



The bottom line

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WE CAN
WE WILL
WE MUST

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We can We will We must have Joy

Hello brothers and sisters of Local 722 . We can We will We must have Joy. This is the Holiday Season of Christmas , this is the time of the year that we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The joy that we must have is being grateful that Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem and he died on a Calvary Hill for our sins but on the third day he rose with all the power.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Membership meetings will be held from 2pm - 4pm the third (3rd) Saturday of every month. We are back to our in-person meetings. So come out and be engaged with your union

We want to thank all of you who rose to the occasion and exercised your power to vote during the Presidential election season. For many the election results are exactly what you hoped for, while for others it was not. Now we have to live with the choices that the majority voted for. This will be a season (4 years) to pay close attention to detail like never before.

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Now that Thanksgiving is behind us and we enjoyed the great harvest, Jesus is the reason for the season for this season. Let us come together with our love ones , family and friends to share Peace , Love and Joy.

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May the grace of God bring us Peace , Good health ,Happiness and Joy during this Christmas season . The joy of the Lord is your strength . Merry Christmas to All

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Coalition of Black Trade Unionist Region 2 conference was held at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania from Oct 11 - October 12. The theme of the conference was "Doing Our Part For Democracy". My question is, "Are you doing your part"?

We had an open session, workshops, panel discussions, award luncheon, political education seminar, an evening gala, a devotion service, and an overview of the 2024 "Just Vote" political program.

Mr. Jamal Craig (President of CBTU Eastern Region) gave the Welcome. Some of our topics that were discussed was Black Elected Officials, Public Policy, Public Transportation, and Public Education.

I went to many presentations, panel discussions, and workshops. The most important event was about our political process. We went out canvassing door to door in Pittsburgh neighborhoods, passing out information about V.P. Harris.

CBTU consist of of members from seventy - seven International and National Unions with forty - two chapters across the country.

CBTU seek to fulfill the dream of those Black Trade Unionist both living and deceased, who throughout this century have courageously and unremittingly struggled to build a national movement that would bring all of our strengths and varied talents to bear in the unending effort to achieve economic, political and social justice for every American.

So the question is, what steps are you taking to maintain the current democracy that we have and what are you willing to do to get more from this political system that will move us forward and not backward. It's not enough to just complain about how bad things are. You have to "Do Something".

U.S. HISTORY



The 119th Congress that will be sworn in next month will have a record number of Black lawmakers, including Angela Alsobrooks, the first Black woman to be elected a U.S. senator from Maryland.

While much of the attention on the incoming Congress has focused on the fact that Republicans will have slim majorities in the House and Senate, there will also be an unprecedented number of Democrats in the Congressional Black Caucus — 62 in total. In addition, there will be five Black Republican lawmakers.

The total of 67 Black lawmakers will be the most ever in Congress and builds on the growth of recent years. Fifty years ago, in 1974, there were only 17 Black members in Congress. When the Congressional Black Caucus was established in 1971, it had just 13 members, one of whom was Maryland Democratic Rep. Parren Mitchell.

Democratic Rep. Hakeem Jeffries of New York, who is Black, has been reelected as the House Minority leader for the incoming Congress.

Alsobrooks, a Democrat, rarely referred to the historic nature of her candidacy during her campaign against former Gov. Larry Hogan (R), but members of the state's congressional delegation have pointed with pride to her election.

Alsobrooks has said she is committed to serving all Marylanders, including those who supported her Republican opponent. "I may not have won your vote, but I want you to know that I hear your voice, and I will be your senator too," she said after her election.

Rep. Lisa Blunt Rochester of Delaware, who is Black, was also elected to the Senate. When Rochester and Alsobrooks are sworn in next year, it will mark the first time in U.S. history that two Black women have served together in the Senate.



SEIU LOCAL 722 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers of this Local Union shall consist of President, a Vice President, a Secretary, Treasurer-Business Manager, four (4) Trustees, and eight (8) elected members of the Executive Board. The eight (8) members shall be candidates nominated and elected by each unit where this Local Union is the exclusive bargaining representative as set forth in Article IX Section 25.

This Local Union shall elect its officers by secret mail ballot once every three (3) years. All officers shall be members of this Local Union.

Nominations for officers shall be made at the November membership Meeting in 1982 and every three (3) years thereafter. Elections, if required, shall be conducted within sixty (60) days but no less than Fifteen (15) days thereafter.

The secretary shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to the holding of the Nomination meeting, give notice through the Local Union newspaper to the membership of the time, place, date, the officers for which nominations will be accepted, and the method of making nominations.

The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer – Business Manager, and (4) Trustees are all At – large positions and candidates can receive votes from all members.

The following eight Executive Board members elected must be employees in the bargaining units for which Local 722 is the exclusive bargaining representative:

Washington Hospital Center -five (5) Executive Board Members

Children's Hospital - three (3) Board Members ****This is an increase****

Bio-Medical Applications - one (1) Executive Board Member

These eight candidates can only obtain votes from members at the exclusive institutions where they are employed.

Nominations

Nominations must be made from the floor at the nominations meeting or by certified mail which must arrive at the Local Union office before the nominations of that Particular office have been closed. All nominations and seconds to the nominations must be made in person. The person making the nomination as well as seconding the nomination must be a dues paying member at the time of the nomination meeting. Candidates must accept nominations at the time made, either in person, or if absent, by certified mail to the Local union office by five o'clock on the third business day following the day in which the nominations meeting took place.

Election

If necessary, there will be a secret mail ballot process conducted in December. Please make sure that the union has your correct mailing address and send in your return ballot as soon as you get it. Ballots will only be mailed to the address the union has on record for you.



SEIU LOCAL 722 ANNUAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY DECEMBER 21, 2024

8 PM - 1 AM

MARTIN'S CROSSWINDS

7400 GREENWAY CENTER DRIVE GREENBELT MARYLAND 20770

MEMBERS: \$20 DEPOSIT RETURNED AT THE DOOR

GUEST: \$50

CNMC Ticket Sales

1st Floor Engineering Conference Room

Nov 15th	6am - 6pm
Nov 29th	6am - 6pm
Dec 13th	6am - 6pm

MWHC Ticket Sales

Ground Floor Room G - 008

Nov 22nd	6am - 6pm
Dec 6th	6am - 6pm
Dec 13th	6am - 6pm

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Call the office (202) 483 - 6221

Arrangements will be made for someone to come to your location



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Good Day All,

I am Clarice Colding. I am an (83) eighty three year old retired member of SEIU Local 722. I'm sending you this note to let you know that I am still up and at it. At age 83 by the grace of God I'm still busy.

At my church I'm still Ushering, and playing the piano. How great is my God.

I want to take this time to say Thank You for continuing to send me the newsletter each month. I hope all is well with everyone.

Be Blessed and I will keep you all in my prayers.

Crystal Willis was my Supervisor for those who remember her.

Thank you for sending SEIU Local 722 to me.

May God Bless You & the Staff of Local 722

Love from Clarice Colding

