



## WHAT'S AHEAD?

### Local 776 Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 10, 2016

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Local 776 Harrisburg Union Hall

The annual Children's Christmas party hosts the children and grandchildren, newborn to 10 years old, of Local 776 members and retirees.

Refreshments, activities, face painters, a visit by Santa and gifts are the centerpiece of the day. Fellowship with coworkers and our Teamster Family "off the clock" is an added benefit.

### 70th Annual Zembo Shrine Circus

March 2017



Dates and ticket purchase details will be posted on the Local 776 website early in 2017.

### 2017 Local 776 Drive Dinner Dance

Saturday, April 1, 2017

Further information will be posted on the Local 776 website and DRIVE members will receive invitations.

If you haven't visited the Local website lately, please go to [www.Teamsterslocal776.org](http://www.Teamsterslocal776.org). You may be surprised at how much information is available at the site. There is information available only to members at the "members" button. Just click on.

## Hershey Medical Center Contract Negotiated, Delivered and Ratified Anatomy of a successful contract negotiation

On July 21/22/23, 2016, Hershey Medical Center members voted on, by secret ballot, and ratified a new three-year agreement.

The vote for ratification was 529 "Yes" to 126 "No" – a better than 4 to 1 margin.

### How did they get there?

Starting in January of 2016, Local 776 Business Agent Dave Vrona sent 956 letters to all bargaining unit members at Hershey Medical Center (HMC) with proposal forms and a return postage paid envelope asking them what changes and/or improvements they desired in their upcoming contract.

Vrona also notified the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service that the previous contract was about to expire. The Service assigned mediator Wayne Rentzel to the case.

After receiving the proposal forms back, the Local sorted the member proposals by Contract Articles and assembled and printed an overview of the proposals. In March, a meeting with HMC members was scheduled at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Three meetings were held throughout the day so any shift member could attend. Vrona walked through and explained the effects of each



The new Hershey Medical Center Contract was printed by Local 776 members at HMC.

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## Local 776 Scholarship Winners Announced New opportunities for member's kids



Local 776 created two new scholarship opportunities for member's children in 2015.

The new scholarships were in addition to the prior Harrisburg Area Community College (HCAA) and the International's James R. Hoffa Scholarship program. The new scholarships, \$1,000.00 each, have been funded by raffles the Local holds at meetings and events.

The winners of those scholarships are:

Kayla Snyder, who plans to attend York College, is the daughter of UPS member Matthew Snyder.

Antonice Mason, the daughter of UPS member Anthony Mason, will be attending West Chester University.

Previously, Local 776 had announced the four HACC scholarship winners: Alexis Krug, Kelly Magee, Sarah Raker and Michelle Swab.

The International awarded Alexandra Kohr who plans to attend Penn State a \$10,000 scholarship.

Information on Scholarship guidelines and deadlines can be found under "Member Resources" at the Local 776 website. It's another great benefit to Local 776 membership.



## A Message from Local Union 776 President Ed Thompson: Grasping opportunities



Local  
776 has  
engaged the  
communities  
where we  
work and live.  
  
We hope  
that we have  
helped make  
them better  
places to live  
and work.

At times it seems we all become so busy and distracted that when opportunity is right in front of us, we ignore it.

It's like the guy who lives next door to a world famous museum or historic site and has never visited it -- opportunity lost.

Much like deadlines, once past, opportunity rarely offers itself a second time.

Opportunity is all around us if we only take the time and make an effort to engage it.

On the professional side, Local 776 has tried to avail itself of every opportunity not just to bring workers under the union umbrella but to grow the umbrella itself -- to support new industries and commercial efforts in creating good jobs that provide for workers and their families.

No matter which of the interested people you hear discussing the possible or likely impact of the Marcellus Shale discovery here in Pennsylvania, there is one thing they all agree on -- that the Marcellus reserves are almost unfathomably rich.

One expert has been quoted saying, "If the Marcellus were a country, it would rank as a top-10 producer in the world."

In fact, by year's end, the Marcellus operation will account for one quarter of the nation's gas supply and production is estimated to triple by the end of the decade.

Boom. Opportunity. And, Local 776 has been at the labor forefront of grasping that opportunity.

That opportunity, if grasped, can and will have a direct impact on employment opportunities and days worked by Local 776 members. As the project grows, new jobs will be created.

The same is true of the Atlantic Sunrise transmission pipeline project.

As I contemplated the testimony I offered before the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on behalf of those pipelines, I could only guess how many trucks, forklifts, heavy equipment and the like that Local 776 members would be transporting to and operating at construction sites.

It is the reason we were so vigorous in lobbying on behalf of these projects. (See additional information about our efforts and the projects on page 3) It is the reason we brought in the Teamsters Pipeline Training force to schedule training for Local 776 members to aid them in obtaining needed Certifications.

It's the reason Local 776 employs an Organizer whose job is to see opportunities to increase the union fold and accomplish it. (More on that achievement can be found on page 8)

Smaller of scale and closer to home, the Local offers members opportunities that many ignore. My advice is to grab hold of them. They'll only open the door to other opportunities.

As an example, we offered discounted tickets to members and their families to attend Nittany Lions' football games at their home stadium. Those offers were first made to members who had signed up to receive Local 776 E-mail Blasts. Almost all Local 776 events and happenings appear first by way of the Blasts. If you haven't signed up you are missing out on near instantaneous notification of opportunities that only members can use.

Another opportunity to members that will open doors down the road is our Scholarship Programs. \$1,000.00 to \$10,000.00 is available to help member's children on their higher education path who grasp the opportunity and apply.

There was a great sense of satisfaction, solidarity and pride when dozens of Local 776 members stood before the Newville Borough Council to successfully demand that the Council rescind its decision to lay off a fellow member as perceived punishment for the Officers' union organizing activities.

Local 776 has engaged the communities where we work and live. We hope that we have helped make them better places to live and work. Proudly we have celebrated the special events that make us a community.

As we enter the Holiday period, Local 776 opportunities for our kids and the kids of our community neighbors are open and available to all. Please participate.

Lastly, please attend our meetings and functions be they social or work-related. Be positive. Participate. Support one another. Remain positive and professional.

If our foes are successful in dividing us from one another, they will be the winners. But, if our message of solidarity rings true, we will be the winners.

In Solidarity,

Ed Thompson, IBT Local 776 President

## Local 776 Fighting for Jobs Lobby Mariner East II and Atlantic Sunrise hearings

### Mariner East II

On August 16, 2016, Local 776 attended a public hearing on the Mariner East II pipeline project to show support for the pipeline job. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) holds public hearings at which homeowners, environmentalists, workers and others can voice their opinions on the projects.



Local 776 Organizer Mark Cicak delivers the Local's written comments supporting the Mariner East II pipeline project.

This construction project will create over 30,000 jobs along its route. Much of it will be done by Union workers hands. Local 776 President Ed Thompson and Local 776 Organizer Mark Cicak along with Richard Stern attended the hearings. Stern is an administrator with the Teamsters National Pipeline Labor Management Cooperation Trust. The following 776 construction members also attended to voice their support for the project: Kyle Thomas, Beth Thomas, Jeffrey Reim, Bill Eavenson, Cory Hockenberry, Jeff Jarbeck, Richard Moyer, and Jay Parson



Local 776 Construction Member Bill Eavenson spoke in support of the Mariner East II project at the hearing.

### Atlantic Sunrise

The proposed Atlantic Sunrise pipeline is part of a state-wide pipeline build out intended to transport gas extracted from the shale fields in PA to markets overseas.

It's designed to move Marcellus Shale gas from Susquehanna County in northeastern Pennsylvania as far south as Alabama. If approved by federal regulators, it would cut through portions of 10 central Pennsylvania counties (Columbia, Lancaster, Lebanon, Luzerne, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Clinton and Lycoming).

The pipeline would carry the gas to markets along the eastern seaboard, including the Cove Point liquefied natural gas

export terminal on the Chesapeake Bay. The project has been met with considerable public push-back, especially in Lancaster County.

Members will recall that Local 776 had previously scheduled and held classroom and hands-on training, in association with the Teamsters National Pipeline Training Fund, for interested members. That training aided members in obtaining necessary certification to get or hold on to pipeline oriented employment.



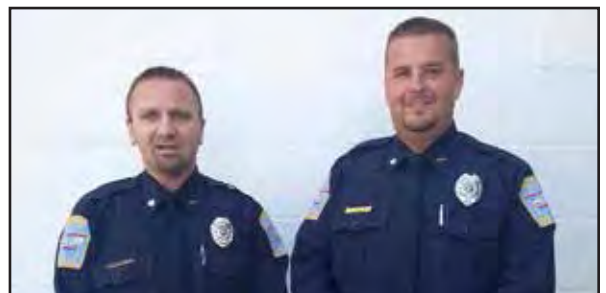
### Election Day 2016



Local 776 thanks all those who voted on November 8, 2016.

### Littlestown Borough Members to the Rescue

On August 26th, Littlestown Borough Police Department Officers and Local 776 Stewards Gary Gearhart and James Spielman were dispatched to aid an unconscious person. The Officers recognized the symptoms of an opioid overdose and administered Narcan and other life saving measures. Due to the quick response and recent training in administering Narcan, the officers saved a life.



Officers Gary Gearhart, left, and James Spielman





## WEST YORK Borough Highway Department joins 776



West York Borough Highway Department Union Steward John Love and Local 776 Business Agent Bill Olmeda.

Late in April 2016, Local 776 demanded recognition as the sole bargaining agent for West York Borough Highway Department employees. By early May, the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board certified Local 776 as those employees' representative. (See Organizing Notes on page 8)

## Other West York Borough Teamster news

Teamster members at West York Borough have been busy. Patrolman Mike Mendez, a 14-year veteran of the West York Borough Police Dept, was promoted to Detective. Mike was promoted at a West York borough Council meeting by interim Police Chief Matt Milsaps.

Also, at a West York Borough Council meeting, Local 776 member Officers Bree Wilson and Scott Musselman were presented with community service awards by Interim Chief Milsaps for their outstanding relationships with the members of the community.



Officers Scott Musselman and Bree Wilson were honored for their outstanding relationships with members of the community.

## Military Appreciation Day



Now Local 776 Business Agent David Licht back when he was wearing a U.S. Army uniform.

On Saturday, May 21, 2016, the Harrisburg Senators baseball team honored area Military members. The evening was established in order to celebrate our local Heroes.

There was a Military Hero baseball card set created to honor those selected and presented to the first 1,000 fans that entered FNB Field.

Two Local 776 Teamsters were included in the celebration of our finest. David Licht, a Local 776 Business Agent, served in the U.S. Army and Chad Sener, a UPS feeder driver at the Harrisburg Hub who served in the U.S. Air force.

Local 776 thanks them and all local veterans for their service to our great country.



Now Local 776 members and UPS Feeder Driver Chad Sener when he was wearing a different uniform – then, the US Air Force.

## Did You Miss Cheap Penn State Football Tickets?

Local 776, as an appreciation to members, offered discounted tickets to members and their families for two separate Penn State Football games at Beaver Stadium.

The first, October 10, was the Big Ten home opening game versus Minnesota.

The second, November 26, was Senior Appreciation Day facing longtime rival Michigan State.

The discounted ticket availability was made to members who have signed up for Local 776 E-Mail Blasts. If you haven't signed up yet, see below.



## Are You Missing Out on Important Events? Get on the Local E-Mail Alert list

If you aren't signed up to receive Local 776 e-Mail Alerts, you're probably missing out on important opportunities and vital information.

Since January 2015, Local 776 has sent out 43 E-Mail Alerts. How many did you get?

Did you and your family know about just the events in this Local 776 REVIEW? Plenty more happened we didn't have space for in the REVIEW. If not, sign up for Local 776 E-Mails Alerts. It's easy. It's fast. And you only have to do it once to get near instant information. It's simple:

1. Visit [www.TeamstersLocal776.org](http://www.TeamstersLocal776.org)
2. Click on "Members Resources"
3. Go to "Log In" at bottom of column
4. Complete the e-mail section and you're signed up\*

**YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS WILL NEVER BE SHARED WITH ANY OTHER PERSON OR PERSONS.**

*\*New Members should go to Members Resources to sign up, too. There's a protocol to ensuring we get it right.*

## Veteran's Day 2016



*Local 776 honors Veterans and Active Duty members of the nation's five Services for their commitment, service, devotion, sacrifice and generosity.*



## Local 776 Keeps the Promise

Union solidarity takes many forms.

In September, Local 776 sent a delegation to support the United Mine Workers of America's (UMWA) "Keep the Promise" rally in Washington DC.



*Local 776 members stood in support of Keeping the Promise at a Mine Worker's rally on Capitol Hill in Washington.*

The rally, in support of thousands of UMWA members, was held on Capitol Hill to urge Congress to pass legislation to keep health care and pensions for retired coal mine workers and their spouses adequately funded. Without passing the Miners Protection Act, more than 16,000 retired coal miners and their families would lose their health care and pension coverage at the end of the year.

The Krug-Lewis Agreement of 1946 between the federal government, the United Mine Workers of America, and the coal companies ended a lengthy miner's strike, and secured pension and health benefits for the miners. The federal government has continuously supported the 70-year-old promises by enacting legislation. Funding is available to retired miners even as coal companies go out of business and the industry continues to decline.

Supporting our Sisters and Brothers in need were Business Agent Edie Sutton, Local 776 Organizer Mark Cicak, Steward Andy Barnes and member Richard Stover.

As this edition of the Local 776 REVIEW goes to press, the situation is still unresolved.





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Local 776 members counted the Ratification vote ballots cast in July

of the proposals with the attending members and asked if there were any additional proposals or issues that needed to be addressed.

At that point the Negotiating Committee was formed. It was important to get participation from Committee mem-

bers that represented the many different job titles that Local 776 represents at the Medical Center. The Committee members were Bob Krotser, Patient Transport; Tom Bender, Environmental Health; Scott Heblow, Patient Care Assistant; Leslie Lukenich, Food Service; Darlene Freeman, Patient Care Assistant; Jerry Stonerod, Emergency Medical Technician; Juanita Ancharski, Phlebotomy and Josh Ingram, Trades. Throughout March, meetings were held with the Committee members to go over proposals and put together a plan to prioritize the issues.

With plan and priorities in hand, Vrona and the Committee contacted the Medical Center representatives to set dates to open negotiations. Both sides initially met on April 14, 15 and the 23rd. Next, on May 5 and May 24. At the Union's suggestion, we agreed negotiations was to exchange and conclude proposals on contract language. Finished with those details, the Committee could move on to monetary issues with a goal of getting this all done before the contract expired on June 30, 2016.

Progress was good but slow as they moved toward a successor Agreement until they hit a snag – an Article on contracting out work. The Medical Center proposed that they would have the right to lay-off employees and replace them with subcontractors with no job protections.

The Union and the Negotiating Committee said, "No." The Committee position was to stay with the current language that gave wage and job protections to everyone covered under the Agreement. More sessions were scheduled and the original five face-to-face meetings grew to a total of nine. The added sessions and HMC delays caused an extension of the prior Contract to be agreed to.

In the end, the union side prevailed on its proposals. Included in the Agreement are:

- Wage improvements
- An enhanced Tardy Policy
- Labor Pay Grade protections
- Leave of Absence Protections
- Better Union to Member information opportunities

- And, Retroactive Pay covering the Contract extension

On July 7, a tentative agreement was reached. Meetings to explain the tentative Agreement to members were scheduled as was a Ratification vote.

## Special thanks

Local 776 and Agent Vrona wish to thank the Negotiating Committee for their extraordinary commitment and efforts. They were available, not only for the negotiation sessions, but for many group and one-on-one meetings to explain the tentative Agreement to HMC members.

Only through their efforts was a new Contract negotiated, agreed to and ratified.

## Contract update

Increased wages and retroactive pay were paid on August 12, 2016. The new contract books were printed by our own Local 776 bargaining unit members at the Hershey Medical Center print shop and distribution started on October 27, 2016 by the Business Agent and the Stewards.

It was a long, tedious and demanding effort, but with the help and solidarity of the membership we got it done negotiated, signed and delivered.

## Hershey Medical Center -- Arbitration Victory

During open enrollment in the fall of 2015, the Hershey Medical Center unilaterally doubled the Smoker and Spousal member health care surcharge costs.

Business Agent Dave Vrona immediately filed a grievance stating that the surcharges were over the contractual limit.

The case deadlocked at the second step of the grievance process.

Dave Vrona, with the approval of the Local 776 Executive Board, took the case to arbitration with the help and testimony of Steward Bob Kroster and Attorney Jason Weinstock.

On May 4, 2016 an arbitration hearing was held to hear the case of the Smoker and Spousal charges.

## Decision Award

On July 5, 2016, the independent arbitrator issued an Award upholding the claims of Local 776 members. He directed Hershey Medical Center to reimburse members.

The total award returned \$150,764.98 back to all hard working members at Hershey Medical Center.

During calculation of the award it was also found that Hershey Medical Center was over charging for eye and dental in the same time frame which resulted in a refund of \$9,487.57 for dental and \$2,365.58 for vision coverage to members.

The total amount of the Arbitration Award was \$162,618.13.

## 2016 Local 776 Golf Tournament Aces It!



Local 776 Secretary-Treasurer Ron Hicks and Local 776 Vice President Dave Pogue Present hole-in-one golfer/member Robert Rife with his special achievement prize.

Local 776 held its annual golf outing on Sunday August 7, 2016 at Eagles Crossing Golf Course in Carlisle, PA. For the second year in a row the players were greeted by perfect weather for a day of golf. Storms had moved through the area the night before leaving Sunday morning clear and bright with not a cloud in the sky.

In addition to bragging rights, the players had a chance at a prize for longest drive, closest to the pin, a \$10,000 payout for a hole in one on the "money hole" or an auxiliary prize for a hole in one on the other designated holes.

On hole number 3, Robert Rife, not the "money hole," a Local 776 member who works for New Penn, scored a hole in one, which gave him the prize for closest to the pin on that hole and a Kindle Fire HD tablet for that hole in one. This was the first hole in one recorded during the Local 776 Teamsters Golf Outings.

After a hard round the players were treated to dinner at the clubhouse while the scores were tallied and the prizes distributed.

## Spring Garden Township members working on clean up



Spring Garden Township Sewer Department Crew Leader Brent Barley (left), Russ Fuller (right) doing sewer inspections maintenance.

## IBT Local 776 2017 Membership Meeting Dates

Sunday, December 11	Sunday, July 9*
Sunday, January 8	Sunday August 13*
Sunday, February 12	Sunday, September 10
Sunday, March 12	Sunday, October 8*
Sunday, April 9	Sunday, November 12*
Sunday May 7*	Sunday, December 10
Sunday, June 11*	

Local 776 Membership meetings are held the second Sunday of each month. Meetings are held at the Union Hall and start at 10 AM.

## IBT Local 776 2017 Steward Meetings

Saturday, January 7	Saturday, September 9
Saturday, March 11	Saturday, November 11
Saturday, May 6	

\*Pending membership approval





## A Growing Union is a Thriving Union

Local 776 Organizer Mark Cicak has been busy this year organizing across the Local's jurisdiction. Below are a listing of the Local's recent organizing achievements.

### Newville Police Department



On February 25, 2016, the Teamsters demanded recognition from the Newville Borough on behalf of the Newville Police Department. The Borough opted to recognize the Teamsters as the sole collective bargaining agent for the police department.

On May 24, 2016, the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board certified Local 776 as the representative of the Newville Police Department.

### West York Borough Highway Department

On April 20, 2016, the Teamsters demanded recognition from the West York Borough on behalf of the West York Borough Highway Department. The borough elected to recognize the Teamsters as the sole collective bargaining agent for the highway department. On May 4, 2016, the Pennsylvania Labor Relations Board certified Teamsters Local 776 as the representative for the West York Borough Highway Department.

### Ryder Integrated Logistics

On June 24, 2016, Teamsters Local 776 demanded recognition from Ryder Integrated Logistics on behalf of the Ryder drivers that deliver for Metals USA. Ryder Integrated Logistics denied the Unions request and choose to take their chances with an election. On July 20, 2016, the National Labor Relations Board held an election where all of the eligible employees voted and an overwhelming number of Ryder employees voted YES for Teamsters Local 776 to be their collective bargaining agent.



On July 29, 2016, the National Labor Relations Board certified Local 776 as the representative for the Ryder Integrated Logistics employees.

### Krapf School Bus

Local 776 demanded recognition from the bus company who had begun servicing the Harrisburg, PA School District.



The company refused. Local 776 filed charges against the company which resulted in the company voluntarily

recognizing Local 776 as the representative and bargaining agent for the Harrisburg School District bus drivers.

## National Night Out



Steelton, PA Police officer and Local 776 member Casey Mcmillan and Business Agent Eddie Sutton manned the Local 776 informational booth at a recent "National Night Out" event.

## Teamsters rally at UPS Shareholder meeting



Local 776 Business Agent Spencer Dearth, center, was one of many Teamsters telling UPS Shareholders at a May meeting to stop trying to divide and undercut employees in Wilmington, DE. Local 776 Vice-President Dave Pogue, Organizer Mark Cicak, and Trustees Patrick Hollingshead and Robert Smiley joined others at the rally.



## Career Day in New Cumberland

Unions don't just grow by organizing and representing currently employed workers. They grow by design, planning and educating potential workers about possibilities of employment before they plan to enter the work force.

That education takes all forms and shapes. Local 776 has a history of being out front and available when, even the youngest, people are available to discuss future career options.

In late May, as an example, Local 776 leadership sent a delegation to Career Day at the Hillside Elementary School in New Cumberland, PA.

Local 776 driver Richard Stover and Local 776 Organizer Mark Cicak offered kids the opportunity to get into vehicles and answered their many questions.

If member's kids report to you that your child's school is planning a Career Day, let us know. Local 776 is always proud to present the good side and the positive benefits of being a Teamster member/employee.



*Kids crowded around to ask questions of Local 776 driver Rich Stover at a New Cumberland, PA school's Career Day.*

## Annual Local 776 Family Day a Hit



*The Senators welcomed Local 776 members and families.*



*Good food, good friends and good times was the recipe for the annual Local 776 Picnic and Baseball game.*

June 12 was a great day for a picnic and a ball game.

The weather was near perfect -- a clear blue sky and a gentle breeze.

Plenty of food and home team baseball.

To the delight of the fans, the hometown Harrisburg Senators fought back to win the baseball game in the bottom of the ninth inning over the visiting Akron Rubber Ducks. A great end to a great day.

Memories and souvenirs for all.



*Future Teamsters with a souvenir Local 776 emblazoned baseball offered to all the kids.*



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## Planning for the Future Now!

Local 776 wants members to have all the tools they need to prepare for their futures. It's always better to know upcoming options before the decision dates.

To help effect that, in July, Local 776 sponsored a retirement seminar for members and spouses enrolled in the Central Pennsylvania Teamster Pension Fund.



*President Thompson welcomed the future retirees to the session.*

The seminar was open to all participants but was recommended for members who plan to retire in the next three to five years. A representative from the Central PA Teamsters Pension Fund and a financial advisor with years of experience working with Central PA Retirees were in attendance and presented the seminar.

Participation in the July event was limited to the first 50 members who signed up so as to ensure members were able to ask and get their questions answered.

Future seminars will be scheduled based on the response received for the inaugural event.

To make sure you receive Pension Seminar notifications, please make sure you have signed up to receive Local 776 E-Mail Blasts. Information on how to sign up for e-mails that include the most recent information, please see the information on page 5 of this newsletter.

Please do NOT confuse the Central Pennsylvania Teamsters Pension Fund with the Teamsters Central States Pension Fund. They are distinct and separate Funds with no connection to one another.

## Your Pension Fund

### Don't wait until last minute to prepare

Local 776 has made an arrangement with the Central Pennsylvania Health & Welfare Fund to assist members with their correct completion of all the paperwork needed to access your pension at the earliest opportunity.

Members used to have to travel to Reading to get this personal help. And, you still can if you want to.

But, now, the Fund is going to come to our Local Union Hall to provide help.

Beginning in September 2015, Ms. Joann Vogel, an employee of the Fund, will be available at our Union Hall on the fourth Wednesday of each month. (In November, the third Wednesday due to Thanksgiving.)

Members must call the Fund and schedule an appointment with Joann. Please call 1.800.422.8330 to use this new service.





## Solidarity of Brotherhood Wins Local 776 lobbies for one of our own

On Tuesday, July 19, 2016, the Newville Borough Council held a special meeting to discuss and vote on the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Newville Police department and Teamsters Local 776.

The Police Officers attended an earlier off-site meeting and unanimously voted to accept their first-ever Teamster bargained contract with 100 percent participation.

With only about ten people in attendance, after an executive session, the Borough voted unanimously to lay off full-time Officer Wyatt Wagner and then voted to adopt the new Contract.

There were about 10 people in attendance, including Business Agent Eddie Sutton, and Newville Police Steward Jarreau Dodson. Some of the residents attending asked why the council voted to lay off Officer Wagner. The only answer given was, "It's not open for discussion."



Local 776 Business Agent Eddie Sutton addressed the Council seeking fair treatment for a wronged Teamster Brother.

Agent Sutton thought he knew the answer – the lay-off was in retaliation for the Officers having sought Teamster 776 recognition.

After a meeting with President Thompson, the Business Agent set out a plan and set it in motion. The call went out to pack the next Council meeting on July 26, 2016 and demand Officer Wagner's reinstatement.

Teamsters responded in full force. Rich Stover drove the



Local 776 members, Officers and Agents gathered at the Local 776 truck before the Newville Borough Council meeting.

Local's tractor-trailer and parked it in front of the meeting hall beside the organizing truck driven by Shawn Simpson. The membership gathered near the tractor-trailer.

Every council member saw the truck and the Teamsters as they entered the building. The meeting hall was filled with more than 100 attendees most of whom were Teamsters, including Officers and Agents of the Local.

The Borough Council changed its decision. They all rose to announce they are big supporters of the Newville Police Department. Council member Joey Diehl rose to apologize to Officer Wagner and the Union. He then made a motion to reinstate Officer Wagner. The motion passed unanimously. The Borough Council agreed to Officer Wagner being made whole financially and offered an official letter of apology.

After the meeting Agent Sutton remarked, "There is no way to thank everyone who attended the meeting to support this Brother in his time of need. It is the Teamster way."

## Teamsters Lending a Hand

Frequently the Local 776's truck and trailer can be found providing assistance when someone calls for help. We've done it many times. Whether moving supplies in support of disaster relief, transporting school supplies, or delivering toys for the Toys for Tots program, our truck has done it all. The truck is also present at school career days, rallies supporting working men and women, and various parades and events in our communities.

Recently, Ken Kertesz, who is the Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Legislative Board for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET), which is part of the Teamsters Rail Conference, contacted Local 776 Secretary-Treasurer Ron Hicks asking if the Local could help them move some train parts from Scranton, PA to Silva, NC for restoration. The parts are for an old steam engine that is being rebuilt at the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton.

Once the steam engine is rebuilt it will be displayed at the Steamtown railroad museum located in downtown Scranton.

"The size and strength of Local 776 allows us to have this truck to promote and support the Teamsters and Local 776. We look forward to helping out our fellow Teamsters from other divisions of the Teamsters," stated Hicks. "It ends up being a new work horse helping out an old work horse."



This old steam locomotive needed Local 776's help to get restored to former glory.



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*Local 776 Membership meetings are held the second Sunday of each month. Meetings are held at the Union Hall and start at 10 AM.*

## York Union Hall Opens On time, under budget

Even before taking office in 2015, the new Local 776 officer team made a commitment to restoring the proud heritage and services that Local 430 members enjoyed prior to Local 430's merger with Local 776 in 2004.

Due to neglect, insufficient Local 430 resources and the lack of determination and commitment by past Local 776 administrations, the York Hall fell into decline and was closed and abandoned in 2012. Member services and participation had declined too. Spirits sank as weeds grew and trash collected at the formerly proud site.

With enthusiastic support and by the vote of the Local 776 Executive Board, a restoration project began.

Even prior to the "official" re-opening of the Hall in October 2016, Business Agents began working out of the restored Hall. Both Stewards' meetings and a regular monthly Local 776 Membership meeting have been held at the Hall. It's now easier and faster for members to meet with their Agents and representatives. More good things are on the way.



*Members, Stewards, Agents, Officers and families all pitched in to clean up the exterior of the newly re-opened Local 776 York Union Hall.*

tion to all the Officers, Agents, Stewards, staff and families who gave of their free time to bring the job home – home to York.

Members can view a short video of the York Hall restoration at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



*Teamster Can-Do spirit accomplished the restoration of the York Hall done on time and under budget.*

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