



FOREMEN'S UNION

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NEW YEAR'S BULLETIN 2009

JANUARY "STOP WORK" MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The day and date for the **January Membership Meeting** will be **Thursday Night, January 15, 2009 at 7:00 p. m.** at the Cruise Terminal Berth, San Pedro 93. Local 13 and Local 63 will conduct **Stop Work Meetings** that night, therefore our Local 94 meeting will also be a **Stop Work Meeting**. All vessels will be allowed a one (1) hour extension to 6:00 p.m. for shifting or sailing. Passenger ships, essential military cargo, DST rail, and emergencies as defined in Section 5.24 of the PCWB&FA will be allowed to work.

VACATION CHECKS: Vacation check notices will be sent out January 16th. If you have a claim or shortage, please notify the office. The distribution of vacation checks will be February 13, 2009. Under the new contract, you can withhold more (or less) from your vacation check for contribution to your 401 (k). Detailed notices have been sent to your home, but if you have any questions, visit the payroll office.

DUES FOR 2008: The maximum paid for Union dues and assessments in 2008 was \$2,795.00.

F.I.C.A. FOR 2009: The cap for F.I.C.A. deductions this year will be \$106,800.00.

401(k) CONTRIBUTIONS (2009): The annual employee contribution limit to the 401(k) will be \$16,500 for those who are under age 50. For those over 50 years of age, the catch-up contribution allowed is an additional \$5,500, for a total of \$22,000. At the end of each contract year (July), the employers are required to contribute \$5 per hour for hours paid by PMA members companies, up to a maximum of 2,240 hours (\$11,200), to those who have established a pension qualifying year. Any questions call 1-800-761-4598 or call the office.

ELECTIONS: Nominations for all offices and committee's shall be open from the membership meeting of the Local in January until thirty-six (36) hours after the membership meeting in March. Nomination forms shall be available in the office, and you must be clear of any fines prior to filing. Further, you must have been a member in good standing of Local 94 for a period of at least one (1) year to run for any position.

MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY: The next Paid Holiday will be Martin Luther King's Birthday, observed on Monday, January 19th, 2009. If you qualified for a 2-week basic vacation in 2008, there are no availability requirements. This will be a normal work day, paid at the overtime rate.

RECORD KEEPING REMINDER: Members are reminded to keep their records up to date with the Local. If you are taking vacation, off work due to illness or injury, or have changed addresses or phone numbers (home or cell), please call the office. If you are Steady, it is not enough to inform only your employer. Please keep us posted.

TWIC UPDATE: Implementation in the Ports of LA / LB will begin on April 14th, 2009. Because processing may take from 6 to 8 weeks, members are urged to enroll as soon as possible. There are three locations in the Port; Long Beach, Terminal Island and San Pedro. For information or appointments, call 1-866-347-TWIC, or visit the TWIC Website, at www.tsa.gov/twic.

CHECK-IN TIMES REMINDER: With the drop in cargo volumes and reduced work opportunities in the Port, members wishing to work or volunteer out of the Hall are reminded that the check-in deadline for **Night Work is 1 PM**, and the check-in deadline for **Day Work is 3:30 PM**.

**THE OFFICER'S WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A PROSPEROUS, SAFE
AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

Fraternally,

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