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With Contract Negotiations Approaching, Local 94's Reputation Builds

Brothers and Sisters,

We hope this latest edition of Local 94's The Cutting Edge finds you in good faith and spirits as we enter autumn.

Heating Up the FDNY Symposium

Over the weekend of October 3rd-5th, the FDNY and the FDNY Foundation held a symposium at the New York Marriott Marquis. The weekend included learning the inner workings of commercial buildings and their new fire and refrigerant equipment as provided by the A2L regulations, and the proper training needed to maintain this equipment to keep buildings safe and prepared in case of emergencies. Men and women from across the globe attended this symposium to observe the latest in fire code and building construction integrity.

I mention this because Local 94 was the only major union presence at this symposium, with our engineers helping the attendees understand the equipment and regulations. This is because the FDNY knows it can trust Local 94 with the best equipped and most prepared engineers for the A2L regulations.

Benefits of the PAC Fund

Thanks to the PAC fund, we have people who have amplified our voices and give us a say in both fire and building code regulations, as well as certification support.

The PAC fund continues serving the best interest of the men and women of Local 94. The money provided to the fund goes toward helping the people that will secure our place at the table so we can have our voices heard.

Recently, Governor Hochul increased the unemployment maximum from \$504 weekly

to \$869. This is just another victory that was made possible by getting the fund's money to the right people to make a case for us and the millions of working men and women across the city. Please consider this when you decide to participate in our PAC fund.

Having Your Voice Heard This November

On the subject of talking to the right people, Election Day is quickly approaching, and I would strongly encourage all our members to vote and have your voice heard. But before you vote, I would have you consider some things before you go to the polls in November.

We have made some amazing strides in the last few years thanks to the members of the City Council who have had our backs and lended their voices to speak on behalf of the men and women of our great union. It is important to maintain a good relationship with those who have supported us for their re-election bids, as well as the newcomers who promise to be at our side if elected to office.

So when you do go to the polls in November, vote with your conscious, but keep in mind who is fighting for your rights as a New York City worker.

The 2026 Contract Negotiations

To conclude, I wanted to remind you that there will be a new contract at the end of 2026.

Over the years, Local 94 has worked 24/7 to secure your jobs and we have done so without missing a beat. Through tragedies and market crashes, there has never been a layoff or furlough. It is our every intention and mission to ensure this never changes.

As we approach the bargaining table to

begin negotiating a new contract, we pledge not to walk away until we have the best contract possible for Local 94's working families. With that in mind- though our intention is to succeed in negotiations - we will also be prepared to take action if our needs are not addressed and we are forced to strike. Irrespective of the outcome, know that Local 94 will always have your back.

Endorsements:

- District 2 (Manhattan)- Harvey Epstein
- District 3 (Manhattan) – Erik Bottcher
- District 4 (Manhattan)- Virginia Maloney
- District 5 (Manhattan)- Julie Menin
- District 6 (Manhattan)- Gale Brewer
- District 7 (Manhattan) – Shaun Abreu
- District 8 (Bronx/Manhattan)- Elsie Encarnacion
- District 9 (Manhattan)- Yusef Salaam
- District 10 (Manhattan) – Carmen De La Rosa
- District 11 (Bronx)- Eric Dinowitz
- District 12 (Bronx)- Kevin C. Riley
- District 14 (Bronx)- Pierina Ana Sanchez
- District 15 (Bronx)- Oswald Feliz
- District 16 (Bronx)- Althea Stevens
- District 17 (Bronx)- Justin Sanchez
- District 18 (Bronx)- Amanda Farias
- District 20 (Queens) – Sandra Ung
- District 21 (Queens)- Shanel Thomas-Henry
- District 24 (Queens) – James Gennaro
- District 26 (Queens)- Julie Won
- District 27 (Queens) – Nantasha Williams
- District 28 (Queens)- Tyrell Hankerson
- District 31 (Queens)- Selvena Brooks-Powers
- District 34 (Brooklyn & Queens)- Jennifer Gutiérrez
- District 35 (Brooklyn)- Crystal Hudson
- District 38 (Brooklyn)- Alexa Aviles
- District 40 (Brooklyn)- Rita Joseph
- District 42 (Brooklyn)- Christopher Banks
- District 45 (Brooklyn)- Farah Louis
- District 46 (Brooklyn)- Mercedes Narcisse
- District 47 (Brooklyn)- Kayla Santosuosso
- District 48 (Brooklyn)- Inna Vernikov
- District 49 (Staten Island)- Kamillah Hanks



Ray Macco

Local 94 PAC Fund Continues to Secure Our Place at the Table

In this election season, all 51 seats on the City Council are up for grabs, with 8 open seats and the races involving incumbents.

As you may be aware, IUOE Local 94 has participated in many of these races throughout the years both logistically and financially. Relationships such as the ones formed with City Council Members help ensure a seat for us at the table and lends us an impactful policy voice on various committees.

Going into the next election, we seek to continue to build upon those good relationships within the City Council, particularly strengthening our relationships with the Committee on Housing and Buildings and the Committee on Fire and Emergency Management.

This serves as an integral part of strengthening the refrigeration machine operators license, relating to the licensing and testing exams for the Refrigerant Machine Operator (RMO) certifications, along with other certifications of fitness. This includes the additions of the A2L requirements, which Training Director David Hawkins and Assistant Training Director Brian Fabian discuss in further detail in their column on page 11.

Because of the work being done through the PAC (Political Action Committee) fund, the Business Agents and Training Directors of Local 94 sit on various committees regarding Building and Fire Department code revisions. This continues to prove invaluable in keeping our jobs safe, relevant, and on the cutting edge.

This work is possible thanks to your payment deductions towards the PAC fund. For less than a cup of coffee a day, the PAC fund secures the job protections that make unions predominant. If you are not sure that you are participating in the PAC fund, take this time to check your pay stub to make sure the deduction is being withdrawn on your behalf. If you are not signed up for the PAC fund, stop by the Union or contact your business representative so they can get you the authorization card required for the employer to deduct for the PAC fund.

We thank you in advance for participating in the PAC fund and ensuring Local 94's voice will be heard for many generations to come.

Local 94 Dinner Dance





Vincent Curcio

The Crew at 120 Park Are True Innovators

The 26 story, 630,000-square-foot building at 120 Park Avenue sits at the beating heart of Manhattan – just steps from historic Grand Central Terminal and Vanderbilt Plaza. It is an office address that confers both convenience and status.

Its lobby is a grand, multistory concourse of glass and granite with spectacularly high, white walls, with red accents.

To the 9-member crew at 120 Park, its home to Bloomberg LP, and their attention is concentrated strictly on their floors which spans floor 7 through 23, plus the roof and includes lower levels LLA, LLB, and LLC.

Each floor is approximately 11,500 square feet, and Chief Engineer Frank Aruci and his team are responsible for ensuring the open floors at Bloomberg, along with the rooms housing their Main Distribution Frames (MDF) and their Intermediate Distribution Frames (IDFs) are properly maintained. “We have a significant amount of redundancy,” said Aruci.

As a 12-year veteran of 120 Park, the last 7 as its Chief Engineer, Aruci and his team relish a challenge and the opportunity to find new and innovative ways to do their job.

“Innovation in our industry, and thinking ahead, are crucial in our industry. You must innovate to stay ahead of the curve,” said Aruci.

Aruci’s team consists of an Assistant Chief Engineer Anthony Lopez, 5 additional engineers and two mechanics. Together they work to maintain 20 supplemental cooling units, the 39 Liebert CRAC units, 15 Pre-Action rigs and 4-75 HP Condenser water pumps, 6 BAC cooling towers, and 4 condenser water pumps. The building also has a Caterpillar 2500 KW generator.

As part of their efforts to innovate, the crew designed and built their own system of water remediation and resiliency infrastructure throughout each floor.

A complex system of leak detectors and automatic shut-off valves were installed by the team. They were installed in each bathroom, water fountain, kitchen, machine room, and fish tanks that are featured on each floor.

Each innovation was designed and constructed by Aruci and his team. Indeed, a majority of the work and maintenance performed at 120 Park is done in-house.

Some of their innovations have included installation of a secondary condenser water loop to serve water cooled units inside the 12th floor aquatics pump room, where the system of fish tanks is maintained. All the pumps and gauges in this room were also designed and constructed by the engineering team.



Aruci’s team also installed larger filters on the water fountains that must be changed every 6 months instead of every 2 weeks, which had the added benefit of saving money. “We’re big on saving,” said Aruci. They also installed epoxy flooring under each water fountain chiller to handle any excess water.

Aruci and his team also designed their own maps of equipment and valves, complete with a legend that hangs in every machine room. Also, in each room on each floor, there is a safety kit, ladder and vacuum.

“Our goal is to keep our guys well-trained and well-informed,” said Aruci. “Because if you’re not innovating, you’re not bringing value to the client.”



From left to right (mechanic) Erbet Hotaj, (engineer) Armen Redzematovic, (engineer) Vincent Fasulo, (asst. chief) Anthony Lopez, (chief) Frank Aruci, (engineer) Issaka Tarnaguida, (mechanic) Mark Lukic & (engineer) Alex Fernandez.

Not pictured (mechanic) Jemuel Amadis & recently retired (engineer) Ray O’Toole.



Michael Gadaleta

660 5th Avenue and its Path Toward Decarbonization



The cavernous lobby of 660 5th Avenue, with its white tile walls, new elevators, and striking black columns, are some of the first things visitors notice from the building's \$400 million redevelopment, which began in 2022. But the more impressive features of the modernization and decarbonization effort are to 660's infrastructure and mechanical systems.

Because of the state-of-the-art upgrades to its internal systems and external infrastructure, the 42-story, 1.4 million square-foot commercial building is forecast to reach full decarbonization by 2035. Remarkable considering the building was built in 1957.

Tasked with maintaining this suddenly modern and soon to be carbon neutral building is 660's Chief Engineer, Mike Siri, and his 12-member team, made up of an Assistant Chief, 9 engineers, and one helper.

Siri is 27-year veteran and Local 94 member, but he has only been Chief Engineer for 660 for the past year and a half, and it has been a hectic year and a half. "The building had a complete gut out, and was closed while we replaced all the equipment," said Siri. "We completely stopped using steam, cut energy use, recycled heat, and have completely electrified our building systems."

As part of its energy reduction efforts, the building had its steam turbine chillers replaced with electric chillers and installed a full energy

recovery DOAS (Dedicated Outdoor Air System) system that allows the building ventilation and heating system to work independently. The existing hydronic system was refined to lower the temperatures of heating the hot water supply and pave the way for the integration of air source heat pumps.

"The fans currently being installed in the garage for heating and cooling is the last remaining base building project," said Siri. "We were responsible for commissioning all the new equipment and working with vendors to ensure installation was done correctly."

In addition to facilitating the base building's decarbonization upgrades, Siri and his team must also work with tenants as they move in, make their own office renovations, and tap into the base building system.

A global financial service company is the anchor tenant at 660 5th Avenue and occupies 250,000 square-feet. The tenant renovated their 7 floors and has a team that maintains their own system. However, Siri and his crew worked with the company and its renovation contractor to ensure their management system worked with, and fit with the base building system.

This type of coordination is currently keeping Siri and his team busy as a securities firm makes their own renovations as they prepare to move to 660 5th Avenue. "We hold weekly meetings, have regular contact with their contractor, and walk the floors taking notes to make sure that what they have planned, will fit with our new base building system and that we can handle the additional load."

With the anchor tenant as the only current tenant, the building is cooling using just one of its 3 chillers located on the roof. But Siri is confident that with the arrival of the securities firm that will change. "I think there is little doubt that thanks to the owner's investment in the building's redevelopment and decarbonization, the building will soon be fully occupied."

The building owners' decarbonization efforts and their energy cutting solutions have been funded in part by the Empire Building Challenge.



From left to right Chief Engineer Michael Siri; Assistant Chief Engineer Adam Fragiorgi; Engineer James Toomey; Engineer Rory Metas; Engineer Keith Dennis; Engineer Joseph Lennon; Engineer Nicholas Venitucci; and Engineer Henry Paciullo

Not pictured Engineer Stephen Plante, Engineer William Allard, Engineer Salvatore Imparato, and Helper Johathan Killoran

Siri believes it is easier to manage a building that is fully occupied than one that has been redeveloped and is attracting tenants with their own unique plans and needs. "You must learn to operate and adapt a building to your needs. You may have to tweak your system after you see how the building performs under a full load," said Siri.

Thanks to the efforts of Siri's Local 94 team, along with ownership's commitment to the implementation of low-carbon retrofits, 660 5th Avenue received the WELL Health-Safety Rating in 2022 for best practices in health and safety and is targeted for LEED Gold certification by 2030.

A lot has happened at 660 5th Avenue over a very short period, but Siri and his Local 94 crew are up to the challenge.



John Cancel

How the Team at 1166 Avenue of the Americas Eased Their Building into the 21st Century



The 44-story, 1.6 square-foot building at 1166 Avenue of the Americas between 45th and 46th Street sits in the middle of Manhattan’s Little Brazil.

Home to FTI Consulting, CNA Insurance and T-Mobile, among others, the building is one of New York City’s less common commercial condominiums. The upper floors of 1166 are primarily occupied by Marsh & McLennan while the lower, by Edward J. Minskoff Equities tenants.

The lobby features tapestries from famous pop artist, Richard Lichtenstein, and a Kaws’ Together Sculpture. The building also boasts a through-block plaza that is open to the public and connects 45th and 46th Streets.

As interesting as that is, the real draw of 1166 is how Chief Engineer John Weatherup and his crew took a building built in 1974, that used pneumatic controls as recently as 2017, out of the 20th Century and into the 21st.

Weatherup has worked at 1166 Avenue of the Americas for the past 26 years, starting there as a helper. He has been Chief Engineer for the last 7 years, and updating the building with the most current state-of-the-art technology has been his primary objective throughout his tenure. Weatherup has been assisted in that effort by his dedicated and hardworking crew of 12 that is made up an Assistant Engineer, a Lead Engineer, 8 additional engineers, and a helper – currently, there is an additional helper since 1166 is a strong

supporter of Local 94’s summer helper program.

His crew are fully invested in his vision and have thrown themselves into the improvements. As soon as Weatherup became Chief Engineer, he initiated a 5-year plan that he describes as a “progression effort.” The plan was guided by the economic theory of installation time versus maintenance time, both considered in the context of total cost of ownership.

“Simply put, all improvements were guided by client experience, an immediate return on the investment, and we had full buy in and support from ownership,” said Weatherup.

It all started with their first project – updating the end-of-life steam coils on all the fans. From measuring, to placing the order with the vendor, to installation, Weatherup’s team handled all the work in-house. Indeed, all the improvements over the past 7 years have been performed in-house in some form or fashion. Work that needed to be done by contractors was still managed and performed in partnership with the Engineering department– each one guided by a cost-benefit analysis.

“Costs, and return on costs, always dictates the project we take on,” said Weatherup. “We replace two pumps this year. Replace the other two the following year. After we updated the steam station controls to all digital, the following year we saved \$100,000.”

It is this step-by-step progression that informs each improvement. When Weatherup’s team updated the domestic water pumps, they did one half one year, and the second half the following year. A similar method was used with the installation of high-efficiency dampers. This was followed by introducing new controls on the cooling towers. However, Weatherup and his team’s biggest, most critical achievement was the switch from pneumatic controls to its current BMS system. This was the one project that did not proceed slowly. “This was something that we needed to happen all at once and quickly,” said Weatherup. “Again, we did it in-house by creating a working partnership with our BMS vendor.

Each member of the crew worked together with the vendor – identifying a task that we can handle while the contractor kept moving the project along. Every engineer in the building was involved with the install of the BMS.”

Weatherup and his team have been extremely successful in the projects that make sense for the building on a reliable operations standpoint while staying on pace to be energy conscious and keeping Local Law 97 in mind. An extraordinary feat for a building that just recently replaced its pneumatic controls. A lot of the success is owed to the Kilowatt Harvest Project initiated by the team, which finds overachieving equipment and automatically curtails its usage for a short period of time.

Tracing his finger along a computer screen in his office, Weatherup shows the “crazy” amount of energy the building is saving. “You can just sit here and see how the building overachieves,” he says.

Thanks to the owners at 1166 and Weatherup and his teams over engineering, 1166 is an overachieving older building and its overachieving right into the 21st century.



From left to right Chief Engineer John Weatherup; Engineer Alex Bruno; Engineer Helper Gianluca Santoro; Engineer Ira Exelbert; Engineer Chris Jackson; Engineer John Sideris; Engineer John Zarneski; Engineer Mike Santiago; Engineer Mike Avagnano; Engineer Glenn Oldhoff; Engineer Helper Paul Mazurkiewicz; and Assistant Chief Engineer Joe Coro



Rocco Ferrigno

Everything's Bigger at the World Trade Center



The World Trade Center campus serves as an honor to those we lost on September 11th, 2001, while also being a symbol of the perseverance of the American people. As the beating heart of Downtown Manhattan, the 16-acre site hosts a shopping center and transportation hub, the Oculus, entertainment in the Perelman Performing Arts Center, the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, and the office spaces found in the 1, 3, 4, and 7 World Trade Center buildings. Integral to the management of the 16-acre site is Local 94.

The sitewide Chief Engineer Tony Colon, alongside his four Assistant Chiefs, 24 engineers, and 6 helpers oversee all the buildings across the campus at varying levels, up to the fifth floor in some cases.

A Local 94 member for 43-years and a Chief Engineer for over 35, Colon is responsible for all the mechanical maintenance for all the cost centers, including the CCP-Central chiller in the Oculus and transit hubs, as well as assisting in preparing budget and capital projects across the site.

Colon stresses the importance of consistent training. "You can walk into this building with a specific objective for that day and it will get sidetracked at the drop of a hat," he said, "This is why we make sure to have proper training

in-house, including pump alignment, motor replacement, HVAC equipment operations, welding, plumbing, BMS operations and controls, and troubleshooting electric and mechanical equipment."

The crew also has the safety company Arbil come in to provide third-party onsite training to cover electrical safety, aerial lift operations, and personal protective equipment (PPE,) as well as CBRE web training.

"Everything here is bigger," Assistant Chief Engineer Nick Manza noted. Manza is responsible for the Central Chiller Plant (CCP), which is made up of 5 2500-ton electric drive York chillers and a 900-ton electric drive York chiller. "If we need to meet the demand, we can provide up to 13,400 tons of cooling capacity while making 34,500 gallons per minute (GPM) of chill water."

The Local 94 team also make use of the resources around them. The chiller uses the Hudson River's water as a condenser medium, which they closely monitor to ensure they are always following the guidelines set by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC.)

Assistant Chief Engineer George Marinelli, in charge of the Oculus and Transit Hub, has worked on the grounds for 13 years. "We need the top-of-the-line equipment to keep things going at a smooth pace," he said. "With the transit hub, we must maintain 8 MTU Synchronous AC Generators, 4 Mobile Generac Diesel Generators, 4 100-ton Carrier Water Cooled Screw Emergency Chillers, and 2 20-ton Task AP Air Cooled Artic Chillers."

Assistant Chief Engineer Sean Carey, who is responsible for getting the West Bathtub Vehicle Access and Mechanical Equipment center up and running, lends his hand with engineers ensuring they have all the proper tools necessary to complete any tasks at hand. "I do the PM compliance and set up the schedules," he said, "The engineers we have are all trained and prepared for whatever operations they might have to tackle. We don't want to have any room for error."

Unlike your usual commercial high-rise buildings, the engineers here specialize in all aspects of HVAC. "This includes a unit fed from the main plant chilled water loop tied into VAVs serving office spaces, various kinds of split systems providing critical cooling to server racks below grade, all the guard booths across the site above ground, replacing and repairing whatever mechanics breaks, such as motors, compressors, pumps, valves, and heat exchangers," said Assistant Chief Engineer for the VSC-VRN Jimmy Day.

The World Trade Center Vehicle Security Center, or VSC, is connected via tunnels that feed the entire WTC area linking the security checkpoint at its entrance with the buildings and services at the complex requiring vehicular services. The team also plays their part in upkeeping the roof of the VSC, which doubles as the elevated garden known as Liberty Park. "We strive to provide the best possible service, which is only possible through the thorough training within the training program provided by local 94 and followed by constant onsite training, preparation of SOPs and monthly refresher training to stay up to date with all current changes the industry undergoes," said Day.

Local 94 found its roots in the management of the property, too. The Director of Engineering, Thomas Panissidi, was with Local 94 for over a decade, and understands the importance of having a top-notch, well-equipped team run the property, creating a hands-on relationship that benefits all parties involved. "This is the absolute best and most professional team of engineers you will ever see," he declared.

A site that holds as much reverence as the World Trade Center campus needs to be maintained by a team that understands the importance of it. The larger it is, the harder it becomes to maintain. This is why Tony Colon and his team are the team for the task. Each of them not only knows how to manage any obstacle coming their way but takes their training and knowledge seriously so they can be prepared for anything. As Colon says, "at the drop of a hat."



11:00pm-7:00am Crew

From left to right Anthony Biello, Allen Jones
Carlos Maure, Robert Cirillo Phillip Sisko, John
Cairney, Ricky Carillo, John Vallario
Not pictured Steve McKinnon, Hernane Llorca



3:00-11:00pm Crew

From left to right Jozef Wiatrowski, Tyrone
Coleman, Paul Ciurcina, Mersin Music



7:00am-3:00pm Crew

From left to right Riguin Campoamor, Anthony Kocaj, Robby Kuhrt Joe Knecht, Anthony
Armiento, George Marinelli, Anthony Needelman, Jimmy Day, Habi Hamid, Tony Colon,
Anthony Harris, Nick Manza, Mersin Music, Sean Carey, Ed Doherty, Sean O'Boyle, Robert
Davis, Mike Bajrovic, Ralph Camacho, Joel Tauzin, Tom Panissidi
Not pictured Mat Miller



Bill Caramico and Tom Hart

When it Comes to NYC Public Schools, Communication is the Answer!

Local 94 Members work throughout New York City Public Schools' 1,400 facilities, spread across 130 million square feet, over the 5 boroughs. And those members are represented by two Local 94 Business agents.

Bill Caramico is the Agent for the schools in Brooklyn and Queens, and can be reached at Billcaramico@local94.com, and Thomas Hart is the Agent responsible for schools in the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island. Tom can be reached at Thomashart@local94.com.

We encourage all our members working in public schools to reach out whatever the topic or concerns. When you do, please give a brief description of the matter, the school and borough, and make sure you include your name and contact number, and we will endeavor to get back to you as soon as possible.

Communication with your Business Agent is invaluable to work together and to prevent any issues related to certification, promotion and retirement, to name just a few, from arising.

With that in mind, your 5 certificates of fitness must be obtained at the New York City Fire Department at Metrotech in Brooklyn. All members are also required to attend the mentorship class for Boilers. For any questions on classes and certifications, please contact either Business Agent. The required certificates are A-35, P-99, S-12, S-13, and S-95.

Those members wishing to retire should contact their Business Agent before doing so, and New York City School Support Services (NYCSSS) should be notified in writing with a signed letter. Notifying the Custodian, while important, does not move the process forward. The Employer NYCSSS and the Union Fund offices must be notified to ensure that everything is done properly. Again, start with your Business Agent.

We also encourage you to contact your Business Agent, anytime you receive a notice from either NYCSSS, DCAS, or your Custodial Engineer.

Those working toward promotion to Custodial Engineer, must pass a background check by the Board of Education. Please keep in mind that this process will result in your receiving a notice of suspension pending the background check. It is important that you speak with your agent to discuss the process before you start.

There are many reasons to reach out to your Business Agent, the most important one of all is to build a relationship.

Please get involved in your Union - working together and standing tall together is important.

Everything begins with speaking to one another.

Communication is the answer!





Kelly Drummond

Maintaining The New Yorker Hotel's Flare

First operational in 1930, The New Yorker Hotel is iconic to Manhattan's skyline, shining through the years as brightly as the City's other monumental skyscrapers.

Designed by architects Morris Henry Sugarman and Albert C. Berger, and towering at 470 feet, it was one of the first hotels of its kind. The hotel was fully constructed within a two-year span, an unbelievable feat for the time. Within the next two years, Penn Station access was added within the hotel, making travel easier for both tourists and commuters.

Over the years the New Yorker Hotel housed many famed guests, from Nikola Tesla spending his final years there to Muhammad Ali recuperating from the "fight of the century" with Joe Frazier down the street at Madison Square Garden.

NBC also held ground at the hotel, broadcasting and setting the stage for many of the famed acts of the 1930s and 40s, such as Benny Goodman and Woody Herman, and even having a retractable ice-skating rink. During the 1940s, they had also hosted soldiers going to Europe to fight in World War II, ensuring a comfortable stay before the hardships that lay before them. These are commemorated in a museum display the hotel staff set up for guests to enjoy in the lobby.

Throughout its history the New Yorker has always tried to stay up to date with the latest technology, keeping up with the times in the most fashionable way possible. Upon opening, it held the largest private generating power plant in the City. This direct current (dc) generating plant, which drove electric generators, with exhaust steam used for heating, used over 200 motors and was controlled by a 7-foot-high, 64-foot-long switchboard.

Each part of this grand work of machinery was labeled for a specific purpose, including for the ice rink. It was said that it could run a small city of 25-35,000 people and the hotel saved up to \$48,000 annually compared to if they ran on purchased electric power. The New Yorker was also one of the first to bring television to guest rooms.

The New Yorker would shut down in 1972 to an undetermined future, with talks of being used as a hospital or shelter space. 22 years later, it was revived as a hotel once more to meet the demands of a tourist boom. Renovations were made to keep with the hotel's original ethos of being in tune with the needs of modern travelers,

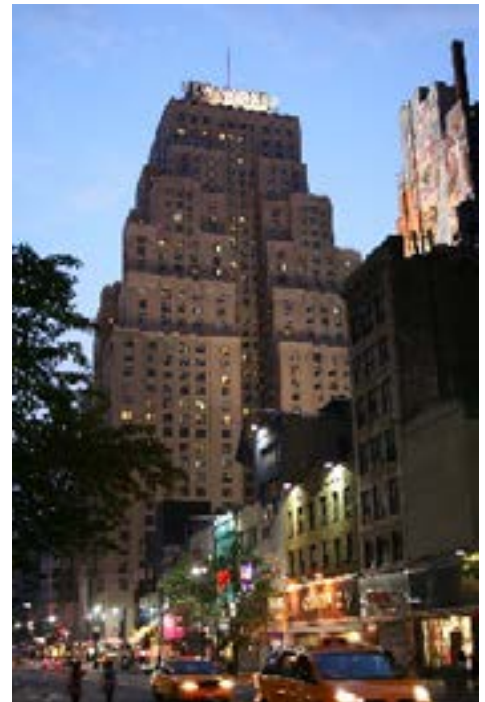
The engineers at Local 94 have been entrusted with keeping the hotel's vintage boiler system fully maintained and operating throughout the hotel's long history. This includes the use of water pumps from the initial opening of the hotel. These pumps work with 74,000 gallons of water that go into a domestic water tank which produces low pressure steam for hot water and heat. There is also high pressure for the needs of the kitchens and restaurants on the property, including the Tick Tock Diner, Trattoria Bianca, and the Butcher & Banker restaurant, which uses the Manufacturers Trust Company's bank vault beneath the hotel for a unique dining experience.

The New Yorker Hotel has two oil tanks that use #2 fuel oil and combine hot gas to create the necessary heat. These boilers help save the Hotel millions a year, keeping it comfortable and affordable no matter what the weather. They have also relined the pipes in their original chimney room to provide easier access from one boiler to the other.

Rather than shun its humble beginnings, the New Yorker Hotel commemorates its past. This includes having parts of its grand generator remain for the new generations of engineers to appreciate. On display are a steam engine, the monster switchboard, and one of the dc generators. While none of these are operational, the engineers can see what once powered this iconic City hotel. The crew at the New Yorker have also transformed the old passageway to Penn station into an additional storage room, with the Art Deco design that defined the era.

The New Yorker Hotel's story is one of endurance and legacy. Through the best and worst of times within the last century, this hotel has been there, whether it was servicing the millions walking

through our City daily or as a shining star in the skyline. The men and women who've worked here over the years have made a great effort to ensure the best experience for all its visitors. Local 94 is proud to be part of the larger New Yorker Hotel canon, and to make the experience at this grand hotel grander.



The New Yorker Hotel



David Hawkins and Brian Fabian

Local 94 Training Center Paving the Way for A2L Recertification

The Local 94 training center has greatly affected the FDNY's A2L recertification process by providing essential training and certification for refrigeration engineers. The 7-Hour A2L course, which is now mandatory for all Certificate of Qualifications (Q-01/Q-99) applicants for renewal, ensures that technicians are well-prepared to handle the new A2L refrigerants.

This requirement aligns with the FDNY's curriculum and reflects the industry's commitment to safety and compliance with new standards. The training center's role in this process is crucial for maintaining the safety and efficiency of refrigeration systems within FDNY.

We are only accepting members whose license is expiring in 90 days. Please check with the Training Center for the next available class.

Training Center shaping the re-vamped FDNY Z51 Written Test

Local 94 is recognized as a subject matter expert for the FDNY revamping the Z-51 written testing due to our extensive experience and knowledge in the field of refrigeration and fire service operations. We offer courses and training programs that prepare candidates for the Z-51 exam, ensuring that the material is up-to-date and relevant to the current standards and practices in the industry. Local 94's commitment to providing quality education and support has made us a trusted resource for those seeking to advance their careers in the FDNY and related fields.

Training Center Welcomes Fall Classes

Local 94 welcomes new students to the fall semester of training by providing a structured and supportive environment. The program offers a variety of courses and hands-on experience to meet the demands of the engineering industry. New students are encouraged to participate in the training program, which is designed to enhance their technical, mechanical, and electrical skills.

The program also offers opportunities for professional development and certification, ensuring that graduates are well-prepared for the challenges of the commercial real estate industry.



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APPLICATION Z-51 CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATION - REFRIGERATING SYSTEM OPERATING ENGINEER

FIRE DEPARTMENT - CITY OF NEW YORK
BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION, PUBLIC CERTIFICATION AND EDUCATION UNIT
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Have you ever found yourself making impulsive investment decisions based on emotion?

Even some of the most successful, rational investors sometimes experience feelings of anxiety or euphoria when their money is involved. Below is some useful information provided by John Hancock, and things to think about before letting emotions impact your investment decisions.

Taking the emotion out of investing

It's natural to feel a roller coaster of emotions as the stock market rises and falls. After all, you're investing money in the market to save for your future. As indicated in the chart below, people are more likely to invest when they're feeling good about the market—usually when share prices are high. And when the market is down and prices are low, they're less likely to invest.

The trick is to make better decisions by taking some of the emotion out of investing.

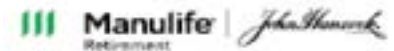
Don't let the feelings shown in the chart below cause you to make decisions that throw your retirement goals off course. When the stock market gets volatile (and it will), it's best to pause, focus on your long-term vision, and consider the following factors before taking any action.

Your motivation— You chose your existing investments because you believe they'll help you attain your long-term goals. Unless this belief has changed, there's no reason to consider changing your investment strategy.

Time horizon— Do you expect to retire 5, 10, 20, or even 30 years from now? Your existing investments have potentially years to recover from a market downturn before you'll need the money.

Timing the market— No one can predict with 100% certainty when the market will go up or down. If you choose to change your investment strategy during a market decline, you then have to figure out the best time to change it back— something even financial professionals find challenging to do. If you don't time it right, you could miss a market rebound, making it even harder to make progress on your goals.

Dollar cost averaging— When the market fluctuates, so does the price of your investments. Regular contributions made to your account helps average out the highs and lows over time, which can help your personal, long-term return on investment. This investment strategy is known as dollar cost averaging (see footnote (1)).



(1) Dollar cost averaging does not guarantee a profit or eliminate the risk of a loss. Systematic investing involves continuous investment in securities, regardless of price-level fluctuation. Participants should consider their resources to continue the strategy over the long term.

For complete information about a particular investment option, please read the fund prospectus. You should carefully consider the objectives, risks, charges, and expenses before investing. The prospectus contains this and other important information about the investment option and investment company. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money. Prospectus may only be available in English.

There is no guarantee that any investment strategy will achieve its objectives. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

It is your responsibility to select and monitor your investment options to meet your retirement objectives. You should review your investment strategy at least annually. You may also want to consult your own independent or tax advisor or legal counsel.

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Reducing the emotional extremes when investing



Local 94 Service Award Ceremony





Local 94 43rd Annual Picnic





Local 94 Installation Ceremony





Local 94 Labor Day



Local 94 Labor Day





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Getting the Best Smile

One of the benefits offered by the Health and Benefit Trust Fund of the IUOE Local 94-94A-94B (“Health Fund”) is a comprehensive dental benefit plan. Earlier this year, the Trustees of the Health Fund made significant improvements to your dental benefits, effective January 1, 2025.

You and your eligible dependents can now utilize an expanded Sele-Dent network with over 5,000 participating providers. This broader network encompasses New York, New Jersey and Connecticut and contains general practitioners and all board-certified specialists, including endodontists, oral surgeons, periodontists, and pediatric dentists.

To locate a Sele-Dent Provider, visit www.sele-dent.com, and a user-friendly search engine will assist you. Please note, when using a Sele-Dent Provider, copayments may apply for certain procedures. For a list of all Sele-Dent copayments, please visit www.sele-dent.com or the Local 94 website (search Covered Dental Benefits).

If you cannot locate a Local 94 Provider or Sele-Dent Provider near you, please email info@sele-dent.com, or call 1-800-520-DENTAL (3368) so that a courteous and knowledgeable benefit analyst can assist you.

The current Local 94 Network remains intact. To find a provider in this network, please visit the Local 94 website. There are no copayments when using a Local 94 Network Provider.

Also, effective January 1, 2025, new benefits include:

- No co-payments on any preventative or diagnostic covered procedures, such as exams or cleanings, with Sele-Dent Participating Providers
- Orthodontic retainers are now a covered benefit, once per lifetime: \$500 Reimbursement for both in- and out-of-network providers, for eligible dependents under the age of 19.
- Periodontal cleanings or prophylaxis are now a covered benefit once per calendar year.
- Cone beam x-rays are now a covered benefit once every three years.

Additionally, effective January 1, 2025, there have been increases to the Out-Of-Network reimbursement fee schedule. To view the Out-Of-Network reimbursement fee schedule, please visit the Local 94 website and search for Covered Dental Benefits.

The calendar year maximum per individual of \$2,500 remains and all other current dental benefits described in your current benefit booklet still apply. If you would like Sele-Dent to request that a dentist join the Sele-Dent network, please send the dentist’s name and address to info@sele-dent.com, and Sele-Dent will contact this dentist.

These improvements are part of an ongoing commitment by both the Trustees of the Health Fund and Sele-Dent to ensure that you and your family members have access to the highest quality dental services. With more participating providers, you will now have greater flexibility, convenience, and options for all your dental needs. When you use a participating provider, you will save on the out-of-pocket expenses.

If you have any questions regarding your dental benefits, please call Sele-Dent at 1-800-520-DENTAL (3368) Monday – Friday 8am through 4pm.

Don’t wait for a toothache to start thinking about your dental health. Access your dental benefits today and enjoy a healthier tomorrow.





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Submitted By: Kelly Drummond, Treasurer

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS		
LOCAL UNION 94, 94A, 94B		
COMBINED STATEMENTS OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS - MODIFIED CASH BASIS		
DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023		
	2024	2023
ASSETS		
Current assets	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,155,062	\$ 534,773
Investments - at fair value	\$ 10,186,855	\$ 9,566,027
Receivables	-	-
Related organizations		\$ 83,520
Total current assets	\$ 11,341,917	\$ 10,184,320
Property and equipment - net	\$ 232,642	\$ 138,719
Other assets	\$ 10,934	\$ 991
Total assets	\$ 11,585,493	\$ 10,324,030
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities	-	-
Related organizations	\$ 5,559	
Other current liabilities	\$ 43,625	\$ 27,714
Total current liabilities	\$ 49,184	\$ 27,714
Net assets	-	-
Unrestricted	\$ 11,365,093	\$ 10,157,051
Temporarily restricted	\$ 171,216	\$ 139,265
Total net assets	\$ 11,536,309	\$ 10,296,316
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 11,585,493	\$ 10,324,030



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YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 2023)				
	2024			2023
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total	
Revenue and support				
Members dues and assessments	\$ 7,962,119	-	\$ 7,962,119	\$ 7,611,836
Political action contributions	-	\$ 155,424	\$ 155,424	\$ 159,242
Other Income	-	-	-	-
Net Investment Income (loss)	\$ 943,282	-	\$ 943,282	\$ 876,966
Net assets released from:	-	-	-	-
restrictions:	-	-	-	-
Satisfaction of program restrictions	\$ 123,473	(\$ 123,473)	-	-
Total revenue and support	\$ 9,028,874	\$ 31,951	\$ 9,060,825	\$ 8,648,044
Expenses				
Program services	\$ 6,441,854	-	\$ 6,441,854	\$ 6,296,711
Management and general	\$ 1,378,978	-	\$ 1,378,978	\$ 1,599,045
Total Expenses	\$ 7,820,832	-	\$ 7,820,832	\$ 7,895,756
Change in net assets	\$ 1,208,042	\$ 31,951	\$ 1,239,993	\$ 752,288
Net assets				
Beginning of year	\$ 10,157,051	\$ 139,265	\$ 10,296,316	\$ 9,544,028
End of year	\$ 11,365,093	\$ 171,216	\$ 11,536,309	\$ 10,296,316



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Local 94 2025-2026 Calendar

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

General Membership Meeting

8:30AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM

Hotel Trades Council Auditorium,
305 W. 44th Street

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Holiday Toy & Coat Drive

8:30AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM

*Members are urged to bring a new toy
and/or a "gently" worn coat to be
distributed to local charities.*

Hotel Trades Council Auditorium,
305 W. 44th Street

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

New Member Initiation Ceremony

4:00 PM

Hotel Trades Council Auditorium,
305 W. 44th Street

Friday, January 9, 2026

Local 94 Dinner Dance

Russo's on the Bay

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

General Membership Meeting

8:30AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM

Hotel Trades Council Auditorium,
305 W. 44th Street

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

General Membership Meeting

8:30AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM

Hotel Trades Council Auditorium,
305 W. 44th Street

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

General Membership Meeting

8:30AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM

Hotel Trades Council Auditorium,
305 W. 44th Street

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

General Membership Meeting

8:30AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM

Hotel Trades Council Auditorium,
305 W. 44th Street

Monday, May 11, 2026

*2026 Local 94 Scholarship Spring
Golf Outing*

LaTourette and South Shore Golf
Courses

Sign in 7:00AM

Double Shot Gun Start 8:00AM

\$200 Per Golfer

Jillian Loughnane or David Hawkins

(212) 331-1858

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

General Membership Meeting

8:30AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM

Hotel Trades Council Auditorium,
305 W. 44th Street

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

New Member Initiation Ceremony

4:00PM

Hotel Trades Council Auditorium,
305 W. 44th Street

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

General Membership Meeting

8:30AM, 2:00PM, 5:00PM

Hotel Trades Council Auditorium,
305 W. 44th Street

Service Awards Ceremony at 5pm
Meeting

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Local 94 Family Picnic

Kruckers Catering & Picnic Grove

81 Call Hollow Road

Pomona, NY

Contact: Vinny Curcio

(212) 331-1819

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