

April 7, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this communication finds you, as well as your families, safe and in good health.

The Local One Annuity Trustees have been working diligently to put together a protocol so Local One members can obtain annuity loans and distributions. Below you will find four documents prepared by the Trustees to help you understand and guide you through the process of obtaining a loan or distribution.

To help guide you through this process, we created a “Frequently Asked Questions” link that answers all the questions we have been receiving -- and then some. We ask that you please review all information provided and understand the process prior to submitting an application for a loan or distribution. It is our hope that, in addition to disability, unemployment, and the Local One COVID-19 relief, the Local One Annuity will help balance your short-term cash needs.

Apprentices have been notified that virtual classes will begin April 13, 2020 with the goal that they will be able to complete the semester. This will be possible thanks to online exams, virtual lectures, and live mentoring through the NEIEP website. Later this week you will receive a notification outlining the details of this process. I’m looking forward to everyone finishing the school year and getting their apprentice raise August 1, 2020.

This past weekend was Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. With the upcoming preparations for Easter and Passover, many of us will be celebrating our holidays in non-traditional ways. The old adage, “Man plans and God laughs” is more relevant than ever.

Through our history as a union, Local One members have faced hardships and difficult times. It is evident that this is one of those times. It is also clear to me that we are one of the greatest unions in the entire labor movement and we have much to be thankful for, especially one another. We should all try to make the best of our holidays knowing that better times lie ahead. More than ever, I think we can agree, we are in a New York State of Mind!

I have said before that music brings us together – turn up your volume and click on the video link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xbd3C44fAHo&feature=emb_logo

God Bless - Stay Interested, Involved and Informed

Lenny