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734 NEWS



President Jim Hoffa Wins Mandate For Third Term **Teamsters Vote To Re-Elect the Hoffa/Keegel 2006 Slate**

Showing their appreciation for the renewed strength and pride of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters under the dynamic and visionary leadership of IBT President Jim Hoffa and Secretary-Treasurer Tom Keegel, rank-and-file Teamsters voted overwhelmingly to re-elect the Hoffa-Keegel Slate in the recently-concluded IBT Officers' Election.

A final count showed that the Hoffa 2006 Slate crushed the Leedham/TDU Slate by a national margin of 65%-to-35%. Meanwhile, Local 734 members also showed solid support for the current IBT leadership, voting by a much larger margin of 80%-to-20% to re-elect the Hoffa-Keegel Slate. This proves that rank-and-file Teamsters across the country support the vision and goals of the Hoffa/Keegel Team. This victory will give Jim Hoffa, Tom Keegel and the rest of their Slate a new five-year term beginning on March 22, 2007.

Local 734 Members Support the Hoffa-Keegel 2006 Slate

"President Jim Hoffa, Secretary-Treasurer Tom Keegel and their Team have done a terrific job of reestablishing the financial integrity and bargaining strength of the IBT, and building an International Union ready for the challenges of the 21st Century," Local 734 President Brian Meidel said. "These results show that Teamsters across the U.S. and Canada are united in



IBT President Jim Hoffa, Secretary-Treasurer Tom Keegel and their Slate cruised to an historic re-election victory. Photo by Jim Saah

our belief that the Hoffa/Keegel Team is the BEST team to fight for our interests at the bargaining table and in the political arena. I thank all Local 734 members for participating in this election, and for strongly re-electing the dynamic leadership of Jim Hoffa, Tom Keegel and their Slate."

As candidates on the Hoffa Slate, Chicago Teamsters John Coli and Pat Flynn were elected Central Region Vice Presidents. Their election will

guarantee that Teamsters across Illinois will have a strong and visible presence on the IBT General Executive Board. (See complete election results on page 4)

Meidel said that despite the negativism and nastiness from the Leedham Slate during this campaign, Teamsters here in Local 734, and in worksites in every region across the country were not fooled, and rejected Leedham and TDU's hollow and unproven promises.

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"TDU and their candidates did their best to trash the Teamsters Union, but their best was simply not good enough," Meidel said. "Real Teamsters know TDU is a thorn in the side of progress, and that despite their propaganda, they want only one thing: A weak and divided Teamsters Union. Their defeat is a victory for Teamsters eager to keep the IBT moving forward in the right direction, focused on building a strong, effective Union for the 21st Century and beyond."

Meidel noted that this vote, and the overwhelming support given to Jim Hoffa and his team, will send a powerful message to anti-union employers and politicians that Teamsters are united as we move forward.

"Unity is our most powerful weapon," Meidel said. "We do face serious challenges, but despite these challenges one fact is crystal clear: Teamsters resoundingly support the Hoffa-Keegel Slate and their ongoing efforts to improve the jobs, benefits and security for rank-and-file members."

Hoffa Stresses Unity and Teamwork As Essential To Keeping The IBT Moving In The Right Direction

During his remarks declaring victory, President Jim Hoffa declared now that this election is over, it is time for rank-and-file Teamsters to come together, work together and move forward with one clear mission: building a stronger union.

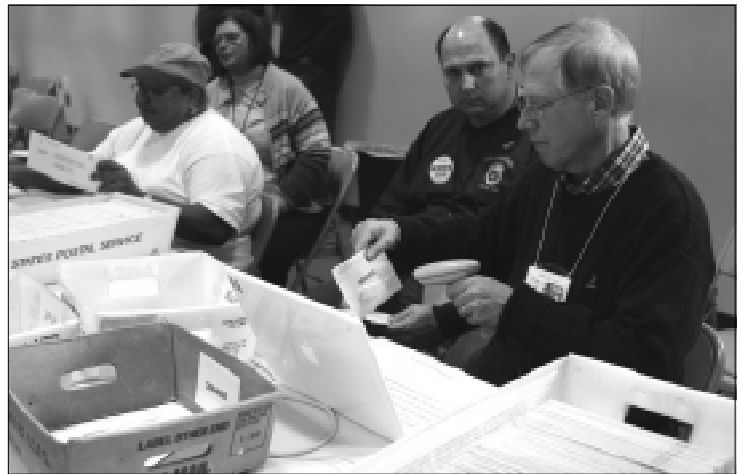
"The members have spoken loud and clear," Hoffa declared. "Under my leadership, the Teamsters Union will continue leading the fight for all American working families. We are organizing the unorganized, fighting for strong health care, good wages and a secure retirement, and holding employers accountable to our members. The challenges before us are tough, but so are we. We will work to move this great International Union forward — TOGETHER!"

President Hoffa has been in the forefront in rebuilding and reforming the Teamsters Union. Hoffa and his Slate have pledged to continue the progress the Teamsters have made in bargaining, organizing and political action.

At the end of the next term, James P. Hoffa will be the longest serving IBT General President since his father, James R. Hoffa, was elected to three terms and served from 1957-1971.



Hundreds of IBT election workers count tens of thousands of ballots cast by Teamsters in the 2006 IBT Election.



2006 IBT ELECTION RESULTS

IBT President

Jim Hoffa

Tom Leedham

IBT Secretary-Treasurer

Tom Keegel

Sandy Pope

At-Large Vice Presidents

George Tedeschi

Randy Cammack

Fred Gegare

Carroll Haynes

Fred Simpson

Fredrick Potter

Ken Hall

Dan Scott

Scott Webber

Chris Roos

Eunice Rodriguez

John Thyer

Ed Michael

Kevin McNiff

Dotty Malinsky

Central Region V.P.

Walt A. Lytle

Cheryl Johnson

John T. Coli

Gordon Sweeton

Patrick Flynn

Tim Buban

Butch Lewis

Darwin Moore

Mark Huckleberry

Richard Berg

International Trustee

Franklin Gallegos

Henry Perry

Ferline Buie

Doris Cash

2006 Winners In Bold Type

Thanks to all members who participated in Teamster democracy by voting in the 2006 IBT Officers Election



John Coli



Pat Flynn

Teamsters Local 734 members congratulate John Coli and Pat Flynn on their election as IBT Central Region Vice Presidents.

We look forward to work together on our common objective of building a strong and effective Union for working families.

2007 William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship

Education is one of the most important investments that we can make in our children. Given the ever-increasing costs of a college education, working families are finding it increasingly difficult to pay for higher education. This is why every year the Chicago Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO offers scholarship to keep the doors of learning open to members and families.

Once again this year, the Federation will offer a total of ten scholarships. Five cash grants of \$1,500 will be awarded through the college scholarship program (academic competition) and an additional five cash grants of \$1,500 will be awarded through the college scholarship program (random drawing). These awards are a memorial to William A. Lee, who served as President of the Federation from 1946 to 1984.

Here are details regarding the scholarship program:

- (1) The \$1,500 awards will be paid for the first year of college enrollment only, at an accredited college or university.
- (2) Applicants must graduate from a Chicago-area high school in the year of competition. Only high school seniors who will graduate in 2007 are eligible for the 2007 awards.
- (3) Those eligible to compete for the awards must be members or children of members in good standing in unions affiliated with the Chicago Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO.

(4) **Deadline for the 2007 competition is March 1, 2007.** A COMPLETE entry (for those who choose to compete in our academic judging) will include the application form, high school transcripts, scores on ACT or SAT tests, certification of union membership of the applicant or the applicant's parent, and other required material. A COMPLETE entry (for those who choose to compete in our random drawing) will include the application form, certification of union membership of the applicant or applicant's parent, and certification of graduate signed by the applicant's high school principal.

(5) Only COMPLETE entries received by March 1, 2007 in the offices of the Chicago Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO will be considered. **Entries received after March 1, 2007 will NOT be accepted.**

(6) The selection of the academic competition will be made by an outside judge. The decision of the judge is final.

(7) Students desiring an application to enter the competition for the 2007 William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship Awards **must indicate whether they will apply for the academic competition or the random drawing (those who choose both or those who do not indicate either selection will be discarded).**

To apply, please complete the form below.

Chicago Federation of Labor Scholarship Request For Application

(SELECT ONLY ONE)

I wish to participate in the academic competition for the CFL William A. Lee Scholarship Program

I wish to participate in the random drawing for the CFL William A. Lee Scholarship Program

Name _____

Union Affiliation (*applicant or parent*) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:

William A. Lee Memorial Scholarship Committee
Chicago Federation of Labor AFL-CIO
130 E. Randolph, Suite #2600, Chicago, Illinois 60601

PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE!

No applications will be sent unless requested in writing.

The presentation of the awards will be made at a reception. Winners, their parents and representatives of the Unions involved will be invited to the reception. Winners must be present to receive the award.

Congratulations Retirees

Carmel Anderson, *Alpha Baking*
John Berard, *IBC Baking*
Edward Bien, *IBC Baking*
Harry Bradley, *Alpha Baking*
William Cahill, *Certified*
Ramon Cendejas, *Interstate*
Leo Chencinski, *Interstate*
Darrel Colman, *Interstate*
James Costello, *Interstate*
Edward Davis, *Interstate*
Marino DeMeo, *Continental Baking*
Charles Dennison, *Interstate*
Edward Dominow, *Interstate*
Alfred Drankus, *Alpha Baking*
Dennis Dudek, *Archway*
Robert Fruhstuck *George Weston*
Renato Gatta, *Alpha Baking*
William Galvan, *Olympic Freightways*
Joseph Gallagher, *Interstate*
James P. Graham, *Interstate*
Tipton Hahn, *Keebler*
Alex Hampton, *Interstate*
William Hero, *Lewis Bakeries*
Ted Johnson, *Wonder Bread*
Paul Kuchay, *IBC Baking*
John Kuchta, *Alpha Baking*
Frank Leo, *Continental Baking*
Arthur Lightning, *Interstate*
James Litty, *Gonnella Baking*
Ronald Mahonie, *Interstate*
Richard McDonald, *Interstate*
Margaret McGowan, *Entenmann's*
Alvin Mitchell, *National Bakeries*
John Mohler, *George Weston*
Ronald Ockerlund, *Standard Brands*
Daniel Oliver, *Lewis Bakeries*
John Pasierb, *Chicago Baking*
Ronald Passarelli, *Interstate*
Michael Perillo, *Heinemann's*
Dewey Pierce, *George Weston*
Robert Porterfield, *Continental Baking*
Henry Ramirez, *Lewis Bakery*
Robert Ramirez, *George Weston*
Neil Schauer, *National Baking*
Edward Schmidt, *Alpha Baking*
Emil Sileo, *Interstate*
Daniel Stinnett, *Torino Bakery*
Dimosthenis Stolis, *Alpha Baking*
Peter Struck, *Heinemann's*
Robert Troyan, *Alpha Baking*
Louis Tufano, *IBC*
Joseph VanDenHandel, *Chicago Baking*
Joseph Walker, *Sara Lee*
Michael Wall, *Interstate*
Constantinos Zarifopoulos, *Alpha Baking*

Welcome Aboard New Members



Maria Helen Adamczewski, *Gonnella Baking*
Ralph Edward Adamek, *East Balt Commissary*
Donald Eugene Adams, *Interstate Brands*
Mario Arreguin, *Alpha Baking*
Erwin Ayala, *Alpha Baking*
Eduardo Bedolla, *Gonnella Baking*
Adam Michael Beuscher, *Gonnella Baking*
Timothy James Blumhard, *Kellogg Company*
Debra Lynn Boro, *George Weston*
Roger Deane Botkin, *Olympic Freightways*
Charles Dale Bowser, *Alpha Baking*
Laurence Joseph Brown, *Interstate Brands*
Alejandro Carranza, *Gonnella Baking*
Marc Cole, *Gonnella Baking*
Demetrius Dion Coleman, *Alpha Baking*
Milton Coleman, *Olympic Freightways*
Jerry James Collazo, *Alpha Baking*
Michael Dennis Craddock, *Olympic Freightways*
Glennis Churon Davis, *IBC Bread Retail Outlet*
Thomas Dehning, *Archway Cookies*
Arturo E Deleon, *Sara Lee*
Rosendo Diaz, *Alpha Baking*
Georgios Dragogiannis, *East Balt Commissary*
Pedro Espinoza, *Alpha Baking*
Senon Falcon Jr., *Gonnella Baking*
Thomas Michael Feeley, *George Weston*
James Theodore Fields, *Interstate Brands*
Javier Figueroa, *Gonnella Baking*
Luis Gerardo Flores, *Gonnella Baking*
Carol Ann Furto, *George Weston*
Luis Aberto Galindo, *Gonnella Baking*
Theodore Joseph Gogliotti Jr., *Gonnella Baking*
Michael Andre Gunn, *George Weston*
Mark M Haddon, *Interstate Brands*
Marcus Antione Hampton, *Interstate Brands*
Justin Craig Hasty, *Interstate Brands*
Jeffrey Andrew Hatz, *George Weston*
Adolfo Henao, *Gonnella Baking*
Angel Luis Hernandez, *Alpha Baking*
Jose Antonio Hernandez, *Gonnella Baking*
Greg Allen Holkemeyer, *Interstate Brands*
Toya Hughes, *Interstate Brands*
Abed Isa, *Sara Lee*
Christopher Jerome Johnson, *Alpha Baking*
Jeffery Allan Johnson, *Gonnella Baking*
Kevin Kirksey, *Gonnella Baking*
John Bernard Klementzos, *George Weston*
Terrance L Knierim, *Interstate Brands*
Sulemana Labaran, *Alpha Baking*
Theodore Lee, *Alpha Baking*
Thomas Scott Leonard, *Gonnella Baking*
Debra Jean Lomax, *George Weston*
Martha Lopez, *IBC Bread Retail Outlet*
Rogelio Lopez, *Alpha Baking*
Mario Enrique Maldonado Jr., *Interstate Brands*
Federico Matias, *Alpha Baking*
William Lawrence Millar, *Interstate Brands*
Selena Marie Misztai, *George Weston*
Bryan Moore, *Olympic Freightways*
Fernando Muñoz, *Alpha Baking*
Eugenio Naves, *Gonnella Baking*
Annette L Orellana, *IBC Bread Retail Outlet*
Efren Ortega, *Gonnella Baking*
Keith Patzer, *Archway Cookies*
Christopher A Payonk, *Gonnella Baking*
Timothy Peter Perakis, *Alpha Baking*
Andy Perez, *Gonnella Baking*
Michael Stephen Phillips, *Olympic Freightways*
Kristaq Puka, *East Balt Commissary*
Daniel Radu, *Interstate Brands*
Cortez Richardson, *George Weston*
Edwin Lee Rivera, *Interstate Brands*
Undra Roark, *Interstate Brands*
Brandon Leo Rogers, *Lewis Bakeries*
Garret Alexander Rouse, *Lewis Bakeries*
Dionicio Sanchez, *Alpha Baking*
Orlando Santiago, *Gonnella Baking*
Mariano Saucedo, *Alpha Baking*
Richard Leroy Schutte, *Interstate Brands*
Beverly Jean Scott, *IBC Bread Retail Outlet*
Ismael Silva, *Alpha Baking*
Jose Luis Soto, *Gonnella Baking*
Melissa Ann Swedersky, *IBC Bread Retail Outlet*
Stavro Telo, *East Balt Commissary*
Christopher Philippe Trass, *Olympic Freightways*
Nakia Tyler, *Alpha Baking*
Daniel Brian Westlund, *Interstate Brands*
Michael Lewis Williams, *Sara Lee*
Michael Winford, *Interstate Brands*
Robert Steven Wooley, *Interstate Brands*
Randy E Wylie, *Sara Lee*
Jose Zavala, *Gonnella Baking*
Gary J Zoetvelt, *Interstate Brands*

IN MEMORIAM

William Anderson, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	Edward Fleck, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	Chris Philopoulos, <i>National Baking</i>
Richard Arrington, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	James Gilio, <i>Keebler</i>	Edwin Przeworski, <i>Herman Seekamp</i>
Virgil Baumgartner, <i>Sara Lee</i>	Richard Gorr, <i>Lewis Bakery</i>	Harold Rawlins, <i>Continental Baking</i>
Emmett Bennett, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	John Greenhill, <i>New Process Baking</i>	Daniel Roddy, <i>Continental Baking</i>
George Brudnicki, <i>Continental Baking</i>	Gerald Heniff, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	Phillip Rosenthal, <i>Holiday Bakers</i>
William Calemy, <i>Butternut Bread</i>	Janie Hicks, <i>Castle</i>	Henry Ryzczek, <i>Gonnella Baking</i>
Davis Calloway, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	Richard Hodyl, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	Edward Schmidt, <i>Alpha Baking</i>
George Coates, <i>National Baking</i>	John Jankowski, <i>Augusta Baking</i>	Anibal Serrano, <i>Alpha Baking</i>
Russell Colman, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	Gerhard Karnik, <i>Best Foods</i>	John Sladek, <i>George Weston</i>
Edward Cook, <i>IBC</i>	Lawrence Kohon, <i>Chicago Baking</i>	Anton Stachovic, <i>Entenmann's</i>
Robert Cortesi, <i>Continental Baking</i>	Alex Lemish, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	Frank Stajszczak, <i>Fasano Pies</i>
Henry Davia, <i>Gonnella Baking</i>	Andrew Lombardo, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	George Stamelos, <i>Continental Baking</i>
Louis DeBenedetti, <i>Torino Baking</i>	Emilio Marrano, <i>Burny Bros.</i>	Anthony Stefaniak, <i>National Baking</i>
Antonio Didonna, <i>Gonnella Baking</i>	Bobby Mercer, <i>Burny Bros.</i>	Stig Stromblad, <i>MaryAnn Bakeries</i>
David Dietrick, <i>IBC</i>	Lester Miller, <i>Wards Baking</i>	Richard Tyszko, <i>Alpha Baking</i>
Edward Dulan, <i>Alpha Baking</i>	Angelo Orlando, <i>Salerno</i>	David VanEtten, <i>Chicago Baking</i>
Jay Evans, <i>Wards Baking</i>	Patrick O'Shea, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	James Walker, <i>Interstate Brands</i>
Thomas Evans, <i>Wards Baking</i>	Gus Pavlakos, <i>Nabisco</i>	Benjamin Winner, <i>New Process Baking</i>
William Farrington, <i>Interstate Brands</i>	Thomas Penesis, <i>National Baking</i>	Shannon Woods, <i>Interstate Brands</i>

Local 734 Contract News

I.B.C. Members Vote To Ratify Five-Year Contract Extension

Teamsters Local 734 has successfully negotiated a five-year extension with I.B.C. which includes raises in the third, fourth and fifth years. There will also be increases on the contribution for health care in the third, fourth and fifth years of \$20/week. Everything else in the contract remains the same. The agreement was ratified 78-4 by the membership.

Certified Grocers Victory

Following seven months of negotiations, a new contract was ratified by the members at Certified Grocers. The contract, which covers five local unions was accepted by a margin of 147-89. The agreement includes wage increases along with increased health care and pension contributions.

Ongoing Contract Talks

Other negotiations which the Union is currently working on include Alpha Baking Co. inside workers, Gonnella Baking Co. inside workers, and Vitner sales drivers. We will keep you informed about the status of these negotiations.

Local 734 also negotiated a one year extension at Parmalat.

2007 James R. Hoffa Scholarship Applications Are Now Available

Applications for the James R. Hoffa Memorial Scholarship Fund, for use in the 2007-2008 academic year, are available at the IBT website www.teamster.org.

Unions must send applications to the Scholarship Fund by March 30, 2007. The IBT recommends submitting completed applications to the Local Union two weeks prior to the application deadline.

NOTE: Applications received after March 30, 2007 will not be processed.

Upcoming Meetings

Mark your calendar for these upcoming 2007 meetings:

February 17th • March 17th • April 21st
May 19th • June 16th • October 20th
November 17th • December 15th

July, August and September meetings are cancelled

MEETINGS BEGIN AT 8:00 P.M. SHARP.

Meetings take place in the Meeting Room at Local 734's building.

Get A Withdrawal Card When You Leave Your Job

Be sure you request a withdrawal card when being laid-off or terminating your employment. The charge for a withdrawal card is still only 50¢ **but all initiation fees and back dues must be paid before the withdrawal card is issued.**

Stop by, or call the union office for a withdrawal card. It is your responsibility to obtain a Withdrawal Card so please take care of it as soon as possible after leaving the company, so that you will not be obligated to pay extra dues. Failure to request a Withdrawal Card may cause you to pay back dues.

In accordance with Article XVIII, Section 6(i) of the IBT Constitution, "it shall be compulsory for any active member on withdrawal card to deposit his withdrawal card immediately upon return to employment at the craft."

Mail to: TEAMSTERS LOCAL 734
6643 N. Northwest Hwy.
Chicago, Illinois 60631

ENCLOSE 50¢
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WITHDRAWAL CARD REQUEST

NAME _____

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PHONE _____

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