” said Mehm edovic. “We do everything from unclogging a toilet, emergency carpentry or changing the pumps.”

Each of the engineers are also FDNY certified Fire Safety Directors. “Management takes fire safety very seriously. If there is any issue we have full power to correct any deficiencies – and immediately. There are no cutting corners and we have the full backing of our bosses,” said Carbonaro.

But it is the engineering that is at the heart of their workday. Operating with a two-pipe system and running the original 1984 equipment added to the challenge. Cooling is provided through three Trane three-stage centrifugal chillers. Heating and hot water are provided by steam.

“Our biggest challenges are in the spring and fall, when we have all the weather changes. If the steam system is on we have a warm day we have to manipulate the system ensure the building isn’t overheating; we have the opposite problem when the a/c is running and the temperature drops below 60 degrees,” said Carbonaro.

“That’s the stuff that makes you an engineer. And why I love to come to work everyday,” she added.
The FDNY has instituted numerous and critical changes in scheduling, testing and renewal of the required Certificates of Fitness. While most changes have been in effect since 2012, it is important everyone understands the new regulations and testing procedures.

When the new Fire Code went into effect on January 1, 2012 the W-12 C of F was rendered obsolete. All other C of F’s remain valid until their expiration date. At the same time that was happening, the FDNY introduced a series of updated new exams: S-12 (Citywide Sprinkler Systems); S-13 (Citywide Standpipe Systems); and S-14 (Multi-zone Standpipe Systems). FDNY Director of Public Certification and Education Steven Ertachter initially outlined the changes to the Local 94 Chief’s at their April meeting. As you have probably noticed, unlike the premise-specific W-12, the new exams and C of F’s are valid citywide. The S-14 exam was written to address the buildings of the future. Training doesn’t end with the mandatory programs for new members. That is why the Training Center offers our members ongoing classes in:

- Energy Conservation
- Indoor Air Quality
- Green Building Technology (BOC)
- Chief Engineer
- Critical Systems
- FSD/EAP for First Responders
- Advanced DDC BMS
- Energy Conservation
- Chief Engineer
- Basic Plumbing
- Practical Electricity
- Cooling Towers Operation & Maintenance
- Pump Operation & Maintenance
- Hand Tools
- Basic Boiler
- Critical Systems
- Energy Conservation
- Chief Engineer
- Critical Systems

The recent additions of new equipment has added to our State-of-the-Art Training Center’s ability to provide practical, hands-on learning. As Zach Stern reminds anyone who will listen: ongoing training is necessary to ensure our members will be able to operate the buildings of the future.

In addition to the changes in the code, the FDNY has also made significant changes to the testing schedule. As of April 1, the following tests will be conducted Monday to Friday at 2:45 p.m., by appointment only, no walk-in will be accepted for:

- F-58: Supervision of Bulk Oil Storage Plants
- Z-50: Fire Safety Director
- Z-51: Refrigeration system operating engineer (if qualified by FDNY)
- Z-59: Emergency Action Plan Director
- S-56: Construction Site Fire Safety Manager
- S-98: Fire Alarm Systems Inspection, Testing and Service

If you have made an appointment you must arrive no later than 3 p.m., and applicants will be limited to one test per appointment. Regular testing for all other exams will continue to be offered on a walk-in basis Monday-Friday beginning at 8 a.m.
Local 94 Demonstrates Its Sustainability with Two Meetings

Over the course of two late spring meetings the Local 94 leadership helped guide more of our veteran members toward a secure retirement and two weeks later welcomed a room full of new members into our union.

On June 5th, Business Manager and President Kuba Brown led nearly 100 members in their initiation oath and reminded them they’ve chosen a career. “Complete your programs, go to college, expand your horizons,” urged Brown. “Learn your mechanicals, learn to write a report. Remember you are skilled, elite craftsmen. This is not a job, it’s a career,” added Brown. “Remember, you will take this industry into the next century.”

Just two weeks earlier on May 21, Local 94 Treasurer John Kramer opened the annual Retirement Seminar. Over the course of some three hours dozens of potential retirees heard presentations and asked questions of Local 94 officials; representatives from the Social Security Administration; financial advisors; annuity fund experts and health and welfare fund representatives.

REBNY Awards

Local 94 Sweeps REBNY Engineer of the Year Awards

When Kuba Brown tells people the members of Local 94 are the best-trained, highly skilled and dedicated engineers in America, it is no mere boast. And after sweeping Engineer of the Year honors at REBNY’s Commercial Management Leadership Breakfast, there’s no doubt who is number 1 in New York.

Along with the longstanding awards for Engineer of the Year for Small Building and Large Building, REBNY this year added a third award for Best Engine Room. That award was presented to the crew at Rockefeller Center.

The award was accepted by Local 94 veteran and now Managing Director for Tishman Speyer Joe Szabo. Small building of the year honors were presented to 555 Fifth Avenue Chief Engineer William Schweitz; and Brian Iannacone, Chief Engineer at 140 Broadway was presented with the Large Building of the Year honors, for his work in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

“I am especially gratified that the building owners and managers and everyone in REBNY has recognized the outstanding work these men, and all the members of Local 94 perform every day,” said Brown.
Financials

International Union of Operating Engineers
Local Union 94, 94A, 94B
2012 & 2011 Financial Reports

Our independent auditors, Schultheis & Panettieri, LLP, prepared the following financial statements. The first statement outlines the assets held by the Local Union, and the second statement presents the income and expenses as they were incurred during the years 2012 and 2011.

Submitted by: John W. Kramer, Treasurer

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS
LOCAL UNION 94, 94A, 94B
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES
AND NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2012 AND 2011

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS
LOCAL UNION 94, 94A, 94B
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES
AND NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012
(With Comparative Totals for 2011)

ASSETS

2012 2011

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LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

2012 2011

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Revenue and support

2012 2011

| Members dues and assessments | $4,932,102 | 160,574 |
| Political action contributions | 165,748 | 165,748 |
| Interest and dividends | 165,748 | 165,748 |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 160,952 | 160,952 |
| Net assets released from: | 146,890 | 146,890 |
| Satisfaction of program restrictions | - | - |
| Total revenue and support | $4,923,408 | $21,052 |

Expenses

2012 2011

| Program services | 3,971,433 | 3,971,433 |
| Management and general | 875,143 | 875,143 |
| Total expenses | 4,846,576 | 4,846,576 |
| Change in net assets | 76,832 | 21,052 |
| Net assets - beginning of year | $3,898,407 | 167,917 |
| Net assets - end of year | $4,181,281 | $3,898,407 |

July 8, 2013 | 27
Saturday, July 27

Family Picnic

The Local 94 Scholarship Fund Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2013. The Scholarship Fund recipients will be announced at the picnic.

The picnic takes place each year at the Platzl Brauhaus, 127 Call Hollow Road, Pomona, NY 10970; 845 354-2111. Please click the link for directions.

Tickets may be purchased by completing the Ticket Reservations form and either bring or mail to the Fund Office or by calling John Kramer or Kelly Drummond at 212 331-1800. For more information, please visit the Family Picnic homepage.

Wednesday, September 11

General Membership Meeting

Times: 8:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Hotel Trades Council, 305 West 44th Street, Mezzanine Floor (btwn 8th & 9th Ave).

Wednesday, September 11

Local 94 Installation Ceremony

5:00 p.m.

Installation Ceremony of the Local 94 Officers will be held during the General Membership Meeting at the Hotel Trades Council. We are pleased to announce that I.U.O.E. General President James Callahan will preside over the installation of officers.

Wednesday, October 2

Initiation Ceremony for New Members

4:00 p.m.

The Initiation Ceremony for New Members will be held at the Hotel Trades Council. New members who were notified to attend and paid the $100 application bond who attend the Initiation Ceremony will be refunded the $100 application bond.

Meetings are held at the Hotel Trades Council, 305 West 44th Street, Mezzanine Floor (btwn 8th & 9th Ave).

If you have any questions, please call 212-245-7040

Wednesday, October 9

General Membership Meeting

Times: 8:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Hotel Trades Council, 305 West 44th Street, Mezzanine Floor (btwn 8th & 9th Ave).

Wednesday, November 13

General Membership Meeting

Times: 8:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Hotel Trades Council, 305 West 44th Street, Mezzanine Floor (between 8th & 9th Ave).

Wednesday, December 11

General Membership Meeting

Times: 8:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Hotel Trades Council, 305 West 44th Street, Mezzanine Floor (btwn 8th & 9th Ave).

Upcoming Local 94 meetings and events are also listed at:

http://www.local94.com/local-94/upcoming-events