Dear Brothers and Sisters, the most important underlying tenet of the labor movement is unity. It was by standing together the working men and women who preceded us left a legacy of safeguards and protections that included child labor and minimum wage laws, safe and decent working conditions, an eight-hour workday and a five-day 40-hour work week, overtime pay, weekends off, paid holidays and vacations, pension plans, health benefits and the national safety net provisions -- Social Security and Medicare.

Today, after years of attacks by corporations and lobbying groups who created wedge issues to divide the rank-and-file members and even union leadership, that unity and its legacy are being threatened daily. By pitting member against member, union against union and promoting the attitude of “that’s their problem, I’m okay,” all unions and everything we’ve gained are in jeopardy.

What was once a quiet wave is now a tsunami!

The slow, yet steady decline of the labor movement started in the late 1970s at a time when more than 30 percent of working men and women were members of a labor union. Today, as we watch job opportunities in manufacturing, mining, utilities, and retail diminish union membership stands at less than 12%.

At the same time it is no coincidence the rich have grown excessively wealthy, the middleclass is crippled and the working class is nearly extinct. Today the average American worker is working harder and longer hours for wages that have substantially less purchasing power than it did in the 1970s. Despite all of this, working people are complacent. Working people continue to keep their heads down and stand idly by as our brothers and sisters in Wisconsin, Indiana, Florida, Ohio and New Jersey lose their collectively bargained benefits and even their rights to collectively bargain.

They sit quietly while Governor Chris Christie and Mayor Michael Bloomberg demonize school teachers and other municipal workers as if it’s a crime to earn a decent wage while they generously dole out tax cuts to the rich that don’t need them.

We watch daily as working people who should be fighting for better wages, health and pensions instead choose to jeer at labor leaders who only seek to protect the pension and health benefits of their members. This is wrong and if it continues it will engulf labor unions and we will continue to lose the great legacy others fought so hard to gain. The rights, benefits and dignity of a fair days wage for a fair days work that some of our predecessors in the labor movement died for.

We must wake up to the fact that class warfare has been declared on us and we must fight back.

We have to promote a new sense of unity; we must make it our mission to support all labor unions that fight for decent wages, benefits and working conditions for their members. We must reach out to our family and friends that are not members of unions and explain to them the benefits of joining and being an active participant of the labor movement. We must show anti-labor businesses like Wal-Mart that we will boycott them until they agree to pay their employees a fair wage and stock their stores with products made in the U.S.A! Finally, we must send a message to the Koch brothers and other saboteurs of the American dream that working people will divest all of our money from their companies if they continue to ship our jobs overseas and litter our airwaves with false anti-worker propaganda.

In these difficult times, sticking together will be the only way for working people to survive and thrive again, for this reason I and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 94 ask you to pledge Unity to the working man and woman and join this fight.
444 MADISON AVE.

by Thomas Costello, Vice President Commercial Delgate

LOCAL 94 KEEPING UP WITH TIMES & TEMPS AT 444 MADISON AVENUE

For as long as most can remember strollers along Manhattan’s eastside could find the time and temperature with little more than a skyward glance toward the Art Deco tower that stands on Madison Avenue between 49th and 50th Streets.

Built in 1929, the 42-story 475,000 s/f tower at 444 Madison Avenue has featured the lighted logos of Newsweek and New York Magazine etched above the time and temp atop three sides of the building. Both magazines have since moved but the time and temp remain a treasured part of the skyline.

Since 2009 the block-wide building at 444 Madison Avenue has been the U.S. headquarters for the iconic British luxury brand Burberry. Under a grandfathered clause in New York zoning law Burberry has become one of a handful of corporations permitted to have their logos displayed atop a New York skyscraper.

While Burberry is doing its part to making New Yorker’s aware of the time and temperature outside, it’s a dedicated team of Local 94 engineers that keep everyone comfortable inside the building.

Headed by Chief Engineer Scott King, Assistant Chief Engineer Steven O’Lenick and helpers Samir Radoncic and Shane DeBiaso have been responsible for the day-to-day operations of 444 Madison.

Purchased by Westbrook Partners in 2007 the building has undergone numerous capital improvements well beyond the addition of the three new Burberry logos. Building improvements included the installation of a new 12,000 ton cooling tower and an electrical riser. The tower also boasts a new lobby featuring a state-of-art digital media sculpture which has added additional color and excitement to the neighborhood.

King’s Local 94 team played an integral role in every aspect of those elaborate and vital capital improvements. Along the way the team also maintained the two cooling towers and more than 80 package units in the multi-tenant building.

The efforts of the Local 94 team helped earn the 444 Madison Avenue for Excellent Award. CB Richard Ellis has been assigned all brokerage, property and project management for the building since 2007.

This past spring Samir Radoncic moved on to another building and was replaced by Frank Bellina. The crew has taken the change in stride. Their goal remains the same: to continue improving operations, implementing new technology, continue with the ongoing renovations and improving the overall presentation of 444 Madison Avenue.

Photo of O’Lenick, DeBiaso, King

by John Kramer, Commercial Delegate

ONE WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER GOES GREEN, EARN LEED GOLD

Results like that attract attention – and recognition. In the case of One WFC it has earned the building LEED EB: O&M (Existing Building: Operations & Maintenance) Gold certification. One WFC is only the fifth building in New York to achieve LEED EB: O&M Gold status. And, with a total of 1.7 million square feet of space it is the largest to earn that designation.

For Riordan the LEED Gold rating was an opportunity for his team to be recognized. “It was a big accomplishment,” said Damsell.

As the operations manager for One WFC Riordan has had the full support of Brookfield Properties, which owns and manages the property, the cooperation of the tenants, and the efforts of Riordan’s Local 94 team. One WFC’s Green practices include:

- Offset of 100% of the building’s carbon footprint through the purchase of renewable Energy Credits and Carbon Offsets
- A high Energy Star score due to both capital investment and energy management best practices
- An upgrade of powered janitorial equipment to improve tenant comfort and safety
- A reduction of pesticide toxicity through the implementation of an integrated interior pest management program

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Success like that doesn’t happen by accident and much of the credit goes to the Local 94 engineer team led by Chief Kevin Riordan and Assistant Chief Donald W. Francis. Rounding out the 12-man team are Michael Croce, Thomas Damsell, Jr., Brian Freddo, Peter Menendino, Michael Mujica, Jesse Rolnick, Michael Salerno and James Trabold.

According to Riordan it was the input and dedication of his team that brought about the success. “Through our ongoing maintenance program we were already keeping our equipment at or above industry standards. But we have a very proactive crew. Guys came up with ideas to make adjustments to pressures and set points on fans and pumps. “We looked at the way we trimmed things out, we changed aspect parameters, and altered the operation schedule for the exhaust fans. Everything was looked at, even changing the light bulbs,” said Riordan.

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SERVICE AWARDS

MORE THAN 200 LOCAL 94 MEMBERS PRESENTED WITH SERVICE AWARDS

Nearly 5,000 years of engineering experience filled the Hotel Trades Council auditorium June 9th, as more than 220 Local 94 members were presented with their service awards.

In all 222 IUOE Local 94 members were honored.

It was an especially special night for Local 94 Business Manager Kuba Brown who was honored for his 40 years service in the union. Along with his 40 year ring, Brown was presented with a commemorative plaque by Local 94 vice president Tom Costello.

“It is safe to say this is a very different union because of this man,” said Costello in presenting the award.

“I have no idea how he has been doing it, but he has been here for 40 years and he deserves all the recognition he receives,” said Naugle.

Local 94 recording secretary Tom Hart who marked 25 years with the union was also presented with a special award in recognition for his service to the union.

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After careful consideration the decision was made to go “Green” and, with the help of Local 94 engineers the TIAA-CREF’s world headquarters building is headed for LEED Gold status.

Management turned to Trane and a Trane Energy Services team recommended and removed the existing steam chillers which were replaced with a 1,000-ton high-efficiency Centrica electric chiller, a 900-ton Dual Duty Centrica chiller and an ice storage system consisting of 30 CALMAC tanks totaling 6,000 ton-hours of thermal storage capacity.

Making the retro-commission all the more impressive are the 30, 11-foot high by eight-foot wide ice tanks and the new cooling towers which were installed on the 29th floor roof of the 30-story 650,000 square-foot building. A total of 900,000 pounds of tanks and cooling towers now rest on the building’s steel girders and without need of any additional building structural support.

Since then, it’s been the responsibility of Local 94 engineers led by Chief Engineer Joe Bruno who have mastered the potential of the new equipment.

And, because of those tanks and additional in-house energy saving initiatives Bruno and his team are able to offset their utility costs to the tune of $700,000 a year. "We make ice at night and use it to help cool the building during the day."

The retro-commission of 730 Third Avenue goes well beyond new ice tanks and chillers. The crew installed 200 CC2 monitoring sensors throughout the building and air quality can be monitored throughout individual sectors of the building. All the information is tracked and controlled through a Siemens Building Monitoring System (BMS) along with lighting controls which have been integrated into the system.

“The system lets us know exactly what is happening inside the building. There is no guessing,” explained Bruno. The BMS is supported by an “E-MACK” demand limiting/response program.

With E-MACK we can set our peak demand target for the month and with the use of 30 VFD’s running the air handler motors, cooling towers, pumps and fans lower peak demand charges and reduce kWh’s. “We’ve been able to slow selected groups of fans down for 3 to 5 minutes intervals throughout the building and it’s all invisible to the tenants,” said Bruno.

As Terence Komst, Senior Property Manager for Cushman and Wakefield noted, all the new equipment in the world can only do so much. “If the engineering crew is not engaged it’s just not going to work. What we have here is a crew that challenges themselves and each other to make the system better and maximize savings.”

Thus far, that has resulted earning 730 Third Avenue the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) 360 Award. And having already doubled the Energy Star ratio rating from 33 to 67 in less than two years, Komst said they will be applying for LEED Gold or perhaps Platinum status.

SCHOOL NOTES

by Ray Marco and Jack Redden, School Delegates

SOME SUMMERTIME HOUSEKEEPING, REMINDERS AND OTHER NOTES

All school workers are entitled to four additional vacation days to be used after July 2011, by contractual agreement whenever a “Holiday” falls on a Saturday you will receive an additional vacation day. This is in addition to Election Day and your one Personal Day.

Since July 1, 2010 there were four instances when holidays fell on Saturday: Independence Day, (July 4, 2010), Christmas Day, (Dec. 25, 2010), New Year’s Day, (Jan. 1, 2011), and Lincoln’s Birthday, (Feb. 12, 2011), and was beyond repair building owner TIAA-CREF and their Cushman and Wakefield management team were faced with a major decision: Purchase new absorption units or install an entire new high performance HVAC system.

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OPEN HOUSE

TRAINING CENTER SHOWCASES GREEN TO CELEBRATE SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Local 94 Business Manager and President Kuba Brown led a 25th anniversary celebration of union’s Training Center with a Green themed Open House providing an exciting and educational showcase for the Center. No one is more aware of its value or more proud of Local 94 Training Center than Brown.

In his welcoming remarks Brown noted that when he first joined Local 94 “we were high-priced janitors.”

As the more than 100 guests including building owners, managers, executives and developers, elected officials, administrators and representatives from the real estate, energy, environmental and related industries soon learned that description is as outdated as a rotary phone.

Today’s Local 94 members stand at the cutting edge of environmental and energy conservation technology. Working everyday and finding new ways in maintaining the standards for the city and the entire industry.”

Visual demonstrations of just how high those standards have become were expressed in the presentations by former Local 94 members Joe Szabo, John Bowen and Ralph Urizzo. All of whom began careers at Local 94 and have since moved on to top echelon positions in building operations.

Szabo, now the Senior Director of Operations at Tishman Speyer Rockefeller Center described how his team of Local 94 engineers helped transform a “1932 asset and bring it to today’s modern age HVAC delivery.”

In the course of that transformation Szabo and his team devised a system that can heat a 330-car garage with zero steam, and have racked up more than $2 million a year in savings by installing ice storage chiller plant.

“At Local 94 we see all these different systems and are able to take what we learn at the union and apply them to these different buildings.”

Urizzo, the Mechanical Systems Coordinator for LL Holdings, took the guests through a step-by-step transformation of the “Toy Building” at 200 Fifth Avenue. Now more than 100 years old this once distressed building is now a spectacular energy efficient mixed-use gem.

As Director of Engineering for Forest City Metro Tech, John Bowen, Jr., oversees some of the newest building stock in the metropolitan area.

From the One Pierrepont Plaza in Brooklyn Heights to the soon to open Barclays Center above the Atlantic Yards, Forest City has forever changed the Brooklyn skyline and is leading the way in energy efficiencies.

In between the presentations guests were free to wander through the center visit classrooms, ask questions and have a hands-on experience and an up close look at what is in effect the heart of a building.

Elemco Building Controls President & CEO and Training Center instructor Zach Stern provided the finishing touches to the event with a lively, entertaining and informative re-cap of the presentations.

Overall, the event was nothing short of a smashing success. “In the past we used the open house to showcase the different courses we offer,” explained Training Center director Howard Styles. “This time we wanted to deliver the message to the building owners just how that training translates into something positive for their buildings. I believe we did that, and we did it well.”

Kuba Brown agreed. “I think it was a great success. We had the people from the industry, all the right agencies and people in government. It really opened their eyes to the fact we are more than a labor union. They could see our members are way ahead of the curve in relation to the Mayor’s New York 2030 plan.”
SAVING AND SERVING AT
STATEN ISLAND UNIVERSITY
HOSPITAL SOUTH

With some buildings dating back to the 1920’s, keeping energy use 21st century “green” and cost effective at Staten Island University Hospital’s sprawling South Shore campus is the round-the-clock responsibility of the Local 94 engineering team.

Located nearly 10 miles southwest of the SIUH’s main facility on Seaview Avenue, the 506-bed satellite campus in Princes Bay which has an emergency room can save precious minutes when life threatening situations arise in communities like Tottenville, Huguenot, and Richmond Valley. Located on Seguine Avenue, the south campus also provides specialty programs including Geriatric Psychiatry, behavioral and substance abuse services, and is home to the hospital’s Institute for Sleep Medicine.

With more than a dozen mechanical rooms scattered about the campus, there’s little thought of sleep for Senior Stationary Engineer Ken Egan, Local 94 Shop Steward Vincent Corbo or the 30-member crew.

To help offset costs the Local 94 team uses natural gas powered generators to produce much of their own electricity. The co-generating system has been in place since 1991 in cooperation with what was then Brooklyn Union Gas. “It has really made a big difference. We still buy our electricity from Con Ed, but with co-generation instead of having to buy say 1,000 kilowatts, may only need to buy 200 kilowatts to meet our needs,” explained Lead Master Mechanic Frank Velez.

“It’s made a big difference. Being able to use one source of energy to create another source of energy has a trickle down effect. So now it’s our natural gas co-gens that produce the electricity to run our chillers and meet the other electrical needs,” said Velez.

According to co-generator mechanic Bob Newman those plants are capable of producing one megawatt of electricity when needed. According to co-generator mechanic Bob Newman those plants are capable of producing one megawatt of electricity when needed.

So we got another Golf Outing out without any rain. It was a beautiful day weather wise and both the South Shore and LaTourette golf courses were in great shape.

Let me start by thanking all our brother unions, vendors and friends of Local 94 for your sponsorships which helped towards the success of the outing. I would also like to thank everyone who came out and played on Monday, May 9th.

We used the Ladyfayre scoring system at each course. Louis Munez, Brian Alfino and Rich Froio took top honors at LaTourette and Mike Salerno, John Salerno and Chuck Householder were the winners at South Shore.

There were three “Closest to the Pin” holes at each course and Bill Lavin hit the shot of the day at LaTourette coming within four inches of the cup at the 12th hole. Chris Cornelly was closest on number seven at 21-inches; Sean Diffy was 25-inches away on the third hole. At South Shore, Steve Fontone at 7-feet, 6-inches was closest on the difficult 17th hole. On the sixth hole Steve Ready was 20 inches away and Chuck Householder was closest on the 14th hole hitting his ball within 18-inches of the pin. Rumor has it they all 2 putted.

Longest drives honors went to Fatz Lihari at LaTourette; and Steve Biackowski was long-hitter at South Shore. Dinner was held at The Olde Bermuda Inn where shirts and door prizes were given out. Sal Amato of M&B Mechanical was the winner of 50/50 and then donated his half back to the scholarship fund.

Thank you, Sal.

Of course, the real winners of the outing are the children of Local 94 Members who work so hard in the classroom and receive the Scholarships. Thanks again to everyone for your ongoing support of the outing and the Local 94 Scholarship Fund. We look forward to seeing you again at the 18th annual Spring Outing (the Monday after Mother’s Day) May 14, 2012.

Fraternally

Jack “Tiny” Redden
Spring Golf Outing Chairman

ENGINEER OF THE YEAR

Local 94 member Steve Giangrande, Chief Engineer for Hines, was presented with the first-ever Engineer of the Year Award by the Real Estate Board of New York, during REBNY’s Leadership Breakfast at the New York Hilton.

According to REBNY officials, Giangrande directly managed the implementation of 34 energy conservation measures as well as the modernization of the chiller plant at 522 Fifth Ave., a building that is more than 100 years old.

As a result of efforts, energy use in the building was reduced by 18% — more than two million kilowatt hours! Respected by subordinates, peers and managers, REBNY officials cited Giangrande’s efforts as “a testament to what dedicated engineers can accomplish, even under challenging circumstances.”

REBNY President Steve Spinola said it is important that accomplishments like those achieved by Giangrande be recognized. “It is always a pleasure and an honor to recognize hardworking people in the industry to let them know their diligence and dedication is admired and deserves to be rewarded,” said Spinola. “With the addition of four new awards this year, we were able to credit our colleagues across the spectrum of those who make the buildings in this city run on a daily basis.”

More than 750 people from the industry turned out for the June 13th ceremonies.

Michael J. Martin, Managing Director for Global Property Management and Local 94 Training Center Director, Award Styles present Steve Giangrande with the Engineer of the Year award.
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Generally speaking, reasonable and customary rates will typically track the customary rates as determined by the Trustees as of the date on which the sleep study and the CPAP machine has been eliminated. To clarify the Sleep study and CPAP machine benefit. The Lifetime limit for the changes consistent with Healthcare Reform Legislation. The Fund would like January 1, 2011. Similarly, the Plan’s $1,000.00 lifetime limit on CPAP The Plan’s $770.00 lifetime limit on sleep studies was eliminated, effective January 1, 2011. The Fund recently mailed a Summary of Material Modifications for Plan changes consistent with Healthcare Reform Legislation. The Fund would like to clarify the Sleep study and CPAP machine benefit. The Lifetime limit for the sleep study and the CPAP machine has been eliminated. Effective January 1, 2011 the benefits will be paid at the reasonable and customary rates as determined by the Trustees as of the date on which the determination is made and in accordance with the terms set forth in the SPC. Generally speaking, reasonable and customary rates will typically track the Plan’s fee schedule for the corresponding in-network services/devices. If you have any questions concerning this benefit please contact the Fund office.

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COMING SOON IN YOUR MAIL - NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

Current Authorization Due to Expire - April 1, 2011

Protecting the privacy of your health information is very important to us here at the Health and Benefit Trust Fund of the I.U.C.E. Local 94-34A-548, AFL-CIO (the “Fund”). You may recall having previously received the Fund’s “Notice of Privacy Practices”. That Notice advised you of a federal law, the “Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996” or “HIPAA” which prohibits the Fund under most circumstances from providing your “protected health information” to anyone but you, unless you previously completed, signed and filed with the Fund an “Authorization for Release of Protected Health Information” (“Authorization”). Protected health information is information (including demographic information) which is created or received by the Fund, relates to your physical or mental health or condition, the provision of health care to you, or the payment for such health care, and which could reasonably be used to identify you. For example, husbands are not able to inquire on behalf of wives with respect to the wives’ medical bills, and vice-versa, unless the Fund Office receives an authorization. Under most circumstances parents may inquire as to their minor (under 18) children’s bills, but children 18 and over need to complete an authorization form. The current Authorization you have on file with the Fund will expire April 1, 2011. The Fund office will be mailing a new Authorization which will be valid for three years. The new Authorization will expire April 1, 2014, please complete, sign and return the form to the Fund Office. If you lose this form, or if you have filed the form and you later wish to change or update your authorization form at any time, you can obtain a form via the internet at www.loca94.org or from the Fund Office. Please remember that the Fund office is available on a daily basis for any questions or issues concerning your benefits. Simply call (212) 331-1800 or stop by and speak to a representative at the Fund office.

LIFETIME AND/OR ANNUAL DOLLAR MAXIMUM LIMITS

Sleep Study and CPAP Machines

The Plan’s $770.00 lifetime limit on sleep studies was eliminated, effective January 1, 2011. Similarly, the Plan’s $1,000.00 lifetime limit on CPAP machine(s) was eliminated, effective January 1, 2011. The Fund recently mailed a Summary of Material Modifications for Plan changes consistent with Healthcare Reform Legislation. The Fund would like to clarify the Sleep study and CPAP machine benefit. The Lifetime limit for the sleep study and the CPAP machine has been eliminated. Effective January 1, 2011 the benefits will be paid at the reasonable and customary rates as determined by the Trustees as of the date on which the determination is made and in accordance with the terms set forth in the SPC. Generally speaking, reasonable and customary rates will typically track the Plan’s fee schedule for the corresponding in-network services/devices. If you have any questions concerning this benefit please contact the Fund office.

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HOW TO HAVE AN ENJOYABLE RETIREMENT

Start saving, keep saving, and stick to your goals

If you are already saving whether for retirement or another goal, keep going! You know that saving is a rewarding habit. If you’re not saving, it’s time to get started. Start small if you have to and try to increase the amount you save each month. The sooner you start saving, the more time your money has to grow. Make saving for retirement a priority. Devise a plan, stick to it, and set goals. Remember, it’s never too early or too late to start saving.

Know your retirement needs

Retirement is expensive. Experts estimate that you will need somewhere between 70 to 90 percent of your preretirement income to maintain your standard of living when you stop working. Take charge of your financial future. The key to a secure retirement is to plan ahead. Two great booklets you should read are:


Both can be requested from the Department of Labor: http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications/

Consider basic investment principles

How you save can be as important as how much you save. Inflation and the type of investments you make play important roles in how much you’ll have saved at retirement. Know how your savings are invested. Learn about your plan’s investment options and ask questions. Put your savings in different types of investments. By diversifying this way, you are more likely to reduce risk and improve return. Your investment mix may change over time depending on a number of factors such as your age, goals, and financial circumstances. Financial security and knowledge go hand in hand.

Use the financial/retirement planning services available to you

Participants in the Annuity Fund can get online advice with the investment of their account by clicking the tab labeled Wealth, scroll down to Wealth Resources and select Financial Engines. Participants who would prefer to talk over their Annuity Fund investments and retirement can call J.W. Thompson Investments at 888- 453-1869. Both of these services are available to participants at no cost. Neither of these providers has any financial gain from the investments they recommend.
Local 94 member Anthony Belfiore wears his patriotism proudly, so much so he’s created a “Old Glory” flower bed in front of his Decker Avenue home in Staten Island.

The flower bed is a combination of red and white impatients and blue petunias that create a beautiful botanic American flag. A member of Local 94 since 2002, Belfiore works as a chief engineer for the cooling plant at the new World Trade Center and the September 11 memorial and museum.

With the 10th anniversary of those attacks and the memorial scheduled to open Belfiore said he wanted “to do something to show my appreciation for all of the people working at the World Trade Center and our armed forces.”

10th ANNIVERSARY

Our annual Memorial Mass to honor the 9/11 victims and all members who have passed since last year will be held on Friday, September 9, 2011 at St. Malachy’s Church, 8th Avenue & West 49th Street, New York City 10:30AM.

We would like to have a good representation of our membership. Please do your very best to be there.

Fraternally,

Anthony Belfiore and his “Old Glory” Garden

We Remember

In Memory of

Thaddeus “Teddy” Gumiela

1923 - 2011

Teddy began his career in the Operating Engineers as a member of Local 30 and transferred to Local 94 in May of 1969.

He spent nearly his entire Local 94 career at the World Trade Center, where he was a shop steward. Teddy also served as a member of Local 94’s Executive Board from 1980 to 1989 and held the position of Recording Secretary.

Teddy passed away on January 20, 2011 at the age of 87. He is survived by his four children Bobby, Steven, Thomas and Gail.

We at Local 94 have lost a good member, a good officer and a good friend. He will surely be missed.

Submitted by: John Kramer, Treasurer

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2010 & 2009 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 expense as they were incurred during the years 2010 and 2009.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
Times: 8:30 AM, 2 PM, and 5 PM
Meetings are held at the Hotel Trades Council Auditorium,
305 West 44th Street (Just north of Eighth Avenue)
Wednesday, September 14, 2011
Wednesday, October 12, 2011
Wednesday, November 9, 2011
Wednesday, December 14, 2011

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