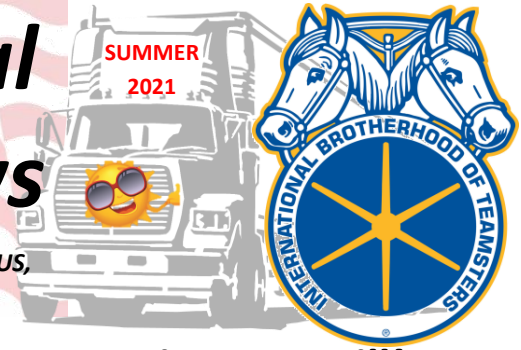




# Teamsters Local Union 295 News

AIR FREIGHT CHAUFFEURS, HANDLERS,  
WAREHOUSEMEN, ALLIED WORKERS, MISCELLANEOUS,  
PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES



## Congratulations on your retirement Bill!

I would like to congratulate and recognize my brother Bill Robertson's retirement, and his 40 years of service to all Local 295 members. I have had the pleasure and honor to work with Bill as drivers for Airborne Express for 25 years, as stewards and another 15 years as members of the Local 295 Executive Board. We have been through some tough times together and through all those years Bill has proven to all that he deeply cares about the members rights and to serve members, this local and the Teamster Labor Movement.

Thank you for always putting the members first. You are a true testament to what a Teamster should be. You always stayed the course, never wavering... straight down the middle. Because of you and your tough decisions, Local 295 is in a better place. Enjoy and don't be afraid to come back to do the vacation bid.



Best  
Intellectual  
Loving  
Loyal  
Youthful....  
Just a couple of  
the words I  
would use to  
describe Billy.  
One of the BEST  
Shop Stewards  
EVER!  
Wendy Lewis -  
ELZ



Bill, it has been an honor to work with a coworker who has been committed to their success and their coworkers. We will remember you with warm thoughts and memories. Best of Luck! Jason





## President's Message

***"All that serves labor serves the Nation. All that harms labor is treason to America. No line can be drawn between these two. If any man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar. If any man tells you he trusts America, yet fears labor, he is a fool. There is no America without labor, and to fleece the one is to rob the other." Abraham Lincoln***

## VICTORY THROUGH UNITY

I am very honored and proud to serve the honest and hard-working members of Local 295. Once again, our members have been tried and tested true and proven they are the best at performing their jobs every day and through this damn pandemic. Besides the tragic hardships that resulted from this pandemic, Local 295 Teamsters worked through the recent social unrest that seems to be tearing our country apart. I am very proud to see that on every Local 295 job site members of all faiths, race, ethnicities, and sexes working side by side to earn an honest living. They choose to live their lives by coming to work as self-sufficient, proud, honest, hard workers who respect each other and for that, they deserve to be respected! This is why I am honored to represent my Teamster 295 brothers and sisters! The entire Executive Board agrees with that, and therefore we have all taken an oath to do just that! "We will serve & protect without injuring". We are obligated to serve this Local and ALL its members, in all facets. Our duties are negotiating and enforcing contracts and protecting members rights. This Local's Executive Board has a long and strong history of successfully negotiating the best contracts, with the highest membership ratification votes. These Local 295 contracts provide some of the highest wages, very high employer paid contributions to the Local 295 Health & Welfare and Pension Funds that provide strong medical and pension benefits to the members and their families. These Union contracts also provide members with terms and conditions that provide job security and protect the union member from any employer's unjust discipline or termination.

There are times and situations that we need to engage with politicians in local, state, and federal government to serve and protect our members and this Union's best interest. Our rights, values, and our standard of living are no less important than any other group. Our strong Union workers rights, high wages, strong health care, good pension benefits can all be wiped out by the pens of greedy and corrupt politicians and their unfair overtaxing tax bills or Anti Worker/Anti-Union laws and regulations. These politicians that seek our Union household votes, support and contributions by promising to serve and protect our interests and middle-class values too often do the opposite. It is my opinion that for a long time these officials whether Democrat or Republican have not only failed to serve us but have also deceived us! They have SCREWED US by first serving their Political Parties, their corrupt self-serving agendas, or rich and powerful corporations and individuals such as the Koch Brothers or George Soros who contribute to fund their campaigns and the personal wealth of our elected officials. These types of sleazy politicians also surround themselves with some elitist that are Hollywood's best performing actors. They too are very rich, self-righteous people and along with their buddy politicians have enough money, media power, and political clout that puts them in a powerful position. With this power and platform, they not only greatly influence our lives they want to control our lives. In my opinion that these elitist characters like Robert DeNiro for example who is paid \$20 - \$30MM to PLAY the part of a labor leader in a movie where he is filmed standing near a burning barrel on a teamster strike line, thinks he can trick us into respecting him as if he is one of us. He is nothing like the roles he plays whether he portrays a Teamster or a gangster. I am no Doctor Phil, but I think that these types of celebrities who are multi-millionaires have some reality disorders. They do not relate to our world in any way. The REAL world that we live in can and will slap you around quick and hard. It seems to me that "We the people" the workers, taxpayers, men, and women that fight the wars who have just been sucker punched by this Wuhan Virus, have suffered the most by the resulting economic crisis, and the radical life alterations that have been forced on us. It also seems that our politicians driven by their party politics and their quest for power no longer believe in a "government of the people by the people, for the people" *Abe Lincoln*. We the people of Teamster Local 295 have come to work, worked together, have done so in a respectful manor, and have successfully served our employers, their customers and provided income to ourselves and our families. Why don't our elected politicians do the same?

Although most of our representation involves your daily needs as union members we also serve as trustees on our Multi Employer Pension Fund and our Health & Welfare Fund that provide medical coverage and retiree benefits. Our duties and responsibilities also include running the everyday business affairs of our Local, Joint Council and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters. These affairs include complying with all Labor laws and regulations, By-Laws, our IBT Constitution, and managing the finances of the Local. We also continuously strive to bring additional supplemental benefits and cost saving programs to our members such as Cross-Country Mortgage, HeartScan Services, Symetra, and AFLAC benefits. Make sure to do your due diligence and shop around to make sure their services meet your needs. *See their ads in the following pages and contact them directly.*

I wish you all a safe and good summer. God bless all the Local 295 members and this country!



Congratulations and best wishes to the 2021  
Local 295 Scholarship Fund Winners!

**Maria Abelev**

daughter of Vyacheslav Abelev – DHL Clerical / SWF

**Dominic Benedetto**

son of Michael Benedetto III – DHL / TTN

**Carissa Canzona**

daughter of Nicholas Canzona – DHL / ZYP

**Amanda Cistrelli**

daughter of Kevin Cistrelli – DHL / ELZ

**Timothy Derrico**

son of Genevieve Sullivan – DHL Clerical / ELZ

**Julia Drago**

daughter of John Drago – DGF / Danza's

**Kayla Gomez Molano**

daughter of Jhon Gomez – DHL / LIC

**Amelia Katz**

daughter of Paul Katz – DHL / ELZ

**Angie Kramer**

daughter of Robert Skehan – DHL / TTN

**Naiya Roe**

daughter of Denedar Roe – DHL / ELZ

**Paige Villa**

daughter of Joseph Villa – DHL / ELZ

*Many thanks to all the contributors  
and supporters that make the  
Scholarship Fund awards possible!*



**Local 295  
Scholarship Fund  
Raffle Winners  
2021**

Top L – R: Anthony Falcinelli with M. Triola, John Drago & Tony, Nick Gramesty,  
Jimmy Maurer, and Frank Hartsuff

Bottom: L – R: Hernando Sosa with Jason Miller & John Romano, Jeffrey  
Scheuermann, Joshual Lopez, and Jason Harden with Jason Miller





Supporting Local 553 on their Strike Line which has been an ongoing battle for over 2 months.



Congratulations to Bobby Formato on his Retirement!



Another informative Shop Stewards Seminar where Bobby Formato was acknowledged for his 35 years of service and our Stewards picked out this year's Scholarship Fund Raffle Winners.







# Local 295 Pension Fund Retirees

# OFFICIALLY RETIRED



## AEI

Name	Type	Pension Years*
Fabiano, Phillip	58 & 30	33

## Airborne Express

Name	Type	Pension Years*
Bless, William	Early	16
Bruno, Michael	Normal	13

## DHL Express

Name	Type	Pension Years*
Bucicchia, Anthony	70 1/2 RMD	34
Cartagena, Francisco	Early	6
Fitzmaurice, Nina	Early	16
Guarino, Carmen	Early	9
Miesak, Henryk	Early	12
Miller, Michael	Early	21
Mirsky, Shelley	Early	31
Naso, Angelo	Early	19
Pellichero, Raymond	Early	8
Smiling, Jimmie	Early	19
Taffurelli, Kenneth	Early	12
Formato, Robert	Late Retirement	35
Jones, Irvin	Late Retirement	15
Stook, Adam	Late Retirement	32
Wilson, George	Late Retirement	14
Shigo, Joseph	Normal	16

## Emery

Name	Type	Pension Years*
Tessitore, Patricia	Late Retirement	9

## J&J Air Freight

Name	Type	Pension Years*
Fithian, Thomas	Early	27

## JRS Trucking

Name	Type	Pension Years*
Richardson, Felix	Early	9

## Kuehne & Nagel

Name	Type	Pension Years*
Dermody, Kevin	Normal	26

## L851 IB of T

Name	Type	Pension Years*
Pope, Alexandra	Pro-Rata Pension	5

## MRZ

Name	Type	Pension Years*
Genoski, Richard	Early	7

## STP Haulage

Name	Type	Pension Years*
DeFren, Michael	Early	5

## UPS

Name	Type	Pension Years*
Westenberg, Mitchell	Disability	26

## WTC Air Freight

Name	Type	Pension Years*
Wolff, Ronald	Normal	11



**Congratulations to our recent retirees!**  
We wish them good health, and a happy retirement!  
The Teamster Local 295 Employer Group Pension Fund provides monthly benefits to participants when they become eligible.

## Beneficiary & Survivor

*\*Pension Years are estimated*

Name	Type	Name	Type
Alfano, Carol	Alternate Payee	Provenzano, Retha	Surviving Spouse
Battle-Owens, Keicia	Beneficiary	Raguseo, Albert	Surviving Spouse
Bruno, Kimberly	Beneficiary	Raguseo, Pamela	Surviving Spouse
Grumbkow, Rushen	Beneficiary	Scaglione, Ann	Surviving Spouse
Hillo, Joan	Beneficiary	Simone, Nancy	Surviving Spouse
Leone, Joann	Surviving Spouse	Wachswender, Kathleen	Surviving Spouse
Lerner, Diane	Surviving Spouse	Walker, Penny	Surviving Spouse
Miranda-Torres, Genoveva	Surviving Spouse	Weber, Gail	Surviving Spouse
Peters, Mary	Surviving Spouse	Westenberg, Junie	Surviving Spouse
Powers, Kathleen	Surviving Spouse	Williams, Ernestine	Surviving Spouse





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- Long-Term Disability (LTD)



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Theresa Reyes 212-679-9807 ext. 4 or via email [treyes@acgnyc.com](mailto:treyes@acgnyc.com)

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The charge for the Withdrawal Card is \$0.50. All initiation fees and dues must be up to date through the last month worked before the withdrawal card is issued.

Your Withdrawal Card Application MUST be submitted directly to Local 295. DO NOT give your application or payment to your Shop Steward or Business Agent! Mail or bring this form to the Local 295 office (33 W. Hawthorne Avenue, Suite 29, Valley Stream, NY 11580) along with your check or money order for \$0.50 plus any outstanding dues/fees owed (you may call the office 516-568-1970 for your current dues status). If you are filing for Disability or Military leave you must also provide a copy of a state disability check or a copy of your military orders.

### Withdrawal Card Request Form

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Day of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Military Leave (*Attach copy of Military Orders*) ☐ Disability: (*Attach proof: copy of State Disability check stub*)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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