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Eric Jimenez

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S MESSAGE

Under the most difficult of circumstances

Local 952 Members showed Leadership, Strength, Dedication and Unity

Season's Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This is the time of the year when we naturally look back on our accomplishments, the goals we made and achieved, and the areas we want to improve on in the coming year.

At the beginning of 2020, none of us imagined how the world would be upended by a deadly, global pandemic. I certainly didn't when I took office on January 1st. We hit the ground running and the entire team was prepared and enthused to serve the membership. By mid-March, it was clear the virus was serious, but few had any idea how it would impact every aspect of our lives for the remainder of the year.

One thing became evidently clear to me from the beginning of the corona virus: the country could count on Teamster members to risk their own health and safety for the greater good of all. Stores shelves were stocked, PPE's were delivered to healthcare facilities, essential goods made it to their destinations and critical services were performed – all by Teamsters.

I have never been more proud to be a Teamster member than I was this year watching how my fellow brothers and sisters performed their

jobs during the pandemic.

Local 952 members showed leadership, strength, dedication and unity under the most difficult of times.

It truly was remarkable to witness. As this year ends, I want all of you to know how much I admire your courage and commitment. You are a shining example of the heart and soul of the Teamsters organization.

As you'll see reading through this issue of The 952, regardless of COVID, your leadership team has been hard at work representing our members and bargaining strong contracts. We've highlighted the Albertsons and CVS contracts in this issue. I am particularly proud to note that we asked the Shop Stewards from both companies to join us at the bargaining table during the negotiations. It was their invaluable insight and involvement in the talks that helped us get two of the best contracts ever negotiated in those industries.

With their help – and that of the leadership team including President John Green, Vice President Danny Herbert, Coordinator Frank Sevilla and Business Agents Emerson Diaz – Local 952 stood strong and united and negotiated solid contracts that not only included wage, health and

welfare improvements, but critical contract language changes that benefit our members.

I also want to thank all of the members at Albertsons and CVS who stood united with the negotiating teams while we insisted management bargain in good faith so that fair and competitive agreements could be reached.

A win for Albertsons and CVS members is a win for the entire membership.

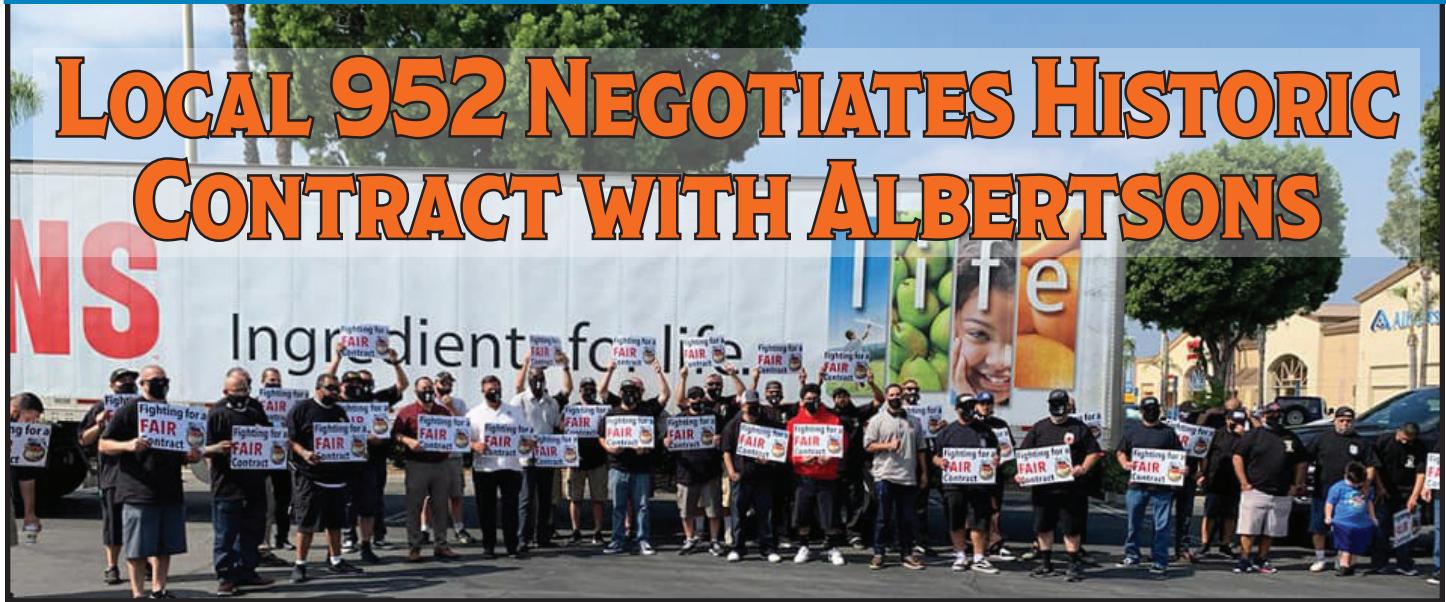
As I write this, our UPS members are on the front lines delivering the COVID vaccination and the government is working with private industry to get Americans vaccinated as quickly as possible. We also have a new president who has vowed to make labor and the middle class a top priority in his administration. So as this remarkable and difficult year comes to a close, I'm counting blessings big and small and am looking forward to a brighter, healthier New Year.

All my best wishes to you and your family for a safe and happy holiday season.

In Solidarity, Eric

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ALBERTSONS CONTRACT



After months of lengthy and oftentimes turbulent negotiations, Local 952 leaders backed by a team of shop stewards negotiated an outstanding 5-year agreement with grocery giant Albertsons. Members overwhelming ratified the new contract 844 to 59 in October.

"The successful rallies and the confidence of a strike vote by the members made way for one of the best agreements to be negotiated in the grocery industry," Local 952 Secretary-Treasurer Eric Jimenez pointed out.

The highest wage increases were achieved along with health and welfare improvements in the history of the grocery negotiations. Monumental language was also achieved with over 20+ contract changes agreed to by the company which will benefit our members for years to come, Local 952 President John Green said.

"The language changes we got were monumental," noted Chad

Gentile, an Albertsons Irvine Driver and Shop Steward. "To have progressive discipline in the contract is big. It's never been in there before."

The negotiating team included Secretary-Treasurer Eric Jimenez, President John Green, Vice President Danny Herbert, Coordinator Frank Sevilla and Business Agent James Lopez.

"The Local would also like to

thank the Albertson's Shop Stewards who played a critical role in the bargaining," Jimenez noted.

"I think it was great having the shop stewards in there because we're there day-to-day. It was an invaluable experience," Gentile said. "Being at the table, you get a full picture of the process. It opens your eyes."

The long-term steward noted that while the experience was



ALBERTSONS CONTRACT



second-to-none, he also learned the intent of the contract and was able to pass that information onto fellow co-workers.

"It was very enlightening. I'm glad that Eric, John and Frank had us as part of the process," Shop Steward Anthony Seiler said. "It was important and beneficial for us to be there."

It started slow but the negotiating team stuck to their guns and in the end, we benefitted with a great contract, Seiler added. "The response from the members was extremely positive. It was one of the best – if not the best economically – with no takeaways and all of the language changes. It was a huge win for us."

"A huge thank you has to go out to 952 and the team. Everyone – the leadership, lawyers, secretaries – it was a team effort and it was a grind," Gentile said. "It was superb working with Eric, John, Frank and the whole team."

Gentile said that while the Local 952 leaders were working on other contracts besides the Albertsons agreement, they took pride in their contract and gave 1000 percent and the end result showed that. "I was very impressed. Their sacrifice and the hours they put in behind the scenes were unimaginable. My hats off to them ... it was pretty superb."

"It was definitely a team effort," Green concluded. "And we would particularly like to thank all of our Brothers and Sisters at Albertsons' Irvine and Brea for the strong statement they made turning out in high numbers.



Albertsons Shop Stewards from Irvine and Brea attended negotiations via Zoom teleconferencing at the Local 952 hall.

CVS MEMBERS OVERWHELMINGLY RATIFY NEW CONTRACT

Company agrees to significant and much-needed language changes

After nearly three months of hard-fought discussions and late nights at the bargaining table, Local 952 delivered an outstanding 4-year and 7 month contract to CVS members in October.

"Over the life of the contract, members will receive wage and pension increases with their Health & Welfare being fully covered with no increases," Local 952 Secretary-Treasurer Eric Jimenez explained. "The contract was due for a much-needed language change which was accomplished and agreed to by the company. This language change will benefit the members in many positive ways over the life of the contract."

CVS drivers ratified the agreement 74 to 0 while the warehouse and maintenance members showed their strong support for the agreement voting 366 to 156.



Over the summer, Secretary-Treasurer Eric Jimenez, President John Green and Coordinator Frank Sevilla led a team of CVS Shop Stewards and members in a number of rallies and social media posts highlighting the need for a strong contract.

Local 952 noted that it was one of the best agreements negotiated in the industry, and would like to thank the CVS Shop Stewards and the support of the membership. The negotiating team was led by Local 952 Secretary-Treasurer Eric Jimenez and included President John Green, Coordinator Frank Sevilla and Business Agent Emerson Diaz.

A NEW WAY OF DOING BUSINESS

Getting the job done



DURING A GLOBAL PANDEMIC



COVID-19 changed the way all of us socialize, communicate and do our jobs. For the health and safety of employees, staff and visitors, companies and organizations had to quickly get creative and figure out how to carry on day-to-day business.

With numerous contracts scheduled to expire in 2020, Local 952 couldn't let a virus halt critical negotiations affecting thousands of members and their families.



The hall turned out to be the perfect location to socially distance and negotiate multiple agreements safely while adhering to local, state and federal mandates.

It's an exciting time for Teamsters Local 952



by Norma Lopez,
Special Assistant to the Secretary-Treasurer

It's an exciting time for Teamsters Local 952 as we continue to grow and adjust, remaining always adaptable, motivated and responsive to our *Members' First* vision. Our Women's Caucus is confronting a time of many exciting changes at our work sites and at the union hall, and we want to bring our membership together, to ensure our Union remains at the cutting edge.

I'd like to give you an idea of what you can expect and what we hope to achieve over the next year. We want to continue assisting our members and community in need. Our Women's Caucus would like to double our efforts and add to our activities by providing Easter Baskets for the less fortunate, joining the Labor Cancer Walk, volunteering in the National Letter Carriers Food Drive and establishing our Annual Women Caucus

Luncheon, where we will honor women in the work place.

Let me give you a brief update on where we are today. In the last few months, the Women's Caucus successfully collected donations for: School Supplies, Holiday Food Distribution, as well as rent and utilities financial assistance.

We Joined with Kaiser Permanente and were able to provide free flu shots for our members and the community.



Local 952 Women's Caucus

School supplies, holiday food baskets and flu shots ... the Women's Caucus met many community challenges in 2020

We're transforming the way we operate to continuously improve our ability to communicate with our members and assist them and the community in need. Through the generosity of our members and community partners, have been able to meet the challenges of 2020, and excel despite the COVID -19 setbacks. We should all be very proud of where we are today and excited about where we are headed.

Thank you to all who helped us achieve our goals this year. You, as organization leaders, have the vision, the knowledge, the wherewithal and the experience to help us pave our way into the future. Local 952 members are truly our greatest asset today and tomorrow, and we couldn't accomplish what we do without your support and leadership.

As we enter 2021, I ask you to get involved, keep us proactive and help us shape the future of *our great Union Teamsters Local 952 and our Women's Caucus*.



All Women's Caucus meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday of every Month at 10 a.m. starting in February via zoom until we are able to meet in person at the Union Hall.

If you would like to get more involved, please contact Norma Lopez at 714-788-9889.

Local 952 Heroes



UPS TEAMSTERS BEGIN DELIVERING LIFE-SAVING VACCINES

UPS Teamsters Delivering More Than Presents this Season They're Delivering Hope



When the country calls upon the Teamsters, they always step up to the challenge. Teamsters do their best to give us hope in times of need. They keep this country moving forward whether it's for workers' rights, civil rights, natural disasters, and now in a major pandemic.



UPS Teamsters are not just delivering Christmas presents this year, they're also delivering the COVID-19 vaccine. From our trucks to hospitals, drug stores, and clinics, UPS Teamsters are delivering the hope that we can finally put a stop to this pandemic.

To our UPS Teamsters and all of our Brothers and Sisters on the front lines,

Thank You!

Eric Jimenez,
Local 952 Secretary-Treasurer



ZOOM MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



OUR NEW NORMAL

at least for the near future



Joining countless businesses and organizations around the world, Local 952 turned to the online meeting service Zoom earlier this year to hold our General Membership Meetings.

To ensure confidentiality, members must pre-register for each monthly meeting. "The safety and privacy of the local union and our membership is of the highest priority and will always be taken into account when holding Zoom meetings," Secretary-Treasurer Eric Jimenez noted.

The virtual membership meetings will be with us for at least the near future. Members are highly encouraged to login through Zoom and stay active and informed in the business of your union.



Local 952 Heroes



Los miembros del Local 952 demostraron liderazgo, fuerza y dedicación y unidad

Saludos de temporada, hermanos y hermanas, Esta es la época del año en la que naturalmente miramos hacia atrás en nuestros logros, las metas que hicimos y logramos, y las áreas en las que queremos mejorar en el próximo año.

A principios de 2020, ninguno de nosotros imaginaba cómo el mundo se vería afectado por una pandemia global mortal. Ciertamente no lo hice cuando asumí el cargo el 1 de enero. Comenzamos a trabajar y todo el equipo estaba preparado y entusiasmados para servir a los miembros. A mediados de marzo, estaba claro que el virus era grave, pero pocos tenían idea de cómo afectaría cada aspecto de nuestras vidas durante el resto del año.

Una cosa me quedó evidentemente clara desde el comienzo del virus corona: el país podía contar con los miembros de Teamster que arriesgan su propia salud y seguridad por el bien de todos. Se abastecieron los estantes de las tiendas, se entregaron equipos de protección personal a las instalaciones de atención médica, los artículos esenciales llegaron a sus destinos y se prestaron servicios críticos, todo por Teamsters.

Nunca me he sentido más orgulloso de ser miembro de Teamster que este año al ver cómo mis hermanos y hermanas realizaron su trabajo durante la pandemia.

Los miembros del Local 952 demostraron liderazgo, fuerza, dedicación y unidad en los momentos más difíciles. Verdaderamente fue extraordinario presenciarlo. Al finalizar este año, quiero que todos sepan cuánto admiro su valor y compromiso. Son un ejemplo brillante del corazón y el alma de la organización Teamsters.

Como verán al leer esta edición The 952, independientemente de COVID, su equipo de liderazgo ha trabajado arduamente para representar a nuestros miembros y negociar contratos sólidos. Hemos destacado los contratos de Albertsons y CVS en este número. Me enorgullece especialmente señalar que les pedimos a los delegados sindicales de ambas empresas que se unieran a nosotros en la mesa de negociaciones durante las negociaciones. Fue su inestimable conocimiento y participación en las conversaciones lo que nos ayudó a conseguir dos de los mejores contratos jamás negociados en esas industrias.

Con su ayuda, y la del equipo de liderazgo que incluye al presidente John Green, el vicepresidente Danny Herbert, el coordinador Frank Sevilla y los agentes comerciales Emerson Díaz, El Local 952 se mantuvo firme y unido y negoció contratos sólidos que no solo incluyan salarios, mejoras de salud y bienestar, pero cambios críticos en el lenguaje del contrato que benefician a nuestros miembros.

Mientras escribo esto, nuestros miembros de UPS están en primera línea entregando la vacuna COVID y el gobierno está trabajando con la industria privada para que los estadounidenses se vacunen lo más rápido posible. También tenemos un nuevo presidente que ha prometido hacer del trabajo y la clase media una prioridad máxima en su administración. Así que ahora que este año extraordinario y difícil llega a su fin,uento las bendiciones grandes y pequeñas y espero un Año Nuevo más brillante y saludable.

Continúa en la siguiente columna

Todos mis mejores deseos para usted y su familia para una temporada festiva segura y feliz.

En solidaridad, Eric Jimenez

Los miembros de CVS ratifican abrumadoramente el nuevo contrato

La empresa acepta importantes y muy necesarios cambios de idioma

Después de casi tres meses de discusiones reñidas y noches en la mesa de negociaciones, el Local 952 entregó un contrato excepcional de 4 años y 7 meses a los miembros de CVS en octubre.

"Durante la vigencia del contrato, los miembros recibirán aumentos de sueldo y pensión, y su Salud y Bienestar estarán totalmente cubiertos sin aumentos", explicó el Secretario-Tesorero del Local 952, Eric Jiménez. "El contrato se debió a un cambio de idioma muy necesario que fue logrado y acordado por la empresa. Este cambio de idioma beneficiará a los miembros de muchas maneras positivas durante la vigencia del contrato".

Los conductores de CVS ratificaron el acuerdo 74 a 0, mientras que los miembros del almacén y de mantenimiento mostraron su fuerte apoyo al acuerdo votando 366 a 156.

El Local 952 señaló que fue uno de los mejores acuerdos negociados en la industria y quisiera agradecer a los delegados sindicales de CVS y el apoyo de los miembros. El equipo de negociación fue dirigido por el secretario-tesorero del Local 952 Eric Jiménez e incluyó al presidente John Green, al coordinador Frank Sevilla y al agente comercial Emerson Díaz.

Historias españolas

El Local 952 negocia un contrato histórico con Albertsons

Después de meses de negociaciones largas y a menudo turbulentas, los líderes del Local 952, respaldados por un equipo de delegados sindicales, negociaron un contrato excepcional de 5 años con el gigante de los supermercados Albertsons. La abrumadora mayoría de los miembros ratificó el nuevo contrato 844 a 59 en octubre.

"Las manifestaciones exitosas y la confianza de un voto de huelga por parte de los miembros dieron paso a uno de los mejores acuerdos a ser negociados en la industria de abarrotes", señaló el Secretario-Tesorero del Local 952, Eric Jiménez.

Los aumentos salariales más altos se lograron junto con mejoras de salud y bienestar en la historia de las negociaciones de comestibles. También se logró un lenguaje monumental con más de 20 cambios de contrato acordados por la compañía que beneficiarán a nuestros miembros en los próximos años, dijo el presidente del Local 952, John Green. "Los cambios de idioma que obtuvimos fueron monumentales", señaló Chad

Gentile, conductor y delegado sindical de Albertsons Irvine. "Tener disciplina progresiva en el contrato es grande. Nunca ha estado ahí antes".

El equipo negociador incluyó al secretario-tesorero Eric Jiménez, el presidente John Green, el vicepresidente Danny Herbert, el coordinador Frank Sevilla y el agente comercial James López.

"El local también quisiera agradecer a los delegados sindicales de Albertson que desempeñaron un papel fundamental en la negociación", señaló Jiménez.

"Creo que fue genial tener a los delegados sindicales allí porque estamos allí día a día. Fue una experiencia invaluable", dijo Gentile. "Al estar en la mesa, obtienes una imagen completa del proceso. Te abre los ojos".

Comenzó lento, pero el equipo negociador se mantuvo firme y al final, nos beneficiamos con un gran contrato, agregó Seiler. "La respuesta de los miembros fue extremadamente positiva. Fue uno de los mejores, si no el mejor económico, sin conclusiones y con

todos los cambios de idioma. Fue una gran victoria para nosotros".

"Un gran agradecimiento tiene que ir al 952 y al equipo. Todos, el liderazgo, los abogados, las secretarias, fue un esfuerzo de equipo y fue una rutina", dijo Gentile. "Fue magnífico trabajar con Eric, John, Frank y todo el equipo".

Gentile dijo que mientras los líderes del Local 952 estaban trabajando en otros contratos además del acuerdo de Albertsons, se enorgullecían de su contrato y dieron el 1000 por ciento y el resultado final lo demostró. "Me quedé muy impresionado. Su sacrificio y las horas que dedicaron entre bastidores fueron inimaginables. Me quito el sombrero ante ellos ... fue bastante magnífico".

"Definitivamente fue un esfuerzo de equipo", concluyó Green. "Y nos gustaría agradecer en particular a todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas de Albertsons en Irvine y Brea por la fuerte declaración que hicieron en gran número.

Es un momento emocionante para Teamsters Local 952

Útiles escolares, canastas de alimentos navideños y vacunas contra la gripe ... el Comité de Mujeres enfrentó muchos desafíos comunitarios en 2020

Es un momento emocionante para Teamsters Local 952 a medida que continuamos creciendo y ajustándonos, permaneciendo siempre adaptables, motivados y receptivos a la primera visión de nuestros miembros, explicó Norma López, Asistente Especial de la Secretaría-Tesorera. Nuestro Caucus de Mujeres se enfrenta a una época de muchos cambios emocionantes en nuestros lugares de trabajo y en la sede del sindicato, y queremos unir a nuestros miembros para garantizar que nuestro Sindicato permanezca a la vanguardia.

Me gustaría darle una idea de lo que puede esperar y lo que esperamos lograr durante el próximo año. Queremos seguir ayudando a nuestros miembros y comunidad necesitada. Nuestro Caucus de Mujeres desea redoblar nuestros esfuerzos y aumentar nuestras actividades proporcionando canastas de Pascua para los menos afortunados, uniéndose

a Labor Cancer Walk, como voluntario en la Campaña Nacional de Alimentos para los Portadores de Letras y estableciendo nuestro Almuerzo Anual del Caucus de Mujeres, donde honraremos a las mujeres en el lugar de trabajo.

Permitanme darles una breve actualización sobre dónde estamos hoy. En los últimos meses, el Comité de Mujeres recaudó con éxito donaciones para: útiles escolares, distribución de alimentos para las festividades, así como asistencia financiera para el alquiler y los servicios públicos. Nos unimos a Kaiser Permanente y pudimos proporcionar vacunas contra la gripe gratuitas para nuestros miembros y la comunidad.

Estamos transformando la forma en que operamos para mejorar continuamente nuestra capacidad de comunicarnos con nuestros miembros y ayudarlos a ellos y a la comunidad que lo necesita. A través de la generosidad de nuestros miembros

y socios comunitarios, hemos podido enfrentar los desafíos de 2020 y sobresalir a pesar de los reveses de COVID -19. Todos deberíamos estar muy orgullosos de dónde nos encontramos hoy y entusiasmados con el rumbo que vamos.

Gracias a todos los que nos ayudaron a lograr nuestras metas este año. Ustedes, como líderes de la organización, tienen la visión, el conocimiento, los medios y la experiencia para ayudarnos a allanar nuestro camino hacia el futuro. Los miembros del Local 952 son verdaderamente nuestro mayor activo hoy y mañana, y no podríamos lograr lo que hacemos sin su apoyo y liderazgo.

Al entrar en 2021, les pido que se involucren, nos mantengan proactivos y nos ayuden a dar forma al futuro de nuestro gran Local 952 de Union Teamsters y nuestro Caucus de Mujeres.



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