

Sheet Metal Workers Local 25 Retirees Newsletter

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Dear Fellow Retirees,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! The next Retirees' luncheon will be held on January 17, 2024 at 12:00 noon, Costas Restaurant, 120 Chestnut Street Roselle Park, NJ 07740. Price per person is \$25.00. The Retirees Club has a 30 person minimum guarantee with Costas.

Forty-four members attended the end of year luncheon. This luncheon featured multiple prize drawings. As always, Big Lew kept us entertained with his humorous presentation as he drew the winning numbers. The winners along with their prizes are: Lenora Brooks, Frank Fata and Jim Richardi won a basket of cheer each. The patriotic star display was won by Ray Kasazk. The copper bird house was won by Lew Bivona. Thanks to Sam Figueroa and Local 25 apprentices for constructing the bird house and stars. Angelo Gattozzi won the \$100 50/50. John Sterling was chosen as the November \$100 member of the month. Jerry Gattie was chosen as the December \$100 member of the month.

The club participated in a Christmas toy drive this past season with an active member of Local 25. Our combined efforts led to the collection of over 800 new toys for sick and hospitalized young children. Thank you to those who donated to this worthy endeavor.

Leonora Brooks still possesses many photos from 2023's luncheons. They are available at our luncheons for attendees to take.

Reminder: The National Pension will no longer be deducting state taxes from our pension checks. It will now be the responsibility for each Retiree to pay the state income taxes on their own. I reached out to the NPF to explain that this would create a hardship to our members. They informed me that mailing taxes to individual states is too expensive for the fund to maintain.

Business Manager reports that work in our area is slow. Joe stated we have placed many of our unemployed members with Local 27 who is currently busy. Local 28 reports they are slow also.

We hope that participation in our luncheons increase this year.

Sadly in November, 2023 Ray Lemanski passed away. Originally a member of Local 13, Ray spent most of his career, along with his brother, installing toilet partitions. Well into his 90s Ray continued to drive from NJ straight through to Florida. Prior to his death, Ray was a regular at the Retirees luncheons. As a seventy year awardee, he spent 73 years as a sheet metal worker, a feat few will ever match!

We will continue to collect 2024 club members' dues, \$25.00. Dues may also be paid at each luncheon.

Respectfully,
Don Sullivan Jr.
President

Cc: Demark, Brooks, Hoffmann, Melahn, Conte, Pasquinucci, Sam Figueroa

Dues payment slip

Member

Telephone number and email

2024 Luncheon Retirees Luncheon Schedule

January 17

March 20

May 15

July 17

September 18

November 20

All luncheons at Costas Restaurant, 12 noon

If postponed, the luncheon will be re-scheduled for the fourth Wednesday. In the event of inclement weather, an email will be sent out by Ed Van Clief.