

President's Report December 2009

Respectfully Submitted – Dominick Marino, President

Pension Litigation:

The current status is we are awaiting a date for our lawsuit to be heard.

Swine Flu (H1N1):

There have been many predictions as to how severe this strain will be. We urge all local leaders to keep current with the ever changing updates.

LEGISLATION:

A list of legislative bills that the PFANJ are tracking is on the website.

The list will be updated after the new session begins.

SCI Report: State Commission of Investigation

This one sided report does not give a true picture of the negotiation process. This report picks out benefits that they deem excessive and does not discuss what negotiations took place when the benefit was awarded. Many locals over the years have negotiated prudently and this report does not state any of those prudent negotiations. A few pages have been included in this meeting packet. The full report can be found on our website.

IAFF General Secretary Treasurer Vincent Bollon after many years of serve to the IAFF has decided to retire from his position. Although he still has time on his term, he felt with his recent health issues it was time and has ask to retire as of January 15, 2010. General President Schaitberger has accepted his decision to retire. The two letters are included in the meeting packet. The PFANJ wishes Brother Bollon all the best.

Today we have the opportunity to socialize with our state legislator's at our annual holiday gathering. Today we are fortunate that the Governor-Elect the Honorable Christopher Christie will be in attendance. Also in attendance will be Governor Jon Corzine. There will be numerous State Senators and Assembly members. This would be opportune time to discuss any local issue you may have.

Important dates and events:

January 13th – State Meeting and end of year celebration @ Rugs and Riffys
January 24th – 27th – IAFF Human Relations conference
January 27th – 29th – IAFF Affiliate Leadership Training Summit
January 28th – Union Blood Drive – “NJ Save 3 Lives” Campaign
February 13th – Local 4395 Benefit “Sock Hop”
March 14th – 18th – IAFF Alfred K. Whitehead Legislative Conference
June 1st – 4th – PFANJ Annual Convention
August 22nd – 28th – IAFF 50th Bi-annual Convention

Included in Decembers packet:

PFANJ Balance Sheet as of 11/30/09
Assembly Bill A4300
Article – New Jersey headed toward ‘pension train wreck 12/7/09
Report on our legislators in Washington as of November 2009
Excerpts from the SCI report – The Beat goes on – December 2009
Pension Load information
Pension Loan Fact sheet #81
Article – Agency finds local government waste
Article – Amendment protects unemployment fund
Article – Revenues continue to trail projections
LWD alert – Replacement Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Cylinders
LWD alert – Addition of a Last Chance Bailout System to a NIOSH Certified Respirator
PEOSH – complaint form with guidelines
Article – Christie announces senior staffers 12/3/09
Article – New Jersey budget gap hits towns and cities 12/1/09
Article – Annual report: NJ’s debt climbs to \$33.9 Billion 12/4/09
Article – from League of Municipalities magazine/ Binding Interest Arbitration and the Ever-Rising Property Tax – December 2009
NJ Civil Service Commission Fire Service Status Report – November/December 2009
PFANJ Valor Award Application
Right to Know Brochure