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RETIREES CHAPTER

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"THE PRESIDENTS LETTER"

We hope you're enjoying the fall weather!

Important Dates & Information:

November Meeting Moved: *Our November meeting is now on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the hall.*
Mortuary Dues: *If you are participating in the Mortuary Fund, please make sure your payments are up to date.*

Recent & Upcoming Events:

Heritage Museum Trip: *We had a small group of 9 on our trip to the Heritage Museum. It was very interesting, and I'd go again! We're looking for ideas for future trips.*
October Meeting Speaker: *Joel Greenberg from Wealth Advisory Services spoke about Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) and answered questions.*
November Meeting Speaker: *We will hear from "iPods for Wounded Veterans" at our November 18th meeting.*
Christmas Party: *This year's Christmas party will be at The Manor, in the small room. Santa and his elves will be there, and the reindeer will be in the bar helping to spread Christmas Cheer! And speaking of cheer please bring an unwrapped toy for the Planting the Seed Holiday Toy Drive. The table will be located at the front of the room.*

Christmas Party Tickets:

Tickets will go on sale at the November 18th meeting.
Prices:
Members: $10.00
Spouses/Partners: $20.00
Guests: $25.00
Party Date: *December 9, 2025*
Party Times: *Doors open at 11:00 AM, lunch at 12:00 PM.*
Need tickets later? *You can buy them at the window until November 24, 2025.*

Looking Ahead:

Officer Elections: *We will have elections for officers in June. If you are interested in serving on the board, please talk to any board member.*
Thought for the Day: *"All great things require time." - David Shults*

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Richard Goodell President Teamsters Local 170 Retirees Club

General Membership Meetings:
November 18, 2025 (Third Tuesday) 10:00 AM

CHRISTMAS PARTY
December 9, 2025

Joel Greenberg from Wealth Advisory Services speaking at our October meeting

Some pictures from the American Heritage Museum trip on October 8th

News from SHINE for year *2025*

Look for important mail from your drug and health plans...

It's that time of year... if you have a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug or Medicare Advantage Plan, your plan will mail you a document called the ***Annual Notice of Change (ANOC)*** by the end of September.

The ANOC is a summary of changes to your plan for *2025.* Your costs (premiums, deductibles, and copays) covered medications, and provider networks may change from year-to-year. Make sure you read this important document and think about whether your plan will continue to meet your needs. If you do not receive it in the mail, call your plan and request another copy.

If you would like to change your plan for *2025,* you may do so during the annual Medicare Open Enrollment Period. You may make changes to your coverage between October 15th and December 7th, and the changes will take effect January 1st. SHINE counselors can help you to understand changes to your current plan, as well as discuss other options you may have. Don't wait: If you would like to meet with a SHINE counselor during open enrollment, make your appointment early!

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) has certified counselors to help you with questions about Medicare. Our services are free and unbiased; we are available to discuss all options related to Medicare and additional coverage, and we do not sell any plans.

To make an appointment, call your local senior center, or contact the Central Mass SHINE Regional Office at 508-422-9931 or by email at info@shinema.org. A certified SHINE counselor will return your call. Counselors assist clients through in-person appointments, phone, video conferencing (such as Zoom or FaceTime), email, or postal mail. We also offer excellent resources online through our website at www.shinema.org and our introductory Medicare 101 Webinars.

DUES ARE $20.00 A YEAR

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

JAN. 1ST - DEC. 31ST

SUBMIT CHECK **WITH SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE TO:**

LOCAL 170 RETIREES
330 SOUTHWEST CUTOFF
WORCESTER, MA 01604

STAY INVOLVED! JOIN THE LOCAL 170 RETIREES CHAPTER TODAY!

Dues will be collected at 9:00 a.m. at all the meetings.
DUES MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO ATTEND
MEETINGS, CHRISTMAS PARTY & RECEIVE NEWSLETTER

DUES ARE NOW $20.00 PER YEAR

THIS BULLETIN IS BEING SENT OUT TO PAID UP MEMBERS AND MEMBERS WHO PAID LAST YEAR BUT HAVE NOT PAID THIS YEAR. **THOSE MEMBERS TWO (2) YEARS BEHIND WILL BE DROPPED FROM MAILING LIST. PLEASE RENEW. NEW RETIREES ARE WELCOME AS ARE OLD MEMBERS WHO HAVE DROPPED OUT. NO BACK PAYMENT DUE WHEN RENEWING MEMBERSHIP.**

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Attention All Members:

Richard Rafferty and his law firm, Eden & Rafferty, specialize in Workers Compensation claims, Personal Injury and Malpractice suits.

Also, they offer free Power of Attorney and Health Care Proxies to members of Local #170. If you are in need of any of these services feel free to contact the law firm at 1-800-444-5152.

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IMPORTANT INFO

Brother Retirees,

There are a few very important details you should take care of:

(1) As a reminder please be advised effective **January 1, 2021** the mortuary assessment (life insurance) was increased from $5.00 per month to $6.00 per month for all eligible participants. The Local Union will continue to pay the mortuary assessment (life insurance) for eligible participants age 75 and over.

(2) Please be sure to call or write the Local when you change your address. This is very important so that the Local or Retirees Chapter can forward your newsletter or other valuable information.

(3) Another very important reminder: Is your Mortuary Fund Payment up to date and is there a change of beneficiary? If you have any questions regarding the Mortuary Fund please call the office.

"The Dignity of Elders must not be Invaded, Evaded or Degraded."

In Memoriam

Deceased Members

Eugene Fleury	*8/2/2025*	*Varney Bros*
Francis Rocheleau	*8/8/2025*	*Bunzl*
Jill Gallagher	*8/11/2025*	*Town of Spencer*
Raymond Gagnon	*8/23/2025*	*N.E. Grocers*
John Wajer	*9/12/2025*	*P Wajer & Son*
Norman Scampini	*9/20/2025*	*Dematteo*
Joyce Nilson	*9/16/2025*	*City of Worcester*
Gerard Daesen	*9/8/2025*	*N.E. Grocers*
Paul Revell	*9/30/2025*	*Rosenfeld*
Donald Conlon	*8/28/2025*	*Roadway*

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