

# LOCAL ROUNDUP

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Greetings from the city with 68,500 elevators!

On Tuesday, August 19, the membership ratified the contract between our operators of temporary cars and the building associations. The work conditions stayed relatively the same in spite of the pressure brought by the associations seeking "relief", which, of course, would have meant giving up some of our work conditions.

The operators received a \$2.40 package, \$2 of which is in the envelope over 3 years and retroactive to July 1 (the same increase as the rest of our trade).

Now that negotiations are over for three years, our negotiating team should be congratulated. Looking back on the preliminary talks, the membership's vote to allow interim contracts to be signed and the final strategy decision to work without a contract on a temporary basis, it is evident that we have competent negotiators working for our best interests.

**So, hats off to our negotiating team consisting of B.A.'s Tom Connolly, Karl Stork and John Green; Secretary-Treasurer Tom Macchia; and led by our President-Business Manager Vinny Watson.**

Our Third Annual Family Picnic was held at Kruckers Picnic Grove on August 10 and what a crowd we had! Almost 1,500 people attended and it seemed as if everyone took part in at least some of the many activities that were available.

The children had seven games or contests to enter, pony rides, amusement rides, little league baseball, games, swimming and dance contests. The adults had horseshoes, golf driving, egg throwing, tug-o-war, softball, volleyball, nail driving and dance contests.

Once again the egg throwing contest was the most popular (we used 180 eggs). Ralph Kirchner and his wife were the winners, just beating

out Kenny and Penny Wissell. Ray Monack and Tom Kristan won the horseshoe contest as a team. Ray repeated from last year. Tom's wife, Shirley Kristan, won the women's golf driving contest while Vinny Maggipinto won the men's. Anne Sbaschnig won the balloon sweep contest. Bob Brady nailed down the nail driving contest, that is Bob Brady, Jr., 15 years old. Eat your heart out Bob, Sr., you'll never live it down. The dance contest was won by my wife, Doris, and another man, her uncle, Tom Cava.

The brand new 3/4" rope we used for the tug-o-war snapped twice before it was doubled over to allow the mechanics to soundly thrash the helpers once again. Rumor has it that the only reason the rope snapped was that the helpers had their end tied to a tree. I'm surprised their knot held.

A basket of cheer, two T.V. sets and two bicycles were given away as door prizes. The winning tickets were drawn by gold card member, Bill Fleming. Bill had over 50 years service before retiring.

John Green was Chairman of the Picnic Committee this year. He did a great job in planning and organizing the affair and it was no small task. The Committee members were Pat Egan and Richie Hannigan, who organized the children's games and contests again this year, Fred Wind, Pete Smith, John Cusack, John Walsh, Frank Costello, Bob Brady and yours truly.

This year we had quite a bit of help from volunteers. I hope I don't miss anyone but here goes: Dan Sutton, John O'Loughlin, Tom Sweeney, Eddie McAllister, Marty Dennenberg, Don Guth, Dan Driscoll, Ray Monack, Joe Nolan, Tom Bennett, Carl Magni, Bernie Hughes, Tom Nagle, Charlie McClaughry, Jim McNulty, John Gallagher, Tom Vance and Bob Lafayette. Thanks, Brothers, the picnic was a success due to your interest and hard work.

On the sick list we have Phil Wiemers, Kime Asprey, John Mc-

Sweeney, Eugene Derrick, George Peterson, Bill Lutz, Eddie Carroll, John Zeimetz, Charlie Leeds, Vic Citrolo, Don Smith, Karl Drehwing, Bob Bottomley, Rudy Kaser, Tom Cullen, Tom Coleman, Walter Bilski, Jack Caci, Artie Mandick, Charles Wiebalch, Dan Haggarty, Ed Cordle, Bob Gillis, Vinny Campbell, Tom Sabel, Bob Funk, Tom Young, James Scourby, Charlie Collins, Steve Ayers, Terry Mimnaugh, Sr., Don Chatfield, Ed Bradley and Joe Concannon.

The following Brothers have passed away, Elwood Johnson, Sr., Thomas J. O'Rourke and Joe Crystal. Our condolences to their families. Arthur Kuhn passed away; Arthur was the father of Fred, Kenny, Gerry and Doug Kuhn.

This month we have quite a few retirees. Mike Carfly No. 14, Mike Martin No. 233, Walter Kruszewski, Thomas T. Walsh, Jr., Charles Klages, Sr., Andy Damato and Nick Clifford, our former Secretary-Treasurer. Good luck Brothers and enjoy your extended vacations!

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