ILWU Longshore Caucus delegates reconvened in San Francisco on July 21 and 22 to review the status of ongoing Longshore contract negotiations.

Caucus Chair Joe Cortez quickly brought the session to order, then turned over the podium to International President Bob McEllrath who asked delegates to dedicate their meeting in memory of former Local 13 member and Caucus delegate Alberto Bonilla, who died unexpectedly on May 17 at the age of 43. His son, Albert Bonilla, Jr., attended the Caucus and was recognized by delegates with a warm and sustained standing ovation. Other dedications for fallen members included Armando Castro and Dwayne Washington from Local 10 in the Bay Area; former Local 12 President Wally Robbins of Coos Bay, Oregon; Night Business Agent and Executive Committee member John “Johnny Canuck” Collins from Local 52 in Seattle and Jeffrey Jewell of Local 24 in Aberdeen.

The 88 Caucus delegates were joined by dozens of fraternal representatives from Hawaii, Alaska and Canada who came to express their solidarity, along with many Pensioners who attended from the Bay Area and beyond. McEllrath recognized International Vice President-Hawaii, Wesley Furtado who attended the Caucus with Hawaii Longshore Division Negotiating Chairman Elgin Calles, Co-Chairman Dustin Dawson, Spokesman William Haole and Business Agent Dennis Morton. Chairman Elgin Calles provided a brief overview of the Hawaii Longshore Division’s contract negotiation effort, noting that they have been in talks with their employers for about two months.

Also recognized was ILWU Canada President Mark Gordenko who attended the Caucus with Business Agent Reno Voci. “I’ve made it clear to our employers that we won’t be touching any U.S.-bound cargo if there’s trouble,” said Gordenko. He also described how ILWU Canada members have been conducting outreach efforts to educate crewmembers on grain ships involved in the lockout by Mitsui-United and Columbia-Marubeni Grain companies. “When those ships come north, we’re talking with crewmembers and educating them about the ILWU struggle.”

Delegates thanked outgoing Puget Sound and Washington Area Benefits Director Nick Buckles, who continues on page 5.

Caucus reconvenes: The Longshore Caucus reconvened on July 21 and 22 in San Francisco. In the top left photo are Coast Committeemen Leal Sundet (left) and Ray Ortiz, Jr. In the top right-hand photo Local 23 delegate Conrad Spell (left) presents International President Bob McEllrath with a plaque made by his uncle, Ron Rendina. In the bottom left, Local 19 delegate Rich Austin, Jr. addresses the caucus; and in the bottom right Local 13 delegates (from left to right are Alonzo Bonilla, Mike Piazza and Ray Benavente.  

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Dear Editor,

Attached is a poem for readers of The Dispatcher.

The piece was inspired by a conversation I had many years ago with my stepdad, James Long who is a long-time member of the ILWU. He was a member of Local 10 from 1989-2000 and Local 63 from 2002-present. He told me about a dispute in 1987 that involved members of the Inlandboatmen’s Union and ILWU against Crowley Maritime. One incident we discussed took place in Redwood City where non-union crane operators fled the port after being confronted by a mass of pro-union protestors.

I am a graduate of San Francisco State University’s MFA program. I am also a multi-generational machinist, working with my dad in the small shop that my great-grandfather built in 1935. My poetry has recently appeared, or is forthcoming, in publications including The North American Review, The Fourth River, The Midwest Quarterly, as well as Ted Kooser’s American Life in Poetry (Sponsored by the Poetry Foundation and The Library of Congress).

I feel blessed to have grown up in an ILWU family. Not only did it provide us with a good job, but it taught me about working class issues, and showed me what the spirited bond, of union brothers and sisters, could accomplish.

Sincerely,

Ivan Hobson
Concord, CA

Local 10
For James Long

It is not a shore, scattered with seashells or swimmers, but steel cranes and container ships, workers in overalls and hard hats, hustling what comes in and lashing what goes out.

It is an American tide, a rhythm of union brothers and sisters constant as trade winds.

Whose Waterfront? Our Waterfront!
That was dad’s call, to the scabs caught in the swell.

47TH ANNUAL PENSIONERS CONVENTION

The 47th Annual Convention of the Pacific Coast Pensioners Association will convene at 9:00 AM on Monday, September 15, and adjourn at about Noon on September 17, 2014.

Place: Holiday Inn – Vancouver Centre
711 West Broadway
Vancouver, British Columbia

Contact your local Pensioners Club to get a registration form and lodging information.

• Labor leaders and lawmakers from Canada will address the Convention
• ILWU Officers, the Coast Committee, and Local Officers will be join us.
• Help welcome our guests from Australia, Colombia, and perhaps other nations.
• You will hear a report on 2014 U.S. Longshore Division Negotiations.
• Information about health care and pensions will be provided.

The Vancouver Host Committee has scheduled a number of fun and exciting activities and side trips. A Banquet will be held Tuesday night. Join the fun. Enjoy a fine meal. Dance your socks off. Meet and greet old friends and new.

For more information contact your local Pensioners Club.

See you there!

In unity, Rich Austin – President
Tentative Agreement for Northwest Grain

A tentative agreement for a new contract covering grain terminals in the Pacific Northwest was reached on August 11, by a negotiating committee representing five ILWU local unions: Local 4 in Vancouver, Local 8 in Portland, Local 19 in Seattle, and Local 21 in Longview and Local 92 in Portland. The membership of each local will review the tentative agreement and vote according to their internal rules, with results to be announced August 25. Terms of the agreement will not be made public until members have a chance to review and vote on the tentative agreement which covers Mitsui-united Grain (UGG) in Vancouver, Marubeni-Columbia Grain in Portland, and Louis Dreyfus in Portland and Seattle. Redacted picket lines will remain at Mitsui-UGG and at Marubeni-Columbia Grain while members vote on the agreement.

Local 4 longshoreman helps save life of Vancouver police officer

Vancouver, WA police officer is alive today thanks to the medical training and quick-thinking of ILWU Local 4 longshoreman James Bridger Jr. On June 30th Bridger was leaving his neighborhood when he saw Earlene Anderson holding a police officer in her arms as she slumped to the ground. Bridger knew something was wrong and immediately stopped to help.

Officer Dustin Goudschaal had been shot several times while making a traffic stop. Anderson was driving in the opposite direction when the shooting occurred. She ran over to help after the suspect driving a black truck sped off just before Bridger came on the scene. Goudschaal had been struck several times in his bullet proof vest and once in the neck which was bleeding profusely. He was unable to speak because of his wounds.

After helping apply pressure to the handage, he reached across Goudschaal’s chest, grabbed his radio, and yelled: “Code 33!” He said that an officer was shot and that they needed help immediately.

Bridger had worked as reserve officer with the Battle Ground Police Department and as a volunteer with Fire District 3. “Even though it’s been a few years, my training just sort of kicked in,” said Bridger.

Goudschaal thanked Bridger when he visited him in the hospital the next day. “He told me, ‘It’s because of you that I’m here,’” Bridger said.

A few months earlier, Bridger’s relationship with the Vancouver police was not as friendly. Bridger had been arrested for “malicious mischief” after he was struck by a van while walking the picket line outside of the United Grain terminal. The van driver was not arrested.

Both Bridger and Anderson were honored by the Vancouver City Council on July 7 for their role in helping to save the life of Officer Goudschaal. Vancouver police officers lined the walls of the council chambers during the meeting.

Goudschaal was still recovering from the shooting and was unable to attend. A friend read a statement from Goudschaal and his wife Kate, “I choose to believe, that for whatever reason, those two good Samaritans were meant to be there in that moment to help Dustin, and for this, we are eternally grateful.”

“I was just in the right place at the right time,” Bridger said. “This was just one union brother helping another union brother. That’s the way I see it.”

ILWU recyclers win big raises in Oakland’s new waste franchise deal; Waste Management workers will continue organizing for raises

A 18-month campaign by Bay Area recycling workers to improve pay and benefits hit a new milestone on July 30 when the Oakland City Council voted unanimously to raise recycler wages in the city’s new 10-year residential waste and recycling service franchise agreements.

This victory means that ILWU recycling workers have successfully implemented their higher wage and benefit standards at two of the largest city franchises in Alameda County, said ILWU Vice President Ray Farnsworth. “This is an impressive demonstration of the recyclers’ persistence and courage.”

Recycler unity & action: ILWU members employed by two firms that process Oakland’s residential, commercial and construction recycling held a joint strike last July to protest low pay and dangerous working conditions. Over two hundred workers and supporters brought their picket lines to city hall, then spoke at a City Council meeting. The action was one of many during an 18-month campaign that encouraged city officials to raise pay and improve benefits for recyclers covered by the City’s new franchise agreement.

Recyclers organize

Recyclers launched their campaign on February 2, 2013, when hundreds gathered for a historic “Convention of Recycling Workers,” at the Local 6 union hall in Oakland. Workers employed by four different recycling firms in Alameda County attended the event. They were joined by religious, labor, immigrant rights, environmental and political allies who all pledged to support the effort for better wages and improved safety through the “Campaign for Sustainable Recycling.” At the Convention, workers voted to adopt a new wage standard that would raise hourly pay to $20 - almost double what many recycling workers were being paid – and include affordable family health benefits.

Action at Waste Management

Recycling workers employed by Waste Management in Oakland and San Leandro led the way early in the campaign by demanding raises, even before last February’s Convention of Recycling Workers. Rank-and-file union leaders met on weekends in the Local 6 union hall to make plans for involving co-workers in the campaign to win a raise. They circulated petitions and meetings with management. When the company refused to support a request for real raises, workers protested in front of the company’s headquarters in Oakland. And then the company retaliated against immigrant workers, so an “unfair labor practices” strike was organized on March 15. The protest shut down the company’s East Bay operation beginning at 2am. Teamster and Machinist Union officials agreed to support the strike for several hours. Within months, the company agreed to settle separate ILWU contracts covering ILWU workers at the landfill and clerical/customer service units – but not recyclers.

Victory in Fremont

The first success in adopting the new wage standard was achieved last December by 65 recycling workers employed by the BLT recycling company in Fremont. Like the Waste Management workers, recyclers in Fremont also organized actions on the job to demand raises. They circulated petitions and presented them to management as a group to demonstrate unity.

When the company agreed to work together with the union, they jointly approached Fremont City Council members about passing a modest residential rate increase of just one penny per day from each ratepayer so recyclers could earn a living wage of $20.94 by 2019. The Council adopted the small rate increase and the company agreed to begin paying the scheduled pay raises.

Management sparks big strike

Unlike the experience with BLT in Fremont, officials at Waste Management and California Waste Solutions continued opposing real raises for recycling workers during 2013. Both companies offered recyclers only meager raises and refused to cooperate with workers by approaching the City Council about including the new wage standard in the city’s pending franchise agreement. Frustrations reached a boiling point on July 30 when workers from both companies united in a joint strike action. Two hundred recycling workers converged on the Oakland City Hall continued on page 6
along the West Coast, hundreds of ILWU members joined with their families and community members on July 5th to mark the 80th anniversary of “Bloody Thursday” where they remembered the martyrs of the 1934 West Coast Waterfront strike and celebrated the hard-won gains on the waterfront. The struggle and sacrifices made eight decades ago by West Coast longshore workers gave birth to today’s ILWU and radically improved wages and working conditions for dock workers.

History of Bloody Thursday

The 1934 strike began on May 9th, as West Coast longshoremen walked-off their jobs and tried to shut 2,000 miles of coastline in order to win better wages, shorter work days, a uniform "coastwise" contract covering all ports, and replacement of the abusive "shape up" system with a union-run hiring hall. Sailors and other maritime unions joined the strike several days later. Violent confrontations soon occurred between union longshoremen, police and private security forces at ports up and down the West Coast. The first blood was spilled on midnight of May 15, 1934 at Berth 145 in Wilmington, California, where an encampment and stockade was established by employers to house strike-breakers and security forces who used guns, tear gas and clubs against union members. When it was over, Richard "Dickie" Parker died of gunshot wounds and five others were seriously wounded, including John Knudsen who died weeks later. In Seattle, Longshore worker Shelvy Daffron was killed and replacement of the abusive "shape up" system with a union-run hiring hall.

Southern California

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Seattle
Seattle’s annual Bloody Thursday picnic was held in Vasa Park and was sponsored by Locals 19, 52, 98, Pensioners and the Credit Union. There were plenty of games and activities. Everyone shared in the impressive BBQ feast. The event was coordinated by Local 19 member Robert Richmire and a team of volunteers.

Portland
Portland families marked the event as they have for many years – by placing a wreath of flowers to honor the 1934 martyrs into the Willamette River, where currents eventually carry the flowers into the Pacific. Members from Local 8, 40 and 91 participated. The picnic that followed in Oaks Park included an impressive BBQ lunch. Live music and games for the kids topped-off a great day in the park.

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Longshore Caucus reconvenes to consider contract negotiations

“I’m glad to see that the government’s doing their job. Crooks who break the law and take advantage of our health care plans belong in jail.”

Local 13 President Bobby Olvera, Jr. was equally passionate about protecting the health plan from fraud.

“The people who perpetrate fraud against our plan deserve no mercy as far as I’m concerned.”

The Caucus did not set a time to reconvene, but President McEllrath said delegates should be ready to meet quickly at a future date that will be dictated by the progress – or lack of progress – at negotiations.

“We’ve got a plan to get things done that meets the goals adopted by the Caucus, but I can’t tell you how soon we will finish. Just keep pumpin’ and don’t listen to any rumors,” he said.
Former Local 12 President
Wally Robbins passes away

O n July 16th the ILWU lost Local 12 longshoreman Wallace “Wally” Robbins. Wally was a strong believer in the uniqueness of the union’s rank-and-file organization and spent his life dedicated to the ILWU.

Wally was a dedicated union member who was eager to contribute to the ILWU. Over time, he became a well-known, experienced negotiator on the Coast Longshore Division Safety Committee and during collective bargaining talks. Because of his experience and understanding of parliamentary procedure, Wally was elected to serve as a Caucus Chairman four times throughout the years. He possessed the ability to understand complex union issues, the patience to listen to opposing views and the courage to take a stand. Wally’s sense of humor and commitment to the principles of the ILWU garnered him lifelong respect and friendships coastwide. He retired in 2007 with over 40 years of service as a registered longshoreman.

Wally lived the majority of his life on the Oregon south coast and enjoyed outdoor life—rafting, camping, fishing and hunting with his family and friends. He was an avid sports fan and followed the progress of local high school and state college teams. Wally is survived by his wife Laura Robbins, (Local 12 member), brother Dorman “Doc” Robbins (Local 12, Ret.) and his wife Joy; children Danny Robbins (Local 12 casual) and Holly Stout, step-children James Orr (Local 12 casual), Kacey Brown, Shawnee Brown, and Kyle Fredrickson, and nine grandchildren.

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Extending a hand

Local 6 will continue extending a hand to Waste Management officials in an effort to achieve the same labor-management cooperation that helped recycling workers in Fremont.

“We’re hoping that officials from the company and other unions will work with us this time, because all of us should be working together to solve this problem,” said recycling worker Mirilla Jauregui.
El 30 de julio se alcanzó un nuevo hito en la campaña de los trabajadores del reciclaje en la zona de la Bahía cuando después de 18 meses de lucha el Consejo Municipal de Oakland votó unanimemente para aumentar los salarios de esos trabajadores. Circularon peticiones y se las presentaron a los administradores en grupo para demorar la aprobación de un alza moderada en los salarios de los empleados, es menos probable que Waste Management (WM) que sería probable que Waste Management (WM) en donde se usó para dar el nuevo hito en la campaña de los trabajadores inmigrantes, así que estaban dispuestos a pagar los aumentos salariales por décadas, pero ese trabajo terminará el 1 de julio de 2015 cuando California Waste Solutions (CWS) formará parte de los nuevos convenios colectivos para los empleados, es menos probable que Waste Management (WM) en donde se usó para dar el nuevo hito en la campaña de los trabajadores inmigrantes, así que estaban dispuestos a pagar los aumentos salariales por décadas, pero ese trabajo terminará el 1 de julio de 2015 cuando California Waste Solutions (CWS) formará parte de los nuevos convenios colectivos para los empleados, es menos probable que Waste Management (WM) en donde se usó para dar el nuevo hito en la campaña de los trabajadores inmigrantes, así que estaban dispuestos a pagar los aumentos salariales por décadas, pero ese trabajo terminará el 1 de julio de 2015 cuando California Waste Solutions (CWS) formará parte de los nuevos convenios colectivos para los empleados, es menos probable que Waste Management (WM) en donde se usó para dar el nuevo hito en la campaña de los trabajadores inmigrantes, así que estaban dispuestos a pagar los aumentos salariales por décadas, pero ese trabajo terminará el 1 de julio de 2015 cuando California Waste Solutions (CWS) formará parte de los nuevos convenios colectivos para los empleados, es menos probable que Waste Management (WM) en donde se usó para dar el nuevo hito en la campaña de los trabajadores inmigrantes, así que estaban dispuestos a pagar los aumentos salariales por décadas, pero ese trabajo terminará el 1 de julio de 2015 cuando California Waste Solutions (CWS) formará parte de los nuevos convenios colectivos para los empleados, es menos probable que Waste Management (WM) en donde se usó para dar el nuevo hito en la campaña de los trabajadores inmigrantes, así que estaban dispuestos a pagar los aumentos salariales por décadas, pero ese trabajo terminará el 1 de julio de 2015 cuando California Waste Solutions (CWS) formará parte de los nuevos convenios colectivos para los empleados, es menos probable que Waste Management (WM) en donde se usó para dar el nuevo hito en la campaña de los trabajadores inmigrantes, así que estaban dispuestos a pagar los aumentos salariales por décadas, pero ese trabajo terminará el 1 de julio de 2015 cuando California Waste Solutions (CWS) formará parte de los nuevos convenios colectivos para los empleados, es menos probable que Waste Management (WM) en donde se usó para dar el nuevo hito en la campaña de los trabajadores inmigrantes, así que estaban dispuestos a pagar los aumentos salariales por décadas, pero ese trabajo terminará el 1 de julio de 2015 cuando California Waste Solutions (CWS) formará parte de los nuevos convenios colectivos para los empleados, es menos probable que Waste Management (WM) en donde se usó para dar el nuevo hito en la campaña de los trabajadores inmigrantes, así que estaban dispuestos a pagar los aumentos salariales por décadas, pero ese trabajo terminará el 1 de julio de 2015 cuando California Waste Solutions (CWS) formará parte de los nuevos convenios colectivos para los empleados, es menos probable que Waste Management (WM) en donde se usó para dar el nuevo hito en la campaña de los trabajadores inmigrantes, así que estaban dispuestos a pagar los aumentos salariales por décadas, pero ese trabajo terminará el 1 de julio de 2015 cuando California Waste Solutions (CWS) formará parte de los nuevos conv
Re-appointed: ILWU Secretary Willie Adams was reappointed as a Port Commissioner by San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee. Adams, who also serves as the Port Commission's Vice President, was sworn in by the mayor in a ceremony at City Hall on July 30th. The ceremony by San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee. Adams, who also serves as the Port Commission's Vice President, was sworn in by the mayor in a ceremony at City Hall on July 30th. The ceremony by San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee.

Excellent student: Brooke Ponce De Leon is one of 25 high-performing students who received a Local 13 Family Scholarship this summer's planning to study the city's most important commissions. It has handled approvals for such projects as America's Cup regatta facilities and the cruise ship terminal at Pier 27 named in honor of former ILWU President Jimmy Herman. With Adams are Port Commissioner President Leslie Katz (center) and Christine Pelosi, political strategist and daughter of House Minority Leader, Nancy Pelosi.

Recicladores afiliados al ILWU logran aumentos salariales importantes con las nuevas franquicias para recolección de basura de la ciudad de Oakland; los trabajadores de Waste Management sigue organizándose para conseguir aumentos

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un competidor mucho más pequeño de propietarios locales que emplea mecánicos y choferes sindicalizados.

Relaciones obrero-patronales como factor

Pero la propuesta de Waste Management implicaba un mayor costo para los usuarios del servicio que el presentado por CWS. Además, CWS ofreció unos servicios adicionales en su propuesta que respondieron a las expectativas de los consejeros. Los oficiales tanto de Waste Management como California Waste Solutions al principio no querían apoyar los aumentos salariales que pedían los trabajadores del reciclaje, pero estos después se convirtieron en parte del contrato de franquicia. Unos cuantos días antes de la última audiencia del Consejo celebrado el 30 de julio, California Waste Solutions firmó un nuevo contrato colectivo con los afiliados del Local 6 que garantizaba una serie de aumentos salariales y seguro médico con cobertura para familiares sin que los empleados pagaran parte del costo. El día de la decisión, el Consejo Municipal, los oficiales de Relaciones obrero-patronales de estas ciudades – sabe- mos a pedir el apoyo de los funcionarios de esas ciudades para decre- ciamos de esas ciudades para decretar aumentos muy leves en las tarifas de los usuarios que producirán suficientes ingresos a Waste Management para que paguen mejores salarios y beneficios a los trabajadores del reciclaje.

Tiempos aprendidos de nuestras experiencias en Oakland y podemos aplicar las lecciones cuando empecemos a pedir el apoyo del funcionariado de estas ciudades para sabelos que con el pago de unos cuantos centavos más por mes por los usuarios nos pueden dar salarios y ben- eficios dignos,” dijo Niemant Martinez, líder de trabajadores de WM.

Seguimos tendiéndoles la mano

El Local 6 continúa tendiendo su mano a Waste Management con tal de lograr una misma cooperación obrero-patronal que dio buenos resultados para los trabajadores del reciclaje en Fremont.

“Esperamos que los funcionario de la Compañía y los otros sindicatos trabajen con nosotros esta vez, porque todos debemos trabajar juntos para resolver este problema,” dijo Mirella Jauregui.