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Message from Anthony Liberatore, Jr.

Business Manager, Local 860



As we celebrate our 70th anniversary, it is a great time to reflect upon our proud history and the many achievements we have accomplished.

Through our hard work and dedication, your Union has obtained the means to offer and expand many programs to benefit our members.

With events such as our

Holiday Program and Health Clinic, Geauga Lake Family Day, Scholarship Raffle, Clam Bake, Legal Program and many other Political Fundraisers, your Union has been relentless in the pursuit of membership benefits — none of which could be offered without the hard work, loyalty and perseverance of all involved.

As you are aware, you receive the highest wages among all laborers in the State of Ohio. In addition to wages, we participate in one of the best Health & Welfare plans in the country. Your Ohio Laborers' Pension program has provided a very high rate of return for your hard-earned contributions insuring a dignified retirement. Our versatility, productivity and competitiveness have served us well.

When we look outside our Union, we see a very different picture. Beyond Ohio, we see a labor movement in near shambles. It is hard to believe that only 12%

of America's workforce is organized, which is down .5% from the year before. Our prosperity in the world of Organized Labor is unprecedented. During these times, we all must participate for our collective good. This participation must include training our ever evolving industry that demands a more efficient and effective workforce.

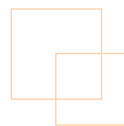
We can only express gratitude for our Union by not simply maintaining, but elevating our standards that have been the trademark of our success.

For the next 70 years, your Union will continue its success through productivity and community involvement, both politically and civically. The relationships that these activities provide benefit Local 860 in ways that are unmeasured. The bottom line, Sisters and Brothers, solidarity and jobs are your Union's top priorities! As we benefit from our past and build on our future, I cannot imagine life without our Union. We can only express gratitude for our Union by not simply maintaining, but elevating our standards that have been the trademark of our success.

In closing, the 2007 construction season is now upon us. Our annual safety awareness campaign is soon to be released. Watch for the road billboards and television commercials on Channel 3 and Time Warner Cable. **DO NOT FORGET** those deaths and job site injuries that have destroyed our families. Please be aware of the hazards and, as always, be **SAFE**.



From left to right: Mark Olivo, Congressman Steve LaTourette, Anthony D. Liberatore, Jr., Dennis Arian, and Mallory Jackson



From left to right: Mallory Jackson, Tony Liberatore, Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Dennis Arian and Mark Olivo.





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Turkey Day 2006





Blue Water Navy Veterans



Local 880, in partnership with the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission and, in particular, Commissioner Dan Weist, provide this important update to our veteran members who served during the Vietnam War.

Republic of Vietnam including “service in the waters off-shore.”

The VA recognizes that certain disabilities are so common to veterans who served in specific theaters that no evidence is required to prove the relationship between the disability and military service. These are called presumptive conditions. Monetary benefits for such disabilities range from 10% to 100% (\$112 to \$2,393 per month).

Presumptive conditions for Agent Orange exposure are: Spina Bifida, Diabetes Mellitus Type II, Cloracne, Hodgkins Disease, Multiple Myeloma, Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma, Acute and Sub-Acute Peripheral Neuropathy, Porphyria Cutanea Tarda, Prostate Cancer, Respiratory Cancers, Soft-tissue Sarcoma.

To file a claim, veterans should see their County Service Officers, a VA counselor or a Service Organization Representative as soon as possible. In Cuyahoga County, veterans can call 216-698-2624 to reach a Veterans Service Commission Service Officer.

It is likely that the VA will introduce regulations closing the door on these veterans shortly so it is very important to file a claim now.



The recent ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veteran Claims has announced a ruling that could directly affect thousands of disabled Vietnam Era Navy veterans.

The Court cited that the law defines “service in the Republic of Vietnam” as including “service in the waters offshore, or service in other locations if the conditions of service involved duty or visitation in Vietnam.” The Court found that the VA’s regulation which allows the application of the presumption of exposure to herbicides only to Vietnam-era veterans who set foot on land is “plainly erroneous and must be set aside.” This elimination of the requirement for “boots on the ground” will mean that these Blue Water Navy Vietnam veterans can now file claims based on service in the

Market Share Increases

Since January 2006, Local 860 has signed the following new contractors. We look forward to having a long and prosperous relationship with each of these contractors.

Advanced Construction, Inc.
Allsite Construction
**Arrow Snowplowing
& Construction, Inc.**
The Cleveland Group
Concrete Dimensions, Inc.
Cosmos Industrial Services, Inc.
Davis Diggers
Down to Earth Landscaping
Jadco Construction Services, Inc.

The Jason Group
Marra Services, Inc.
**Matticoli Construction
& Remodeling, LLC**
MGL Enterprises, Inc.
Northstar Contracting, Inc.
Ronyak Paving, Inc.
SLP Paving, LLC
**West End Land
Development, Inc.**



Local 860 Celebrates its 70th Anniversary at Kalahari Indoor Waterpark

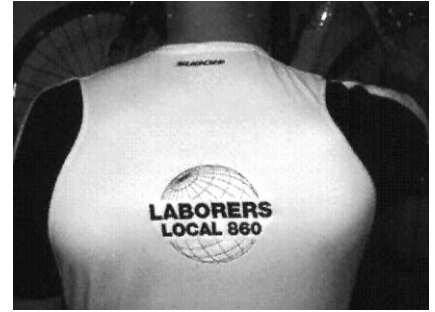
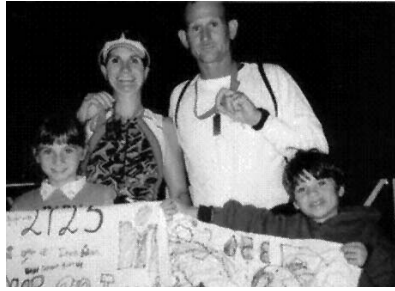


Local 860 Proudly Supports Member in Ironman Competitions

Victor Zitiello has been competing in marathons and triathalons for over 25 years. Most recently, Victor completed the Iron Man Florida in November 2006. An Ironman distance triatholon consists of swimming 2.4 miles, biking 112 miles and running 26.2 miles. Victor also completed the Ironman Wisconsin in 2003, Ironman Lake Placid in 2005 to name just a few.

Victor has been a member of Local 860 since October 1983 and is as passionate about being an 860 member as he is about his marathons.

Please join us in wishing Victor the best of luck on his performance in the upcoming Ironman Couer d'Alene competition in June 2007.



Congratulations to our Members!



Anthony Liberatore, Jr. congratulates a few 50-year members at the Union Meeting on January 11, 2007.

50-Year Membership Gold Cards

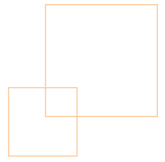
Robert Bates Jr.
Matthew DeLuca
Hulit Ellis
Arvids Fogels
Peter Gaglione
Milo Wilson

25-Year Members

Robert Arnold
Joseph Barnicoat, Sr.
Michael Belviso
Ronald Bonaci
Nicholas Delmonico
Brian Duffy
Gregory Goins
Rocky Hatfield
Frank Janoch
Thomas Johnson
Salvatore Milano
Thomas Sullivan
Donald Wise



Upcoming Events



July 22, 2007

Family Day at Geauga Lake

July 27, 2007

Scholarship Fund Raffle

We Want Your Email Address & Updated Contact Info!

It is imperative that Local 860 receives your email address to communicate more effectively with you. Please send us your valid email address to emails@laborers860.com. If you do not have an email account, please call Dennis Arian at 216.432.1022, ext. 8, and he will assist you on how to take advantage of companies offering free email accounts.

In addition, if you have recently moved, or have changed your telephone number, please contact Local 860 with your change(s) as soon as possible.

Summer Office Hours

Weekdays: 8:00am – 4:00pm ■ **Saturdays** 9:00am – 12:00pm (May through September)
Sundays: Closed

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