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NEWSLETTER

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REGULAR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

The Regular General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 1800 Oakdale Avenue from 7:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. Come out to meet the newly elected officers and receive important information regarding the Union's positive new direction. For your convenience, there is ample parking available.

CONTRACT:

There has been a recent turn of events regarding the reportedly imposed contract between the Transport Workers Union Local 250-A (9163 Transit Operator) and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (effective period July 11, 2011- June 30, 2014). On Monday, January 9, 2012, your Transport Workers Union Local 250-A Executive Officers along with their legal representation met with Edward Reiskin, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency Director. We utilized this opportunity to convey our agenda and philosophy for the future. The most profound revelation to have materialized from this meeting was the confirmation that the 9163 Transit Operator contract bears no signature of authority from any past Executive Officer of the Transport Workers Union Local 250-A. There is no signed contract in place. These new findings have been presented to our legal counsel to explore and advise us on how to proceed. We will further communicate the details of our findings at the upcoming General Membership Meeting of January 18, 2012.

Other issues addressed by TWU Local 250-A Leadership are as follows:

1. Sick Policy (Application)
2. 7410 and Multi Unit (upcoming) Contract Negotiations
3. Safety and Security on all modes of transit vehicles:
 - a) Assaults on Transit Vehicles
 - b) Current Issues regarding non-working hand held radios for Cable Car Crews
4. Trolley equipment shortage and maintenance to address this issue. This issue is causing missed service which should not be blamed on the Transit Operator (via media or otherwise).
5. Ensure that all orders and decisions made by San Francisco Municipal Transit Agency Central Control and/or Street Supervision reflect the premise of Safety being the highest priority. We firmly believe that safety must come before service at all times.

The aforementioned were a few issues in need of addressing; however, we plan to deal with issues of importance on a continual basis. We seek your patience as we are attempting to address issues in conjunction with making our transition as smooth as possible.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DIVISION MEETINGS:

Your new leadership recognizes that holding frequent division meetings provides valuable opportunities to keep the Membership informed on all relevant issues which may affect the TWU Local 250-A Membership. Please look for notices posted at your division regarding your barn's meeting schedule. You may contact your Division Chairperson for additional information pertaining to very important upcoming division meetings. Please make every effort to attend all published Union meetings.

STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS:

In light of new legal contractual developments, the State of The Union Address will take place at a time to be announced in the near future. We are seeking legal advice to assist our efforts as we comb through the specific details of the particular actions taken to achieve the contract in question. We have made a decision to postpone the State of the Union Address in efforts to allow an adequate amount of time to deliver the most accurate information possible to you, our most valued membership.

Fraternally,

Eric Williams,
President

Ron Austin,
Executive Vice President

Bernard Broughton,
Secretary Treasurer