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Dietz & Watson, Philadelphia, PA — From left: Momma Dietz and Liudmila Basak, Richard Holzwarth and Malgorzata Wiktorzak



Kraft Foods, Dover, DE — From left: Dale Smith, John Lockerman, Wanda Bythwood, H. Dolores Hendricks and John Rowe.

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Progresso, Vineland, NJ — From top: Andre Henry, a Progresso mural and Angel Vasquez.



Kunzler, Lancaster, PA — From left: Derek Ghee and Sally Krause



Also inside: Leadership slate re-elected • Member Marie Laurence's incredible story • T.E.A.M. Fund application

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President Brian String and entire leadership slate re-elected to serve Local 152 for new three-year term

The entire Local 152 leadership team was re-elected by acclamation in July to serve a new three-year term on behalf of the membership beginning Jan. 1, 2012.

In a letter to members, President Brian String thanked them for their support and solidarity.

"We must still confront the day-to-day challenges of any union that is dedicated to improving the lives of its members," he said. "But we take on our duties with a united spirit that has surprised many observers along the way."

String praised the leadership team for guiding Local 152 through its formation period which began six years ago.

"Together, let's build upon our accomplishments and keep our eyes on a brighter future," he said.

Leadership team

President **Brian String**

Secretary-Treasurer **Anthony Benigno**

Recorder **Lisa Sanders**

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Vice President 6 **Carmen Delvicario**

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Vice President 16 **Andre Rapattoni**

Vice President 17 **Bruce Robinson**

Vice President 18 **John G. Romeo**

Vice President 19 **Roy J. Washel**

Vice President 20 **Louis J. Yacovelli**

IT PAYS TO BE UNION!

Grievances filed or resolved:

3rd Quarter 2011

103

2011 Total

368

Back pay and benefits restored to members:

3rd Quarter 2011

\$74,465.56

2011 Total

\$159,202.62



Apply for the Local 152 T.E.A.M. Fund

Union members look out for one another. That's why UFCW Local 152 has established the Terminated Employees Allowance for Members (T.E.A.M.) Fund using the savings from the cancelled 2011 Stewards' Seminar.

These limited funds are available to qualifying members on a one-time basis until the Fund has been depleted.

These are especially difficult times for many of our members, such as those affected by the closing of several A&P-owned

supermarkets in our jurisdiction. These closings left hundreds of our union brothers and sisters unemployed in a time when new jobs are not easy to come by. For this reason, the Fund is available to laid-off A&P members exclusively.

Who would qualify? *Only former laid-off members who were not offered a position or bump with the company.* Former full-time workers will receive \$700 in assistance and former part-time workers will receive \$300 from the fund.

—President Brian String

If you meet the requirement listed above, please complete and send the entire form to: T.E.A.M. Fund Council, UFCW Local 152, P.O. Box 637, Hammonton, NJ 08037

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____ Email: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Employer: _____

Location (Store and Address): _____

Years of Service: _____

Position Held: _____ Full Time: _____ Part Time: _____

Were you offered another position? Yes _____ No _____ If yes, where? _____

Bump Offered: Yes _____ No _____ If yes, where? _____

Signature _____

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Unity newsletter honored again by ILCA

The Local 152 *Unity* newsletter has been recognized by the International Labor Communications Association (ILCA) for the second consecutive year.

At the organization's annual award ceremony in September, it bestowed an Honorable Mention award to *Unity* in the General Excellence category, placing it among the top Labor publications in the country.



Retirees 'Club 56'

You are cordially invited to join Club 56.

Join us at the Club 56 Annual Holiday Luncheon on Monday, December 5, 2011, at noon at the Coastline Restaurant, 1240 Brace Road in Cherry Hill, NJ.

Meetings are held at 10 a.m. in the Yellow Room of the United Methodist Church, 3541 Pennsylvania Ave., Pennsauken, NJ.

Next year's Club meetings will be held on March 5, May 7 and Oct. 8, 2012.

For more information, please contact Chairman George Kerth at (856) 429-0237 or (856) 663-2864.



Grocery industry news

By Jeff Metzger

Members shine in crisis

☐ In this column, analyst Jeff Metzger looks at developments in the food and drug industry around the country.

It may not have been as bad as Hurricane Isabel in 2005, but for a sheer water event, Hurricane Irene was bad enough. And for those who live in parts of Virginia, North Carolina, New Jersey and New England, the power of the storm brought horrific flooding.

And once again the industry shone in its preparation and execution of handling the unusual and challenging issues that only a hurricane can bring.

Two days prior to Hurricane Irene, I visited 15 stores under the banners of six retailers in Virginia and Maryland, and each unit I surveyed was fully prepared for the onslaught. All stores were well-stocked and department managers told me they had extra inventory on hand.

Other than issues of personal safety or loss of power, most stores remained open even during the most intense periods of wind and rain. And those stores that did lose power (and thus were forced to close) were in solid condition when I checked back on Sunday, the day after the storm.

So where am I going with this? It's very easy to forget how good the food distribution system really is in this

country. From a pure blocking and tackling perspective, the efficiency of getting product from farm to table is unbelievably efficient and perceptibly seamless.

Grace under pressure

Yet we all know there's a lot more to it than sound mechanics. The true differentiator is people from all segments of the business: Manufacturers who made sure enough product was available at the most critical times. Warehouse associates and truck drivers who ensured that distribution and logistic needs would be met before, during and after a weather event as devastating as a hurricane.

And, of course, the clerks and meatcutters who work in the stores, who toiled tirelessly to make sure the customers enjoyed the best shopping experience they could during the most daunting of times.

The grocery business is unsung and under-appreciated, but when you analyze how well the industry performed in the most difficult of times, it's easy to recognize how amazing this industry is and how many wonderful people contribute to its greatness.

☐ Jeff Metzger's "Taking Stock" column appears in *Food World* and *Food Trade News*.

Our union shares the struggles and successes of workers everywhere

A successful union doesn't live in a bubble. We can't pretend that our concerns at Local 152 pertain only to the industries we serve or the states where our members work.

We were reminded of this recently when the union rights of our brothers and sisters in the public sector came under attack in Wisconsin, Ohio and elsewhere.

While our union primarily serves workers in the private sector, that doesn't mean developments in the public sector won't have a ripple effect that touches all of us.

Union activism nationwide

That's why we sent representatives to rallies in the Midwest and gathered with thousands of other union activists in Pennsylvania and New Jersey to deliver our message that an attack on union members anywhere is an attack on us all.

It is important to keep up with news that affects union workers in all parts of the country and beyond. We want to know what's going on with Smithfield workers in the South or Walmart workers in Canada because we want to see a better future for all workers.

We share other unions' struggles, but we also share their successes.

In Southern California last month, seven UFCW locals representing

'The members stood strong and came away with a contract that protects their health care and pension benefits'

62,000 grocery workers reached an agreement with the Albertsons, Ralphs and Vons supermarket chains, averting a strike after months of tense negotiations that nearly collapsed.

The members stood strong and came away with a contract that protects their health care and pension benefits.

As is so often the case today, those benefits were the first things the employers wanted to cut.

Verizon workers in the Northeast went on strike during the summer, returning to work in late August.

These and other actions by union members across the country are calling attention to the struggle to maintain the standards we have fought to achieve over the years. They also show employers nationwide that America's labor unions are not afraid to stand up for what's right for all Americans who work for a living.



Secretary-Treasurer's Report

By Anthony Benigno



**American
Red Cross**



**Donate blood
today!**

Local 152 continues to support the Red Cross blood drive sponsored by the Philadelphia Eagles. Keep an eye out for shop postings for this December event!



Earn money and keep your union strong!

Would you like to earn some extra cash? **Provide an organizing lead to Local 152 that results in a union election.** Some involvement will be required. By getting involved, you are helping to make your union stronger and you have an opportunity to earn \$275! For additional information, please contact Chad Brooks, Director of Organizing, at **(888) 564-6152**.

UFCW Local 152's 6th Annual Charity Golf Tournament



Above: President Brian String with the first place winners of the charity golf tournament. From left: William Harner, String, Reid Carnes, Derek Wilson and Todd Jillson. **Below:** A wall of gifts donated by generous contributors and the list of supporters.



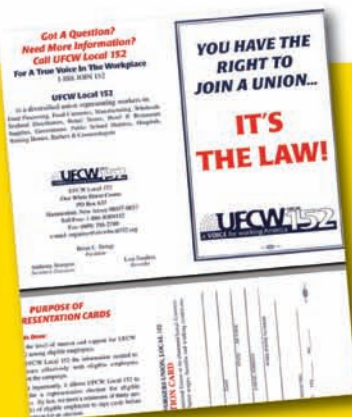
The sixth annual UFCW Local 152 Charity Golf Tournament was held on Sept. 6 at the Avalon Golf Club in Swainton, NJ. All proceeds benefit the Leukemia Society of America, the Bryan D. Ross Foundation and other charities.



Visit the new www.ufcwlocal152.org!

Locate Your Representative

The new "Locate your Representative" box on the main page of the website is a quick and easy way to keep in touch with your union. Just select your workplace and/or enter your store number and you'll have instant access to your union representative's contact information.

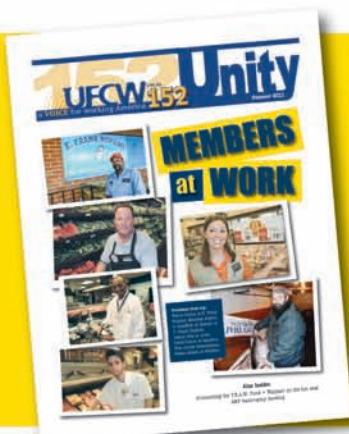


Forms & Documents

Commonly requested forms from the union offices are now available for download. Authorization for Representation, Change of Address and Grievance forms, along with many others, are available now.

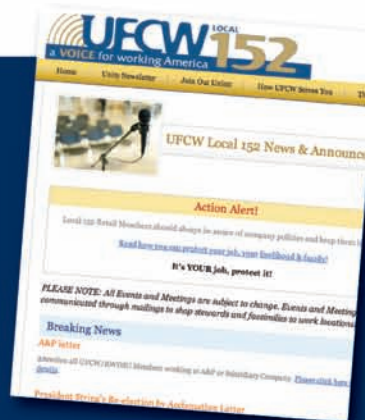
Charities & Organizations

Visit the "Charities & Organizations" section of the website to learn about the many ways Local 152 gives back to the communities it serves. Members can get involved with the Retirees Club or Women's Network, and eligible members can apply for charitable assistance.



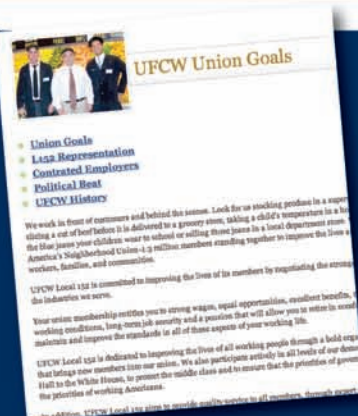
Unity Newsletter

Read the digital version of the latest Local 152 Unity newsletter or browse a digital archive of past issues.



News & Announcements

Keep up to date with all of the latest union news. Meeting dates and times, volunteer opportunities, breaking announcements and more can all be found here.



How The UFCW Serves You

Learn about your union's goals and team of experienced representatives. Meet your union brothers and sisters in the other industries served by Local 152. Get involved in legislative actions to protect your job and read up on the history of the UFCW International Union.



Marie Laurence's will is as strong as her biceps

One might be surprised to learn that Marie Laurence, a 69-year-old Deli Manager at Holiday Markets, is a member of the United States World Team for weightlifting.

Even more incredible is the fact that she took up the sport after having a brain tumor removed and suffering a stroke.

"I feel great because people look at me and wonder how I do it," Laurence said. "In the beginning though, I didn't have a desire to lift, but my family encouraged me to do it."

Weighing in at a lean 110 pounds, Laurence can lift up to 200 pounds. She is the current titleholder in weightlifting in her Master 3 category. She has competed in eight tournaments and won gold medals in each of them.

Most recently she competed in Canada where she placed sixth in the All Around competition (1st place in her weight group) as part of the U.S. World Team.

In September, the Titan sports equipment company agreed to sponsor Laurence, providing \$600 worth of gear, arranging a photo shoot and using her image for the company's Facebook profile picture.

Tough beginnings

Laurence's interest in weightlifting began in 2006 after she suffered her stroke.

"I remember feeling funny at work and yelling my co-worker's name for help," she recalled. "At least I thought I was yelling."

She fell to the floor without uttering a word. Her co-worker called for an ambulance, but it was taking too long. She placed Laurence in her car and drove her to Frankfurt Hospital.

Doctors determined that a leaky heart valve pumped too much blood to Laurence's brain. She underwent surgery to repair the valve.

While recovering, her granddaughter Beverly and daughter Jonnell introduced her to weightlifting.

"I used to be able to only lift 30-40 pounds, but now that's nothing," Laurence said. "My doctor is impressed with me and continues to encourage me to be active."

But this wasn't the first time Laurence had a brush with death. In 2000, concerned that she might have Alzheimer's disease, she scheduled a visit with her doctor.

"My doctor told me they found a brain tumor the size of a golf ball," she said.

The tumor caused her to experience double vision in her left eye and total loss of hearing in her left ear. She had surgery and took a leave from work for one month, but she couldn't wait to get back.

"My manager took very good care of me," Laurence said. "He made sure my job was there when I got back."

These days, you'll find Laurence at home with her family, at the gym where she trains for two hours at a time, or at casinos having some girl time with her friends.

"I go to Las Vegas at least once a year with my girls," Laurence said. "But it's all in good fun. I go there with a little bit of money and sometimes I come back with some of it."

Look for the Mobile Wellness Van at your workplace to receive a flu shot this season

The UFCW Mobile Wellness Van will visit job sites this season, administering flu shots to participants of the Local 152 Health & Welfare Fund and their eligible adult family members.

Please be sure you have your medical card and ID available for the staff.

For a schedule of locations, dates and times, visit www.ufcwlocal152.org.

Why get a flu shot?

It is important to get a flu shot to protect yourself, your family and your co-workers from illness. The most common flu types tend to change, so a new flu shot is necessary every year.

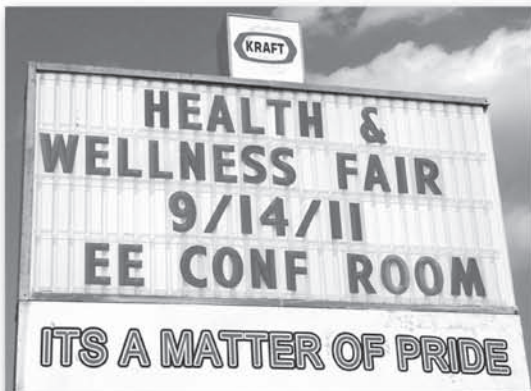
Inoculations are especially important for children between 6 months and 18 years old, adults 50 and older, and people with heart or lung conditions or chronic condi-



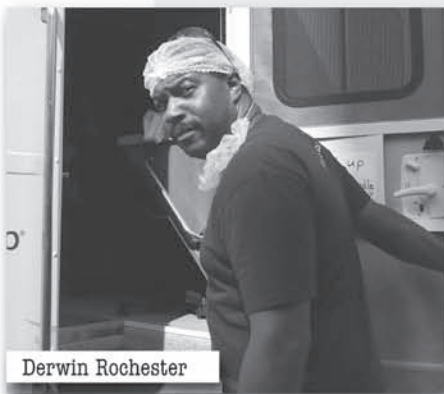
Member Jose Velez, who works at the Progresso plant in Vineland, NJ, receives a flu shot.

tions like diabetes or kidney disease.

To limit the spread of germs that cause illness, cough or sneeze into the bend of the elbow. Also, wash hands frequently and thoroughly after close contact with others.



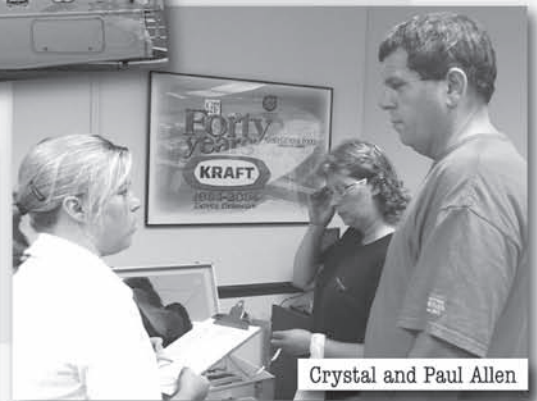
Rick Grunden



Derwin Rochester



Ed Burris and Rita Clark



Crystal and Paul Allen



Robin Declene

Health & Wellness Fair at Kraft Foods

Kraft Foods held its first Health & Wellness Fair on Sept. 14 in the Employee Conference Room at the Dover, DE plant. Those who participated were able to get health screenings, speak with vendors and participate in raffles. Members also had access to the union's Mobile Health & Wellness Van and benefited by receiving a host of preventative screenings. It was a huge success!

Retirements

| Name | Company | Date |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Karen J. Achey | Super Fresh | 06/01/2011 |
| Jeffrey L. Bachtlin | Berks Packing Company | 06/01/2011 |
| David Baker | Kraft Foods | 03/01/2011 |
| Fanny Balaban | Lipoff's Wholesale Meats | 06/01/2011 |
| John E. Berry | Acme Markets | 08/01/2011 |
| Marcia V. Blasberg | Village ShopRite | 08/01/2011 |
| Faye E. Brooks | Acme Markets | 08/01/2011 |
| Larry Brookstein | Acme Markets | 08/01/2011 |
| Evangeline R. Brown | Bown's Superstores | 08/01/2011 |
| Edward Brzdek | Saker ShopRite | 06/01/2011 |
| John M. Byczek | Medford, Inc. | 06/01/2011 |
| James V. Callan | Saker ShopRite | 07/01/2011 |
| Ralph Canning | Super Fresh | 06/01/2011 |
| Iris E. Carr | Acme Markets | 06/01/2011 |
| Gwyneth M. Clarke | Acme Markets | 08/01/2011 |
| Elsie A. Collins | Village ShopRite | 08/01/2011 |
| Robert T. Cooney, Sr. | Pathmark Stores | 06/01/2011 |
| Patrick M. Curran | Brown's Superstores | 08/01/2011 |
| Richard Davila | Kraft Foods | 05/01/2011 |
| Gloria Demby | Kraft Foods | 03/01/2011 |
| James H. Devlin | Acme Markets | 06/01/2011 |
| Dorothy DiChristofer | Pathmark Stores | 08/01/2011 |
| William D. Dinkelacker | Laneco, Inc./Food Lane Stores | 06/01/2011 |
| Doris K. Eiler | Acme Markets | 07/01/2011 |
| Guenther J. Fell | Acme Markets | 08/01/2011 |
| Paul Feraco | Pathmark Stores | 06/01/2011 |
| Philip J. Finger, Jr. | Acme Markets | 08/01/2011 |
| Leonard J. Fusaro, Sr. | Acme Markets | 06/01/2011 |
| Janet M. Genardi | Laneco, Inc./Food Lane Stores | 08/01/2011 |

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| Marcus Gillespie | Kraft Foods | 02/01/2011 |
| Kenneth Good | Homestead Turkey | 08/01/2011 |
| Stanley Gordon | Brewerytown SNB | 06/01/2011 |
| Jacqueline L. Gouge | Shaffer Market | 06/01/2011 |
| Crystal Hamilton | Kraft Foods | 07/01/2011 |
| Lucia Hardy | Acme Markets | 06/01/2011 |
| Gordon Heath | Kraft Foods | 07/01/2011 |
| Lillie Ivy | Sterling Boneless Beef Co. | 07/01/2011 |
| Charles H. John | Acme Markets | 06/01/2011 |
| Alice T. Jones | Acme Markets | 07/01/2011 |
| Jo-Ann T. Kelly | Acme Markets | 08/01/2011 |
| Rosemarie A. Kennedy | Acme Markets | 06/01/2011 |
| Joyce Levasseur | Holiday Markets | 07/01/2011 |
| Paulette Leonard | Pop's SNB | 06/01/2011 |
| Kathleen A. Luptowski | Acme Markets | 06/01/2011 |
| Patricia A. Malin | Super Fresh | 07/01/2011 |
| Jacob E. Marlatt | Super Fresh | 07/01/2011 |
| Damian Martinez | Super Fresh | 07/01/2011 |
| Patrick J. McAndrew | Pathmark Stores | 07/01/2011 |
| Helen C. McFetridge | GMS Zallie Holdings, Inc. | 07/01/2011 |
| John L. McGowan | Nalbone Enterprises (Crestwood SNB) | 06/01/2011 |
| Andrew D. McNair, Sr. | Zallie's Supermarkets | 07/01/2011 |
| Charmaine Moser | A&P Tea Company | 08/01/2011 |
| Erika Muellner | Quay Meats & Provision | 07/01/2011 |
| Shirley M. Newcome | Colonial Beef Company | 08/01/2011 |
| Eileen P. Palmer | Pathmark Stores | 08/01/2011 |
| William E. Parker | George Wollman Wholesale | 08/01/2011 |
| Lynn E. Pitts | Acme Markets | 07/01/2011 |
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| Suzanne Rafferty | Brown's Superstore | 06/01/2011 |

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| Diana R. Rotella | Bottino's Supermarkets | 08/01/2011 |
| Donna Kay Santilli | Holiday Markets | 07/01/2011 |
| Paula Ann Sims | Acme Markets | 08/01/2011 |
| Caroline M. Soriero | Acme Markets | 08/01/2011 |
| Robert J. Stein | Super Fresh | 08/01/2011 |
| Susan R. Stein | Super Fresh | 08/01/2011 |
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| Diane Willey | Acme Markets | 08/01/2011 |
| Melva Winchester | Kraft Foods | 02/01/2011 |
| Walter Wydra | Supermarkets General | 08/01/2011 |
| David Zeigler | Acme Markets | 08/01/2011 |

In Memoriam

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Member receives Boy Scout honor

On Sept. 15, Shop Steward John R. Makos Jr. of ShopRite 601 in Egg Harbor Township presented member Brandon Justis with an Eagle Scout Certificate on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Makos has worked for ShopRite for 32 years and has been active in the Boy Scouts of America for 30 years.

Brandon Justis has worked for ShopRite for a year and a half. He has been affiliated with the Boy Scouts for eight years and he reached Eagle Scout status on July 16.

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Working people should take notice of Occupy Wall Street

I've been intrigued by the Occupy Wall Street phenomenon that is gaining traction across the country. It's not a perfect movement by any means, but if it maintains its focus on the right goals, I wonder if it could be the proverbial pebble in the water that creates a huge wave of change.

The frustration of the Occupy participants with corporate greed and their disillusionment with America's financial and political system are familiar emotions for union members. For decades we have fought against a corporate system that doesn't pay its fair share into the economy and sends jobs and entire industries overseas.

These actions make billions in profits for the corporations, but when it comes time to negotiate a contract with the workers who contribute to their success, they attack our members' wages and benefits.

Then, when we look to our elected officials to pass legislation that makes it easier for workers to organize, we're often met with apathy or outright hostility, depending on the administration.

When politicians — like our

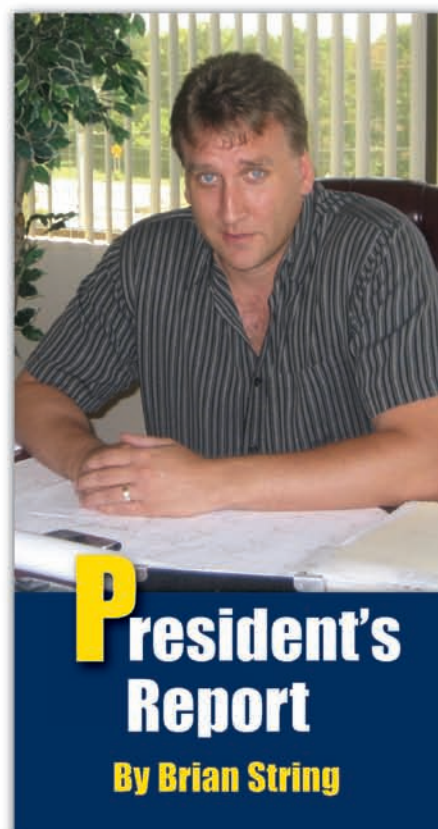
president — prove to be ineffective, and when even an event as catastrophic as the financial collapse of 2008 doesn't change Wall Street's behavior, it's time to look to new methods of change. That is the only way the middle class is going to survive in this country.

Take ownership

We're expected to buy into the '80s cliché that "greed is good," but as this groundswell proves, people aren't buying it. Workers certainly aren't buying it, and that's why working people — union and non-union, and from all industries — need to take ownership of this movement.

In order for Occupy Wall Street to be legitimized and recognized by the masses and those in power, the radical participants need to be pushed to the side. There's no room in this grassroots organization for anarchists, communists or anyone who seeks to tear down this country rather than improve it.

By pushing the fringe groups to the side and creating a true worker movement, Occupy Wall Street could



bring long overdue change to the way our country functions.

We need a movement that recognizes the shared goal of the American Dream and fights to help all workers achieve it.