# General Chairman's Report

#### **Retirement Dinner:**

This month I attended the Retirement Dinner. I would like to congratulate these members for their years of service and dedication to our craft. We wish all of them nothing but the best.

We have provided Jackets as gifts for all the retired members, which will bear their names and the Smart-TD Local 60.

I would also like to thank Past General Chairmen Pat Reilly, and Mike Reilly for their words of wisdom, and their offer to assist me in any way possible to rebuild our local and become respectable again. This is greatly appreciated.

## Officer Meeting:

After last month's meeting the officers met at our Local Union Office. At this meeting we discussed what our goals are going forward to advance this union in a positive direction. A multiple of issues were discussed, which included but was not limited to ideas to educate our officers, and members.

# Labor Rally Cranford:

Your officers, as well as members attended a Labor Rally at Union County College on behalf of Governor Murphy, and Labor. First, I would like to thank everyone who took a couple

of hours out of their Saturday to support Labor. Secondly, I would like our membership to become more active when it comes to supporting Labor. This was a perfect opportunity to address any of our concerns I.E. ASSAULTS to the governor himself. We can't keep complaining and then not take advantage of these opportunities. It's our belief that we must become more politically active.

#### **Visit Members:**

This month I visited Morrisville, NYPS, and Hoboken Terminals to address members concerns. This was something we promised the members we would do.

## ST. Benedict's Golf Outing:

Smart-TD Local 60 supported the students of ST. Benedicts High School in Newark fundraiser. The fundraiser raised money to support the student's extracurricular activities. We sponsored a Tee Box sign bearing the name Smart-TD Local 60 representing Conductors and Assistant Conductors. It's our belief that we need to get more involved in community activities. This will humanize our craft, with the thinking this will afford the public the opportunity to understand that we are not just Ticket Collectors. Once again, I would like to thank the members that participated in this event.

## Arbitration Award:

The claim previously filed on behalf of the members of the ACTP class for violation of their Seniority was heard in February of this year, and the Arbitrator this month has ruled in the favor

of the Carrier. This claim was based on NJ Transit formulating a new CTP program which allowed the student to be qualified Conductors before the students with more seniority in the previous ACTP program. The information is public, and if you have any questions feel free to give me a call in the office or cell.

#### **Conventions:**

There will be a Transportation Division Convention in July, held in San Diego. SMART will be holding their second annual convention in July, which will be in Las Vegas. During the SMART convention the Delegate Convention will be held two days prior, where the election for Transportation Division President will be held. Local 60 Legislative Representative Dave Rassmussen will be representing our vote.

### Vision Plan:

NJ Transit has a new Vision Plan. Please look on our website for pertinent information.

# 11th amendment:

Bill will be addressed at the Senate Transportation Committee on June 3, 2019. I believe the bill is close to being completed. We should thank the NJ State Assembly, the NJ State Senate, the Governor's Office, our State Legislative Representative Director,

## Long Term Disability:

There's a new Long Disability plan. SMART International is now self-insured and will be administering the Long Term Disability Plan. Members previously enrolled are grandfathered in. All information is located on our local website.

#### Rollover:

Rollover will be on June 16<sup>th</sup>. I was not notified properly per rule. I will be submitted penalty time cards on behalf of all members.

Members I will state again, we must tear this down before we bring this up. Let's unite and stay together. Participation is key!!!