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 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.

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.

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**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.
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.

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**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

Ronald Passarelli, Alpha Baking
Arthur Lightning, Interstate
Edward Schmidt, Interstate
Robert Ramirez, Alpha Baking
Dewey Pierce, George Weston
Margaret McGowan, Interstate
Richard McDonald, 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 Pasiereb, Chicago Baking
Ronald Passarelli, Interstate
Michael Perillo, Heinemann’s
Dewey Pierce, George Weston
Robert Porterfield, Continental Baking
Henry Ramirez, Lewis Bakeries
Robert Ramirez, George Weston
Neil Schauer, National Bakeries
Edward Schmidt, Alpha Baking
Emil Sileo, Interstate
Daniel Stinnnet, Torino Bakery
Dimothenis 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
Maria Helen Adamczewski, Gonnella Baking
Ralph Edward Adamek, East Balt Commissary
Donald Eugene Adams, Interstate Brands
Mario Arreguin, Alpha Baking
Erwin Ayala, Alpha Baking
EduardoBedolla, Gonnella Baking
Adam Michael Beuscher, Gonnella Baking
Timothy James Bloomhard, Kellogg Company
Debra Lynn Boro, George Weston
Roger Deane Botkin, Olympic Freights
Charles Dale Bowser, Alpha Baking
Laurence Joseph Brown, Interstate Brands
Alejandro Carranza, Gonnella Baking
Marc Cole, Gonnella Baking
Demetrios Dion Coleman, Alpha Baking
Milan Coleman, Olympic Freights
Jolly James Collazo, Alpha Baking
Michael Dennis Craddock, Olympic Freights
Glenis Churon Davis, IBC Bread Retail Outlet
Thomas Dehning, Archway Cookies
Arturo E Deleon, Sara Lee
Rosendo Diaz, Alpha Baking
Georgeos Dragogianaris, East Balt Commissary
Pedro Espinoza, Alpha Baking
Senon Falcon Jr., Gonnella Baking
Thomas Michael Feeley, George Weston
James Theodore Fields, Interstate Brands
Javier Figueroa, Interstate Brands
Luis Gerardo Flores, Gonnella Baking
Carol Ann Furto, George Weston
Luis Alberto Galindo, Gonnella Baking
Theodore Joseph Gogliotti Jr., Gonnella Baking
Michael Andre Gunn, George Weston
Mark M Hadden, Interstate Brands
Marcus Antoine 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 Holkmeyer, 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 Maidonado Jr., Interstate Brands
Federico Matias, Alpha Baking
William Lawrence Millar, Interstate Brands
Selena Marie Miszal, George Weston
Bryan Moore, Olympic Freights
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 Freights
Kristaucka Puka, East Balt Commissary
Daniel Paud, Interstate Brands
Cortez Richardson, George Weston
Edwin Lee Rayner, Interstate Brands
Undra Roark, Interstate Brands
Brandon Leo Rogers, Lewis Bakeries
Carret Alexander Rouse, Lewis Bakeries
Dionicio Sanchez, Alpha Baking
Orlando Santiago, Gonnella Baking
Mariano Suarez, Alpha Baking
Richard Leroy Subbee, 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 Freights
Nakia Tyler, Alpha Baking
Daniel Brian Westlund, Interstate Brands
Michael Lewis Williams, Sara Lee
Michael Winford, Interstate Brands
Robert Steven Wooley, Interstate Brands
Randi E Wylie, Sara Lee
Jose Zavala, Gonnella Baking
Gary J Zoetvelt, Interstate Brands

Welcome Aboard New Members


IN MEMORIAM

William Anderson, Interstate Brands
Richard Arrington, Interstate Brands
Virgil Baumgartner, Sara Lee
Emmett Bennett, Interstate Brands
George Brudnicki, Continental Baking
William Calemyn, Butternut Bread
Daviscalloway, Interstate Brands
George Coates, National Baking
Russell Colman, Interstate Brands
Edward Cook, IBC
Robert Cortesi, Continental Brands
Henry Davia, Gonnella Baking
Louis DeBenedetti, Torino Baking
Antonio Didonna, Gonnella Baking
David Dietrich, IBC
Edward Dulan, Alpha Baking
Jay Evans, Wards Baking
Thomas Evans, Wards Baking
William Farrington, Interstate Brands
Edward Fleck, Interstate Brands
James Gilio, Kebler
Richard Gorr, Lewis Bakery
John Greenhill, New Process Baking
Gerald Henflit, Interstate Brands
Janie Hicks, Castle
Richard Hodyl, Interstate Brands
John Jankowski, Augusta Baking
Gerhard Kann, Best Foods
Lawrence Kohon, Chicago Baking
Alex Lemish, Interstate Brands
Andrew Lombardo, Interstate Brands
Emilio Marrano, Burny Bros.
Bobby Mercier, Burny Bros.
Lester Miller, Wards Baking
Angelo Orlando, Salerno
Patrick O’Shea, Interstate Brands
Gus Pavlakos, Nabisco
Thomas Pesenias, National Baking
Chris Philpopoulos, National Baking
Edwin Przeworski, Herman Seekamp
Harold Rawlins, Continental Baking
Daniel Roddy, Continental Baking
Phillip Rosenberg, Holiday Bakers
Henry Rybcz, Gonnella Baking
Edward Schmidt, Alpha Baking
Anibal Serrano, Alpha Baking
John Staged, George Weston
Anton Stacho, Entenmann’s
Frank Stajszczak, Fasano Pies
George Stamolos, Continental Baking
Anthony Stefanakis, National Baking
Stig Stromblad, MaryAnn Bakeries
Richard Tyznko, Alpha Baking
David VanEtten, Chicago Baking
James Walker, Interstate Brands
Benjamin Winner, New Process Baking
Shannon Woods, Interstate Brands
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¢ CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR COIN.

WITHDRAWAL CARD REQUEST

NAME ______________________________________________________
S.S. No. _____________________________________________________
PHONE _____________________________________________________
ADDRESS __________________________________________________
MY LAST DAY OF WORK ______________________________________
NAME OF EMPLOYER ________________________________________
REASON FOR LEAVING ________________________________________
(quit, laid off, terminated, etc.)
(SIGNATURE) DATE

Teamsters Local 734
6643 N. Northwest Highway
Chicago, Illinois, 60631

Local 74 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.