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# ON PALESTINE WINKIN' BLINKEN GETS THE NOD

*By Dave Chaddock*

A few months ago Jared Kushner declared: "We are witnessing the last vestiges of what has been known as the Arab-Israeli conflict." He seemed to believe that the Palestine problem would just go away thanks to his carefully engineered "Abraham Accords" by which several Sunni-led Arab nations united with Israel against Iran.

But suddenly the whole world was focused on a few Arab families threatened with eviction from East Jerusalem. To most Israelis it was a minor

matter. Something that went on all the time. But to Muhammed el-Kurd, studying at Brooklyn College in the U.S., It struck a raw nerve. The families under threat, including his own, had been among those who had been ejected from Haifa and Jaffa when Israel was formed in 1948. Returning to Israel to help his family resist, he was also tweeting to hundreds of thousands of followers in English. Black Lives Matter activists had started carrying signs proclaiming "Palestinian Lives Matter." Joy Reid and other commentators on MSNBC paid attention to the issue. In a phone interview Muhammed explained: "The situation is simple. Someone came and stole my house with the help of the army and police . . . That's the entire story of how Israel came to be" (NYT, 5-18).

Israeli Jews have been blanketed in comforting myths about Israel's origin. They have been told of horrendous Arab attacks nearly creating a Second Holocaust from which the Jewish population heroically and

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## **PALESTINE**

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miraculously defended themselves. But Jewish Israeli historian Ilan Pappé in his book *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine* (2006) proves that none of this is true. Using Israeli military archives and oral histories he tells us how Ben-Gurion and ten other plotters met on 10 March 1948 to plan the systematic expulsion of Arabs in order to create a country where Jews would be the majority. Encircling villages and setting houses afire, blowing up houses in the middle of the night while inhabitants were still sleeping, using flame-throwers to set fields afire, dropping bombs from airplanes, mining destroyed villages to prevent refugees from returning—all of this for a year caused 531 villages and 11 urban areas to be completely emptied. A common tactic was to line up all the men over 18 and then use a hooded informer to pick out the “dangerous” ones who had dared to rise up in rebellion in 1936. Often these men would simply be shot on the spot. Though there was a tepid response from neighboring Arab countries, it never succeeded in putting a stop to the Israeli terror operation and Israeli forces were never really threatened. The most powerful Arab army, that of Jordan, was neutralized by offering King Abdullah the West Bank, in return for a promise not to intervene. (Israel would seize the West Bank later in 1967.) Pappé notes 31 confirmed massacres between December 1947 and January 1949. Israel today has a lot of National Parks which fail to mention the destroyed villages on which they rest. One particularly beautiful Arab village has now become a Tel Aviv garbage dump.

At the very moment when threatened Israeli evictions were creating a firestorm in East Jerusalem, Israel provoked a second

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## **CONVERSATIONS WITH HARRY**

*By Ian Kennedy*

I’ve been keeping in touch with Sue on a regular basis and she now tells me that life is slowly getting back to normal. So much so, she has hired a new wait person part time. Her name is Sally Mae. She moved to the Bay Area two years ago from North Carolina, and is full of Southern charm.

Any way, We decided that I would again drive down, (I still didn’t trust the airlines when it comes to the Covid.) We had discussed a couple of dates and once Sue was able to let Harry know when I’d arrive, I put together what I would need, figuring I’d spend a night sleeping in the car though I had a tent with me.

Once I was on the road, I found the going easy and decided to take I-5 all the way. The traffic was light, even going through Tacoma to Olympia. By dinner, I was in Medford, Oregon and decided to stop for dinner. I remembered a small family run Diner I used to frequent in the days when I lived in LA and made the drive several times a year. Yes, it was still there. The same owners, looking older, moving slower, but still making great meals. Once I ate and fueled up the Honda, I got back on the road. I was in the Siskiyoues when I decided it was time to get some rest. I turned off the freeway onto a little road that took me to spot that wouldn’t draw company, or at least didn’t back in the day. Throwing my sleeping bag onto the ground and crawling in, making myself comfortable for a good night’s rest.

I woke up to the Sun in my eyes, the air still had a chill in it, but it felt good and I was well rested. After stretching for a few minutes, throwing my gear into the car, I headed back to I-5, hoping to find some breakfast soon. The day went smoothly, traffic was slowly

increasing but didn't cause any real problems. When I was about 30 minutes out, I texted Sue to let her know I was almost there. When I pulled into the alley behind the Bar, I saw Sue standing at the gate into her private parking area. Received a big hug as I was getting out of the car, almost knocking me to the ground. (At my age you can only handle one thing at a time.) She had a large lunch waiting for me. As we sat, she started telling me of all that has happened since the last time I was in San Francisco, even though most of what she had to say was covered in our phone calls.

As Sue was clearing the table, She noted that I looked tired, "Why don't you get some sleep so you will be fresh once Harry appears? Your bed is waiting for you, I'll make sure to wake you in plenty of time. I thanked her and headed up to her apartment and the guest bedroom.

Once I woke up, showered and dressed, I headed down to the bar, as I was taking a seat at "Harry's table, Sue was setting down a glass of beer followed by Sally Mae with a sandwich, "I don't want you to drink without something to eat," said Sue. I couldn't resist the beer and drained the glass as she was speaking. Shaking her head, she turns to Sally Mae, "Better bring a pitcher and a glass for me." As Sue is finished talking, Harry appears. "Make that two glasses." She yells after Sally Mae.

Harry was just sitting down when Sally Mae brought the pitcher and extra glasses. "Why do you want an extra glass?" She asks as Sue is filling the glasses. Sue looks up, smiles and responds, "So I can drink faster." Sally Mae looked on, bug eyed, as Harry drained his glass. Sue then shooed Her back to the bar. Harry reaches across the table and

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## **NOTES FROM ANDREA STEVENSON**

*ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans Washington Area Welfare Director*

### **ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans**

By order of the State of California, ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans San Francisco main office remains closed. Benefit Plans staff are working remotely. Pension checks will be deposited and mailed on time, weekly and accident claims will be honored, medical claims are being processed. Messages left on our main phone line voicemail will be returned. Multiple messages on the same topic will delay our response: Telephone: (888) 372-4598

Fax lines are being monitored, documents submitted via fax will be received by Benefit Plans staff: Fax: (415) 749-1400 or (415) 749-1321

If you must submit a document but are unable to access a fax machine, please contact Andrea Stevenson, WA area Welfare Director for the ILWU-PMA Benefit Plans, @ (206) 938-6720 (office), (206) 938-6726 (Fax) or email [astevenson@benefitplans.org](mailto:astevenson@benefitplans.org).

### **COVID-19**

Services related to the screening, testing and treatment of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) are currently covered per the Plan benefit at this time. This would include telehealth services. Currently there is no documented end date for these services. Participants are encouraged to call your medical Plan, prior to getting services, to ensure the Plan is still covering these services.

### **ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan – Coastwise Indemnity Plan**

This notice applies to all ILWU-PMA Welfare Plan members and beneficiaries enrolled in the

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**WELFARE** (From Page 3)

ILWU-PMA Coastwise Indemnity Plan. Effective April 1, 2021, members will be able to obtain routine vaccines such as COVID-19, flu, tetanus, pneumonia, and shingles, through an OptumRx network pharmacy. Covered

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**New OptumRX Vaccine Program  
Effective April 1, 2021**

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vaccinations obtained through this program are covered 100% with no member copayment required. Immunizations provided by medical providers will continue to be covered under the Coastwise Indemnity Plan. For a complete list of the retail chain pharmacies in the Optum RX network, visit [www.optumrx.com](http://www.optumrx.com), or call 800-797-9791.

**From Medicare.Gov 5.5.21**

After you get your COVID-19 vaccine, keep your vaccination card safe — scammers are using the COVID-19 pandemic to try to steal your personal information.

Don't share a photo of your COVID-19 vaccination card online or on social media. Scammers can use content you post, like your date of birth, health care details, or other personal information to steal your identity.

You should get a COVID-19 vaccination card at your first vaccine appointment. If you didn't, contact the provider site where you got vaccinated or your state health department to find out how to get a card.

If someone contacts you to buy or sell a vaccination card, it's a scam.

If you suspect COVID-19 health care fraud, report it online or call 800-HHS-TIPS (800-447-8477). TTY users can call 1-800-377-4950.

**ILWU-PMA Pension Plan - MOU Pension  
Increases**

The Extension Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Plan Years 2019 through 2022 between the ILWU and PMA provides for pension increases to pensioners and survivor pensioners, as described.

**Pensioners:**

- Pensioners who retired before July 1, 1999, will receive an increase of \$2.00 per month per Year of Service effective July 1, 2021.
- Pensioners who retired on or after July 1, 1999 and prior to July 1, 2002, will receive an increase of \$1.00 per month per Year of Service effective July 1, 2021.
- Pensioners who retired on or after July 1, 2014, will receive an increase of \$5.00 per month per Year of Service effective July 1, 2021.

**Surviving Spouses/Dependent Child  
Survivors**

- Surviving Spouses or Dependent Child Survivors of pensioners who retired before July 1, 1999, will receive an increase of \$3.14 per month per Year of Service effective July 1, 2021. Surviving Spouses of active vested participants who died before July 1, 1999, will receive an increase of \$3.14 per Year of Service effective July 1, 2021.
- Surviving Spouses or Dependent Child Survivors of pensioners who retired on or after July 1, 1999, and before July 1, 2002, will receive an increase of \$4.42 per month per Year of Service effective July 1, 2021. Surviving Spouses of active vested participants who died after July 1, 1999 and before July 1, 2002 will receive an increase of \$0.75 per Year of Service effective July 1, 2021.
- Surviving Spouses or Dependent Child

## **OBITUARY OF PHYLLIS JOYCE HARRIAGE**

The family of Phyllis Joyce Harriage (Clark) is deeply saddened to announce her death at 81 years old from complications of Parkinson's disease on June 14, 2021.

Phyllis was born to Leonard and Margaret Clark in West Seattle on September 15, 1939 and graduated from West Seattle High School in 1957. She raised three children with William R. Harriage during their eighteen-year marriage. Phyllis worked as a waitress at the SeaTac Marriott for nearly two decades. Kind, funny, and thoughtful, Phyllis lived her retirement years in the constant company of her beloved family and dogs. She lived in West Seattle until declining health prompted her to move in with family in Tacoma.

Phyllis was a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She is survived by her daughter Holly (Kevin) and her children, Emelia, Audrey, Christina, and Gabrielle; her daughter Hayley (Steffan) and her children Crystal, Kaitlyn, and Allison; her son Kurt (Paulette) and his children Lauren, Sierra, Priscilla, Jesse, Laticia and Lorenzo; six great-grandchildren; and her sister Patricia Schaber and her children, Steven and Richard (and his children and grandchildren).

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Tacoma Humane Society.



*Phyllis Joyce Harriage*

1939 - 2021

## **TAKING IT BACK**

We're making history! Working people, that is. Due to a labor shortage that predates the pandemic, wages are on a historic rise for both blue and white collar workers in the U.S. Employers are now forced to coax potential employees to their doors not only with higher wages but perks like signing bonuses and flexible hours! The words "no experience necessary" headline hiring ads. Free training is offered to scarce job seekers. Now, there's even a firm, Lioness that shames bad bosses by helping people speak out effectively against workplace mistreatment. Some of these are features that we in the ILWU already enjoy. But the stronger position of workers across America forms a bulwark against employer designs to weaken ours. Could it be that workers have gained the upper hand? If so, it's been a long time coming!

*Written by  
Kevin Castle*

**HARRY** (From Page 3)

pats my hand, "It's good to see young fellow." He smiles, "What news do you come bearing? As I recall, the Union had a lawsuit against it, as well as an NLRB action."

After sipping a little beer, I responded, "As for those two actions, I really don't have any news. As I remember, the Judge gave ICTSI a choice, they could accept the reduced fine or hold a new trial. My understanding was that it was in suspended animation. But I do have plenty to tell you,"

Harry is filling our glasses he looks up, waiting for more information, "Well, don't just sit like a bump on a log, get talking." "Well," I respond, "The International convention convenes every three years, And this time. It was held last week virtually. What do you mean, virtually?" he asks. "It's over the internet" I reply.

"Ok, however it works. So what was accomplished? I suppose they nominated new officers, who are they?" He stops, drains his glass, pours the remainder from the pitcher into his glass, and smiles as he hands it to Sue for a refill. She holds the pitcher up for Sally Mae to refill it. Sally Mae stands there with a shocked look on her face, runs back to the bar showing nothing but fear. Sue jumps up, goes to Sally Mae. Harry and I are watching. After a while, Sally Mae nods her head and She grabs a fresh pitcher and brings it to the table. "What did you tell her?" Harry and I ask together. Sue smiles, "I told her that Ian likes to play tricks on people and that he would do it all evening, I think I'll have to hire someone else." "Ok," I respond before Harry can throw out anymore questions, "The nominations turned out to be a surprise to me, The three main land Officers were nominated without any opponents. The Hawaii Vice President, you may recall, No, I don't think I told you that

Wesley Furtado, Hawaii's long time Vice President passed away." Harry shakes his head and responds, "No, I hadn't heard. I remember Wesley, he was one hell of an organizer and one of the great Union leaders. He couldn't have been that old." I jumped in, "He was just in his 60s, I don't recall exactly." (64) I pause to see if he has anymore to add. We sat quietly for a few minutes, then he looks

## THE UNION MAN AND WOMAN

*As a member of the working class  
Many ups and downs I have had  
The good times come, the bad times pass  
And the good outweighs the bad  
  
I've been on strikes, in picket lines  
When times were hard as hell  
For what was fair and rightly mine  
To raise my family well  
  
A truth I've learned in all the years  
If the working woman/man survives  
In spite of hunger, hardship, fears  
The Union must survive  
  
But who will know I've come this way  
When I have reached life's span  
If nothing else just let them say  
He was a Union man  
She was a Union woman*

*By  
Hugh X. Lewis  
(female update by Mary)*

up, “Is there going to be any problems in electing his replacement?” I shrug, “I don’t know, I don’t know either of the two candidates. I know that one of the is from the Longshore Division and think the other is from Hospitality but I’m not sure.” We stop to intake a little beer, refresh our glasses.

Harry finely looks up, “Is that all that took place?” Smiling, I respond, “No, no. To go back to your original inquiries, the ICTSI, problem seems to be on a side burner, I haven’t heard of anything happening.

As for the NLRB action, I would say in is moot as we are going into new elections and the Panama Division is no longer certified. That should take care of those issues.” I drain my glass, look around for our pitcher and see Sue already returning with a fresh one. I take it out of her hands before it hits the table, fill my glass, hanging on to it while I drain the glass and refilling it. Harry reaches over and takes the pitcher, “what else is going on?” I take a couple of minutes to put my thoughts together, “The house Democrats passed a bill titled ‘Protecting the Right to Organize Act’, or, the ‘Pro Act’. As Trumpka put it, ‘It will protect and empower workers to exercise our freedom to organize and bargain.’ Though it passed in the House it still has to pass in the Senate, and that requires a 60% vote in favor, unless Biden and Co. can pull a rabbit out of a hat.

The convention passed a resolution supporting the bill.” Harry interrupts me, “Keep it coming kid, I don’t have all day, correction, all night.” I resumed, “There was a resolution supporting the Jones act, attempts are being made to do away with it. Trump used it as a reason to hold up supplies to Puerto Rico after the hurricane that did so much damage. And Covid has given fuel to those who oppose it because Cruise Lines couldn’t stop in Canada

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## Recent Retirees

*Glen Dreier, Local 19*  
*Greg Hutton, Local 19*  
*Patricia Peterson, Local 19*  
*Gilbert Casias #57693 - Local 19*  
*Mark Durbin, Local 52*  
*Robert Hawran, Local 19*  
*Danny Coleman, Local 19*  
*Anthony Williams, Local 19*  
*Jan Feddersen, Local 19*  
*Timothy Kelser #57576 - Local 19*  
*Michael Kulp, Local 19*

## *Final Dispatch*

*Parnell Wilber, Local 19*  
*Greggory Ratigan, Local 19*  
*Sam Black, Local 19*  
*Jack Block, Local 98*  
*Dan Stetner, Local 19*  
*Earl Fritz, Local 19*  
*Stormy King, Local 19*

### **Rusty Hook Publication Schedule: 2021 - 2022**

- Fall 2021: Submission deadline is September 14th, to be published on September 28th, 2021.
- Winter 2022: Submission deadline is November 30th, to be published on December 12, 2021.
- Spring 2022: Submission deadline is February 28th, to be published on March 14, 2022.
- Summer 2022: Submission deadline is May 16th, to be published May 31st, 2022.

**HARRY** (From Page 7)

on the way to Alaska. We'll keep up the fight to keep the Jones Act." I needed to get a refill.

"Lets see," I began again, "We had resolutions on 'Black Lives Mater,' and racism. As a matter of fact Local 10 had Angela Davis leading a march in honor of Juneteenth. Following the convention, Local 10 made Angela Davis, an honorary member of the ILWU. That tribute couldn't go to a more deserving person." Harry is shaking his head in agreement, as I continue, Harry is glancing at the clock and looking restless. "Hawaii submitted several resolutions that told the histories of the divisions in Local 142." Harry is getting more jittery, "Before you run off, I want to tell you of my disappointment," Harry looks up, "What's that?" I nod, "For years you and Jimmy (Herman) took stands on International issues. The Israeli / Palestine conflict has been going on for over 80 years. Our government continues to supply weapons to the parties that if they were withheld, would ultimately force them into some sort of settlement. I'd love to see the Union speak up as we had in the past."

Harry is slipping into his jacket, "That's a tough topic, but the killing has to stop." He turns and heads for the door, waving to Sue as he departs. Sue comes over dragging Sally Mae along with her. "I think you owe Sally Mae an apology for scaring her the way you did." I tried to look sorry, "Sally Mae, I'm truly sorry, I've been doing that trick for so long that I don't expect anyone to react to it. Please forgive me and I'll try not to pull it again while you are working." Sally Mae gives me a tentative nod and heads back to the bar. "What are we going to do?" I ask Sue, "I don't know yet, but I'll figure something out, You best get some sleep if you're going to get out of here in the morning." I took the hint and headed up to my room.

Sue wakes me, it seems like the middle of the night. She has breakfast waiting for me, bacon and eggs, my favorite. We chat as I eat. I had packed up my few things before coming down. At the car, she gives me a big hug, I get in and head for the Highway heading north.



**PALESTINE** (FROM PAGE 2)

confrontation at the Al Aqsa Mosque. During Ramadan, the mosque broadcasts prayers over its loudspeakers, but it seems the President of Israel wanted to give a speech nearby. So the mosque was asked to turn off the speakers, which might make it difficult for the President's audience to hear every word. The mosque leadership refused the demand, saying it would be disrespectful. So on April 13 Israeli police cut the cables carrying the sound. In the following days police also forbid worshippers from assembling in a favorite square and blocked Palestinians from outside Jerusalem who were trying to get to Aqsa. As Arab resentment built to a climax, on May 7 police forces entered the mosque itself with tear gas and stun grenades, claiming they were only responding to rock throwers, but eyewitnesses testified that the tear gas came first. By the time of a second invasion on May 10, protesters had had plenty of time to build up a collection of rocks and the conflict became fierce. As prayer rugs were trampled, 250 were hospitalized, one in critical condition having been hit by a grenade in the head at close range. That day Hamas issued an ultimatum for Israeli forces to stand down or face an attack.

The brief war that followed included horrific attacks on Gaza, where some said they had "never felt anything as intense." One man



*An Injury to one is an injury to all!*

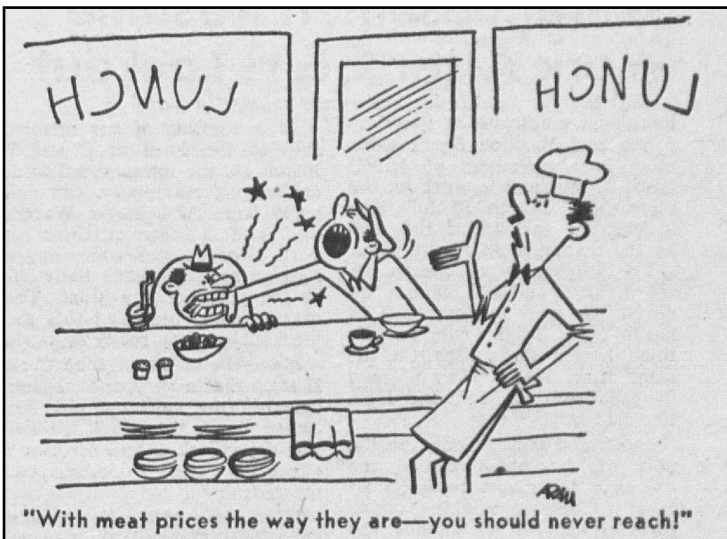
admitted he was scared but at the same time he was overjoyed that Palestinians were fighting back (NYT, 5-13). At the UN Security Council, in two closed sessions, the U.S. refused to support an immediate cease-fire. Finally, in an open session on May 16, as the overwhelming majority called for a cease-fire, the U.S. refused to go along with language critical of Israel. China accused the United States of hypocrisy, allegedly claiming to stand rock-solid on the issue of human rights, but turning a blind eye to flagrant violations in Israel (BEIJING REVIEW, 6-3).

Two remarkable happenings: In New York, which has the greatest concentration of Jews outside of Israel the NY Times runs a two-page spread showing loving family pictures of nearly 70 children in Gaza killed by Israeli bombing (NYT, 5-28). In Jerusalem near the Aqsa Mosque and in the West Bank, seas of green Hamas flags are being waved (NYT, 5-22). This leads me to explain why I call Blinken “winkin Blinken” for he seems to be ignoring the elephant in the room. The Biden plan calls for working with the UN to rebuild Gaza but he wants to do it with the Palestinian Authority. And as former U.S. Ambassador to Israel

Martin Indyk observes: “I just don’t see how that can happen” (NYT, 5-25). Blinken thinks working with the PA is a way to “undermine Hamas” (NYT, 5-26). But Hamas is in control in Gaza, its authority is paramount and it has deep roots. This proposal to undermine it cannot be serious. So it can only be put forth with a wink.

Miko Peled, son of an Israeli general, on a visit to Seattle in 2012, declared: “Israel doesn’t want a peaceful solution . . . The only way for there to be peace is for there not to be an Israel . . . It’s going to mean getting rid of a racist regime” ( REAL CHANGE, 11-24-12). Now this does not sound all that different from the stance of Hamas. Hamas is supposed to be a “terrorist” group but if we take a close look at what Israel did in 1948, wasn’t the act of ethnic cleansing carried out by terrorists?

Israel is being called upon to have a Nelson Mandela moment. Peter Beinart, editor of JEWISH CURRENTS, quotes a Palestinian-American law professor, George Bisharat, who wrote about the house in Jerusalem that his grandfather had built and been robbed of. Later an Israeli soldier who had spent some time living in the house contacted him and said: “I’m sorry. I was blind. What we did was wrong.” Beinart writes that “just that response, writ large”, is what Israel needs. There is a Hebrew word for it – “teshuva”. As Pappé puts it, “the overall desire of the Palestinians is for restitution, not retribution” (pp. 258-9). If the Jewish population can express sincere repentance, Beinart writes, “an untapped reservoir of good will could transform the relations between the two peoples” (NYT, 5-13).



SOURCE: THE DISPATCHER 3-12-1947



## **RUSTY HOOK CORRESPONDENCE**

*By Mary Fuller, June 2021*

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SOURCE: THE DISPATCHER 2-4-1949

## **THE LASH**

This is how it was:

cold, wet, muscles tense, moving fast,  
pulling metal rods down, breaking  
out the stacks of steel containers,  
watching your feet in the narrow aisles,  
one eye up for falling rods, the crane surging,  
scooping cargo to shore, cones dropping, ears  
ringing, gloves sagging from rain, rivers  
of sweat and grease thick as putty on the rusty  
threads of binders that won't budge, the pads  
of your palms bruising as you finally turn loose,  
spin and drop the heavy turnbuckles where they  
lie like dead bodies in an open grave.

Kevin Castle  
Pensioner  
Local 19



### **Brothers and Sisters,**

We haven't had a Pension meeting for almost 1 ½ years. Well, time has come. We are planning on having a Pension meeting the first Monday of October, (October 4, 2021) at 11:00 am. It will be in the meeting room next to the pension office. Same place as always. We will have a lot to discuss.

A few of us Pensioners joined in on the Virtual International Convention in June. Very interesting. Also, we had the wreath laying on the 5th of July for Shelby Daffron at his grave site. Coming up in December we will have our elections for Club officers. We need more members to get involved. There are many things you can volunteer for.

When you come to the meeting all we ask is that you have been vaccinated. If you have not, please wear a mask inside. For everyone's health and safety. Thank you. It will be good to see old friends again. Maybe new friends too!

In Solidarity,  
Carl Woeck  
President  
Seattle Pensioners

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**To our members -**

On behalf of the International Titled Officers, welcome to the **ILWU COVID-19 Support** website.

The ongoing pandemic has affected each and every one of us in many ways. We know this is stressful and overwhelming, especially for those that are ill with COVID-19 or losBe well and stay safe.

ing their jobs. It is our hope that this website will provide the necessary information and support for our members and their families during this difficult time.

For further questions and support, please contact ILWU International Headquarters as 415-775-0533.

For members of the Coast Longshore Division, please contact your local office for more information.

Be well and stay safe.

VISIT: <https://www.ilwucovid19support.org>

For information in Washington State:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/COVID19/DataDashboard>

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