As we approach the holiday season, we look back on 2006 knowing that it was a tough yet successful year for our Local. Many of our grocery contracts expired, leading to some of the toughest negotiations I have seen in my 22 years with this Local. As the cost of health care continues to increase, the companies continued to fight for reductions to our health care and pension benefits. Most of these negotiations were long and very heated but with your support we were able to hold the line on health care and pensions while securing a strong wage increase for all of our membership.

This year began with a successful conclusion to the Duane Read battle. After 5 years we were able to reach a contract agreement for 2600 workers. Then, in October, we stood together, united and determined to earn a strong contract for nearly 12,000 members working at Walbaums, A&P, Food Emporium, and Stop & Shop. In recent weeks, we successfully reached agreements with several of our independent employers. All of these negotiations were long and tedious and I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Local 338 staff. They worked many long days and nights fighting on your behalf. I would also like to thank all of the Local 338 members and their families who came out and supported this union at our meetings and rallies. It was your support that pushed the companies to finally agree to fair contract for all of our members.

2006 was also a successful year politically for the working people of this nation. After years of corruption and tax breaks for billion dollar corporations by the Republican-led Congress, there was a need for change in this country and that change came in the November elections. In January we will have a Democratic Congress, one that is committed to fighting the health care and prescription drug industry, and fighting to allow cheaper drugs to be imported from Canada. We will finally have a Congress that will put an end to corporate welfare and fight against billion dollar tax breaks for the oil and prescription companies at a time when these companies make record profits. Most importantly, we will finally have a Congress that will stand up and do the right thing for working Americans and vote to increase the national minimum wage.

In New York State, we elected Eliot Spitzer Governor and Andrew Cuomo Attorney General. This new leadership will determine the direction and priorities of New York State for the next 4 years. Both men have made a commitment to work with Labor unions to pass legislation and programs that will ease the burden on working New Yorkers.

While there is much to look forward to in the New Year, we must remain vigilant in our fight for working Americans. We must hold the new leadership in government’s feet to the fire and demand that they back up their words through actions. We must stand together as a union and support the Labor Movement. That means more rallies & picket lines and it also means supporting labor businesses. As so the holiday season approaches and you do your shopping, I ask that you shop only at stores that employ union labor.

Our union is only as strong as its membership. Throughout 2007 we will be holding and attending many rallies and campaign events. We are always looking for members willing to help at these events. Whether it is attending a Wake Up Wal-Mart Rally, standing a picket line, or helping one of our endorsed candidates, we need your help. We need you to get involved and volunteer as we fight to protect our jobs. As anti-union companies like Wal-Mart & Target move into a community, smaller supermarkets, grocery stores, and pharmacies close their doors as they are forced out of business. Your support and a few hours of your time a month can make a huge difference. Throughout the upcoming year we will be asking you to attend more rallies and picket lines. I know your personal time is precious but your union family needs your support as we fight to protect our jobs!

From all of us at Local 338, we wish you and your family a safe and joyful holiday season and a very happy new year.

And remember we are truly Stronger Together!!

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It is no secret that the Democratic victory this past Election Day had less to do with who the Democrats are than who they are not. But while voter outrage over the Republicans’ handling of just about everything carried Democrats across the finish line, it will take more than Bush-bashing to keep them there.

What should they do? Here is my suggestion: reform labor laws first. This may seem obscure, but the truth is that it is one of the most significant problems the Democrats could take on. It is also one that could yield enormous political dividends for them in years to come.

Unions, of course, have been under the gun for some time. Today, the illegal firing of workers who attempt to organize is commonplace. Under the control of Republican appointees, the National Labor Relations Board has further fanned the flames of employer resistance to organized labor. In a series of recent decisions the labor board even gave a green light to business efforts to reclassify millions of workers as supervisors, thus robbing as many as eight million Americans of their right to collective bargaining.

While the decline in unionization has thrilled labor’s conservative opponents, it has exacted a huge toll on New York and other labor’s conservative opponents, it has exacted a huge toll on New York families. Historically, unions have enabled Americans, who might otherwise live in poverty, to join the middle-class. They still can. On average, unionized workers’ wages are 29 percent higher than their nonunion counterparts. What’s more, only 16 percent of nonunion workers have guaranteed pensions, compared to 73 percent of union workers. No less significant, more than 90 percent of unionized workers have jobs that provide health insurance benefits, by virtue of having the right to collectively bargain.

The problem is not that Democrats in Congress are anti-union. Today, virtually all of them are cosponsors of the Employee Free Choice Act – a bill to ease the ability of workers to organize and more effectively punish employers who violate labor laws. And many of the Democratic candidates who won elected office in New York and elsewhere did so with the active support of unions like the RWDSU. The problem is that Democrats too often consider reforming labor laws to be a niche issue: a priority for union officials alone. It doesn’t have to be that way. Instead, Democrats can make the revitalization of America’s unions a cornerstone of their economic agenda. It would be in their interest to do so.

A new study by labor expert Jim Grossfeld for the Center for American Progress points out that even well educated white collar workers feel they are treading water as they face growing economic uncertainties. Many see their careers tanking. Instead of shying away from unions, he urges political progressives to show how organized labor can help them succeed in the new economy.

Now that Democrats have won the power to set the agenda in the next Congress they will need to move fast to demonstrate that they have something substantive to offer U.S. workers, blue and white collar alike. Sure, let’s raise the minimum wage and make college more affordable. But Democrats can do more than that; they can move to strengthen the right to organize and, with it, give all Americans a stronger voice on the job and more control over their own future. Unions, they may discover, are an old idea whose time has come.
**Getting Involved**

Murray J. Morrissey  
Executive Vice President

It never ceases to amaze me how fast time flies. Here we are facing the end of another year, one that has been memorable for so many reasons, among them the finalization of our long running battle with Duane Reade, the remarkable election results, and last but not least our own difficult contract negotiations with several major employers. When you consider all of this, along with our regular ongoing community events and daily schedules, it’s no wonder that the year seems to fly by.

As you probably know by now, our long battle with Duane Reade over the contract for 2600 Local 338 members in their stores was finally brought to a successful conclusion. That contract was overwhelmingly ratified and now provides contract protections and benefits for all of those members, some of whom worked for five years with no contract at all.

Another major event this year was the astounding election results, an election where not only the people let their feelings be known, but Organized Labor played a significant role. Labor’s influence was particularly felt on Long Island where a relatively unknown Democrat challenged a well established, nationally prominent Republican incumbent. Although the Democrat was defeated, because of Labor’s imput, he made a major impact and presented a real challenge where previously none had existed. That challenge helped establish the Long Island labor movement as a major player in the political scene. This influence will go a long way to helping provide a better life for working men and women, regardless of their party or Union affiliation. The influence of organized labor was felt throughout the State and the Country. The lesson that we need to remember here is that when we speak as one, we will be heard. We can’t ever again remain on the sidelines and let others determine our destiny. And now that we have changed the face of the electorate we need to hold them accountable for how they represent our interests.

On a much more local level I have to comment briefly on the contract negotiations that we just completed. While we still have some independent employers to negotiate with, the contracts with the major employers for approximately 12,000 people have been completed. On a personal basis I have never experienced a more difficult negotiation. This was not just a battle of words and wills, this was truly about survival. The underlying issue was survival for the employers and thereby our own. In the final analysis it was the support of the rank and file that made the difference. It is, after all, the people in the stores that make the difference on every level.

Finally, the event that is playing on every American’s mind is the war in Iraq and the other difficulties on the horizon. Regardless of anyone’s political, religious, or ethnic background, our hearts go out to the men and women serving overseas and to their families especially at this time of the year. Whatever your feeling towards the war and whether we should even be there, the fact is that these are our children, brothers, sisters, and even our mothers and fathers. That reality is what makes this a difficult time. No matter what, it is and was not their decision to be there and we must support them at all costs.

In that light, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season and wish only the best to you all in the coming New Year.

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**Dues increase for all Full-Time and Part-Time members.**

Please be advised that in accordance with the International UFCW Constitution, effective January 1, 2007, there will be a mandatory dues increase of $1.00 per member per month, or $12.00 per year for all Full-Time and Part-Time members.
Our goal has always been to inform our membership and their families about issues that affect our everyday lives. Those issues include possible medical conditions. As most of you know, I recently had a pulmonary embolism. For that reason I have selected this information to share with you. Knowledge is a powerful force that can save your life; it certainly saved mine. This overview and information to share with you. For that reason I have selected this overview and information to share with you.

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Pulmonary Embolism

Pulmonary embolism is the sudden blockage of an artery in the lung. Once the artery is blocked, usually by one or more blood clots, oxygen levels in the blood drop, and blood pressure in the lungs rises.

Pulmonary embolism caused by large clots can cause sudden death, usually within 30 minutes of when symptoms begin. Smaller clots may cause permanent damage to the heart and lungs.

What are the symptoms?

Shortness of breath is the most common symptom of pulmonary embolism. You may have sharp chest pain, which can spread to your shoulder, neck, jaw or arm. You may also have a cough that produces a pink, foamy mucus. Other symptoms may include anxiety, sweating, lightheadedness, fainting, rapid heart rate or palpitations, and an impending sense of doom. Symptoms of pulmonary embolism often begin suddenly.

What increases your risk of pulmonary embolism?

A blood clot in the deep leg veins (deep vein thrombosis) is the greatest risk factor for pulmonary embolism. Inactivity, especially long periods of bed rest, long flights or car trips, increases your risk of pulmonary embolism because of reduced blood circulation. Recent surgery, stroke, heart attack, heart failure, cancer, lung disease, being overweight, using birth control pills and smoking are also risk factors for pulmonary embolism.

Some people have blood that clots too quickly, and they are more likely to develop clots that cause deep vein thrombosis or pulmonary embolism. Conditions that cause increased clotting include inherited factors, cancer and severe infections. Injury to a blood vessel also increases the risk of deep vein thrombosis.

How is pulmonary embolism diagnosed?

Many different types of tests, such as a chest X-ray, spiral CT scan, lung scan or ultrasound, can be used to diagnose pulmonary embolism. However, it can be difficult to diagnose because other conditions, such as a heart attack, panic attack or pneumonia, can cause similar symptoms.

Your doctor will consider your symptoms and risk factors for pulmonary embolism before deciding which tests you should have first. If you are at risk for pulmonary embolism and have symptoms, you should seek emergency care immediately. Some people with this condition, however, have no symptoms.

How is it treated?

Treatment focuses on preventing another clot from developing and preventing existing clots from growing. Heparin and warfarin are anticoagulant medications that are most commonly given to prevent the growth of existing blood clots or the development of new blood clots. Blood clots that cause pulmonary embolism often will dissolve on their own in a few weeks or months, although they may never dissolve completely.

In rare cases, other treatments for pulmonary embolism may be considered. Clot-dissolving drugs (thrombolytics) may be used, or a surgeon may remove the clot in a procedure called an embolectomy. To prevent future pulmonary embolism, a filter may be placed inside the large central vein (vena cava) of the body to trap clots and prevent them from traveling to the lungs.

Our concern for our families and their health and wellbeing is a powerful force. We tend to overlook ourselves and tend only to the needs of our loved ones. I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to take care of yourself as well, because if something tragic happens to you, who will be there for the needs of our loved ones? Your family needs you.

If you are able to visit the above web site, why not also visit ours, www.local338.org. You will find a multitude of information with many links to others sites for gathering important information for your everyday lives.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at the union office at 718-997-7400 or 516-694-1656, both have ext. 247. I wish you all a happy holiday season and a safe and happy new year.
2006 was an extremely important year politically.

It saw a change in administration and direction in New York State and in the House and Senate in Washington D.C.

With your help, many of Local 338 Friends were elected to office or re-elected to serve and fight for the rights of working families. Here are just a few that wanted to say “Thank You!”

With Your Help, They Won!

Eliot Spitzer
NY STATE GOVERNOR ELECT

David Paterson
NY STATE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ELECT

Andrew Cuomo
NY STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ELECT

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT RETIREES

Thomas Adams
Anthony Angieri
Charles Blanck
Gary Brooks
William Braun
Florrie Braxton
Phyllis Brunelle
Freda Burstein
Zelma Castro
Imogene Curry
Carmela Diaz
Eustace Duncan
Dorothy Gobetz
Aniela Goraj
Vincent Grabinski
Rafael Guishard
Nestor Juarez
Lillian Julian
Bridget Komons
Carol Kroll
Louis Martinez
Robert Miller
Loretta Moore
Juan Nieves
Aurora Parsons
Manda Patel
Ursula Piechotta
Esperanza Polesinelli
Karen Przebowksi
John Ribar
Ralph Ruosto
Rosemary Savarino
John Serrano
Helen Stathis
Lynn Tracy
Lorraine Valentine
Monroe Walton
Jeremiah Wilson
Claudeth Wylie
Pratoom Zakrzewski
Officers, staff and members of Local 338 attended the 20th Quadrennial Convention of the International Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union which brought together locals from across the United States and Canada.

The 2006 “Strength to Win” Convention planned our union’s future and brought forth ideas on organizing, immigration, minimum wage, social security, women’s rights and civil rights here in North America but also across the world.

Speakers such as Ron Oswald, President of the IUF (International Union Federation) spoke about creating a union “global network” in order to fight international corporations. UniteHere! President Bruce Raynor gave examples of “corporate greed gone wild.” Several resolutions were also adopted by the convention. They included calling for health care, a repeal of NAFTA and condemning human rights abuses in Darfur.
$500,000 FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY!

On Sunday, October 15, 2006, with your help, Local 338 crossed over the line having raised over half a million dollars for the American Cancer Society’s “Making Strides against Breast Cancer.”

Over the past seven years, Local 338 members and their families, our officers and staff have marched in Queens, on Long Island at Jones Beach and on Staten Island to raise money to fight this terrible illness. “Hundreds of our members marched to show their support; thousands of our members gave their hard earned dollars to keep a commitment that we made in 2000 to finding a cure,” said President John Durso. “Raising this money for research may one day help our mothers, sisters and daughters.”

October has been designated Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This year alone close to 200,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 40,000 will die.

We want to thank everyone involved for making this day a success and bringing us one day closer to the cure.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Services Liaison Lisa Rivera has had a busy few months. Not only did she run this year’s “Making Strides Against Breast Cancer” March in October but she joined thousands of women in Washington, D.C. to lobby Congress for increased funding for cancer research.

Lisa also coordinated Local 338’s fifth annual 9/11 blood drive where enough blood was collected to affect the lives of over 500 individuals. In addition Lisa collected over 100 pre-owned cell phones that were donated to the Queens Family Court in Jamaica which are then re-programmed and given out to victims of domestic violence.

Way to go Lisa!
Executive Vice President, Murray Morrissey and Secretary-Treasurer John DeMartino brought greetings and thanked everyone for coming. Local 338 President John R. Durso also welcomed those assembled and thanked everyone for the hard work they do on behalf of all the members and their families and introduced our guests throughout the day. They included:

Father Brian Jordan
Dr. Annie B. Martin
Frank S. Bail, President of Local 1102 RWDSU/UFCW
Mike Mareno, Secretary/Tres. Local 342 UFCW
Dave Mejias, Congressional Candidate
Stuart Levine, Author And Lecturer
Rich Whalen, International Vice President, UFCW
Stuart Appelbaum, RWDSU International President
Denis Hughes, NYS AFL-CIO President

During the day, the over 350 RRT members, shop stewards, guests and Local 338 staffers that were in attendance attended classes and checked out the 30 exhibit and informational tables.

“Over the past 5 years, we have focused on issues like health and safety, domestic violence and organizing,” said John R. Durso. “This year, right now, we are in the middle of contract negotiations and must be prepared to hold the line, so the emphasis needs to be on RRT/Shop Steward duties, contracts and communication skills. Our activists must be ready to stand up for all of the membership.”
On Sunday July 9, 2006, Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW held its sixth annual family picnic at Coleman Country Day Camp in Merrick, Long Island. Over 1800 members and their families came together from across New York and New Jersey. Attendees were welcomed by Local 338 staff and our officers, John R. Durso, John DeMartino and Murray Morrissey. Everyone that attended was automatically entered in the door prize raffle, with a chance to win one of many exciting prizes.

This picnic’s activities included: swimming, canoeing, rock wall climbing, volleyball and basketball. There were three pools that were filled with adults and kids alike taking a break from the heat. Our kids enjoyed a petting zoo featuring sheep, chickens, goats, pigs and pony rides were also available. Special games and activities were held throughout the day just for the kids, and the camp was filled with activities for anyone who wanted to partake of them. Some folks played softball, while other folks just curled up under a shady tree and napped.

All the guests were able to enjoy delicious food like hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, corn, salads and chicken nuggets for the kids. Dessert included ice cream, cookies and watermelon. The food was served buffet style, allowing everyone to have as much food as they could possibly eat.

The Local 338 family picnic was again a huge success, and was a chance for all of us to get together and have fun. We’re looking forward to 2007 and hope that even more of you will join us. Look for flyers in your stores next summer.
For 24 years, Local 338 has been pleased to offer scholarships to its members and their families.

Our 10 winners are chosen from hundreds of applications that are received by our Scholarship Committee, which is chaired by Dr. Thomas Germano. Each winner receives $1000 towards their first year’s tuition.

As in the past, this year we received a remarkable set of wonderful and talented applicants. The committee thanks everyone who submitted and wishes them well.

We offer congratulations to all our 2006 winners. They are:

Alexa Atria  
Christina McDonnell  
Michael A. Cruz  
James K. Mahoney  
Stephanie Martinez  

Eric D. Nagler  
Kevin Orlic  
Danielle Petrosino  
Samantha C. Schiro  
Hyoung Cheol Yoon  

And a very special congratulations to Nikki May Kateman on winning the 2006 Emanuel Laub Memorial Scholarship. She will receive a total of $4000 over the next 4 years.

Lauren M. Castillo, daughter of long-time Local 338 member Julian Castillo, was selected to receive a 2006 Union Plus Scholarship award in the amount of $1000.

“My father served as a Local 338 Shop Steward for many years and my mom is a member of a UFCW local. We marched in the Labor Day Parades and walks to fight against Breast Cancer and to help the union raise money for other good causes.” Lauren continued, “My parents would always tell me, no matter what profession I chose, I should join that profession’s Union.”

“While we fight to restore the American dream for all working America,” stated RWDSU International President Stuart Appelbaum, “Union Plus Scholarships provide crucial help to working families seeking to realize that dream.”

Lauren Castillo was among 108 students from 44 unions that were chosen to receive the scholarship.
2007 Regular and Emanuel Laub Scholarship Awards Programs Open
2007 la beca regular y de Emanuel Laub concede los programas abiertos

Local 338 is now accepting applications in the Union's twenty-third annual scholarship awards program. All members and children of members in good standing in the Union, in accordance with provisions of the Local's constitution and bylaws, are eligible, providing that the applicant or applicant's parent has been a member for at least one year. Children of Union officers, employees and staff members are not eligible.

Only students who will be graduating from high school in February or June of 2007 may apply. Students who have already started college are not eligible to take part in this competition.

Students wishing to apply should fill out the short form application below and mail it to the Scholarship Awards Committee, Local 338, 97-45 Queens Blvd., Rego Park, NY 11374. Upon receipt of this application, the Union will forward to each applicant a long form application. This, in turn, should be filled out and sent to the Scholarship Awards Committee at the above address. Also required is a transcript of each student's official high school record. (This is usually sent by each high school upon request of the student.) In addition, every applicant should arrange to have a character reference written by a high school official – teacher, guidance counselor, etc. Finally, every student is invited to submit a statement on his or her own stating why he or she is applying for the scholarship.

The scholarship applications are screened by an impartial committee of judges – including educators associated with outstanding colleges and universities. The final selections will be made in the Spring of 2007 and announced in June.

Please supply the appropriate information:

- I am a member of Local 338.
- My parent is a member of Local 338.
- My Social Security Number is:
- My parent's Social Security number is:

Applicant's date of birth: Place of Employment of applicant:

Applicant's Name: Home telephone:

Home Address: Place of Employment of parent:

Please supply the appropriate information:

I am a member of Local 338.
My parent is a member of Local 338. My parent's Social Security number is:
My Social Security Number is: My parent's Social Security number is:

Applicant's Name: Applicant's date of birth:

Place of Employment of applicant: Place of Employment of parent:

Note: Only children of members or members themselves in good standing in the Union, in accordance with the Local 338 Constitution and Bylaws, are eligible to take part in this competition. Elected officials of the Union, staff employees or their children are not eligible. This application also is used when applying for the Emanuel Laub Scholarship. Nota: Solamente los niños de los miembros o de los miembros ellos mismos en la buena situación en la unión, de acuerdo con la constitución y las ordenanzas municipales del local 338, son elegibles para participar en esta competición. Los funcionarios elegidos de la unión, de los empleados de personal o de sus niños no son elegibles. Este uso también se utiliza al aplicarse para la beca de Emanuel Laub.
Congratulations to Local 338’s own Yelizaveta Matatova on being chosen a winner of the 2006 Alvin E. Heaps Scholarship.

Yelizaveta works at Duane Reade and is a student at St. John’s University in Queens, NY. She is studying to become a pharmacist.

Winners are chosen based on scholastic performance and an essay demonstrating an understanding and appreciation of the labor movement.

Alvin Heaps served as President of the International RWDSU from 1976 to 1986.

UFCW REGION 1 SOUTH WOMEN’S NETWORK
DAY CARE SCHOLARSHIPS


In order to receive your day care scholarship application contact:

Andrea Goldberger
UFCW Local One
5911 Airport Road
Oriskany, NY 13424

OR

Meredith Larson
RWDSU Local 1102
1587 Stewart Ave.
Westbury, NY 11590
THE $500 PLUS CLUB

We salute the members listed below. Each of them successfully raised over $500.00 for Breast Cancer. They belong on everyone’s honor roll.

THE 10 MEMBERS ARE:

Maryann Taliercio/Baez
Guintas Meat

Grace Ingenito
G and L Meat Corp.

Mel Gershonowitz
Waldbaum’s 465

Mary Bridges
Waldbaum’s 434

Josephine Lopez
Waldbaum’s 235

Bernice King
Gristede’s 601

Rosa Guzman
Food Emporium 779

Fay Green
Little Neck Meats

Norma Freedman
Waldbaum’s 632

Eileen Carcano
PSK Foodtown
Labor Day is more than a 3 day weekend. It’s a day to celebrate working men and women and to thank them for building America over the past 228 years. It’s a day to remember...

“my work counts.”

On Saturday September 9, 2006, over 400 unions and 250,000 working families marched up New York’s 5th Avenue with one thought in mind - Labor’s back!

RWDSU International President Stuart Appelbaum served as Parade Chairman with Denis Hughes and Edgar Romney as co-Grand Marshals.

Local 338 joined with our sister locals: 1-5, 3, 88, 108, 377, 670, 1102 and the staff from the RWDSU International. Together, as a family, we marched well over 1,000 strong. In addition, the RWDSU contingent hosted a marching band, floats, giant puppets and the famous monster truck from Canada.

Our float also carried the “Roadhouse Band” led by Vic Fusco, a great friend of Local 338 and a partner of Fusco, Brandenstein & Rada, Esq. RWDSU members were also treated to a cruise around Manhattan after the parade.
Over 7000 working families, union families, came to Eisenhower Park in Westbury, NY on Sept. 10, 2006 to celebrate the 4th Annual Nassau County/Long Island Federation of Labor “Labor Day” picnic.

The L.I. Fed is made up of over 108 affiliated unions and 250,000 members. Local 338’s own John R. Durso also serves as its elected president.

Everyone was treated to food, fun, games and prizes along with speeches from official guests. “We are one family,” stated John Durso. “Plumbers, teachers, state & county employees, retail, it doesn't matter. We are all union members.”

More that 600 Local 338 members attended and came away having a wonderful day.
Over 300 tickets to the June 26th game of the Brooklyn Cyclones were given out to members who attended the May area meetings.

The Cyclones are the New York Mets’ minor league team based in Brooklyn. This was the 5th year that Local 338 members and their families came together to enjoy America’s favorite pastime, baseball!

Everyone who came was treated to a BBQ lunch and a chance to see baseball as it ought to be, up close, personal and family-friendly. Our kids played on the practice fields and ran the bases at the end of the game. Eight Local 338 kids threw out the first balls to begin the game.

We had a terrific time. We made new friends and we look forward to the 2007 season and a chance to share this wonderful day with even more members in the future.

You never know what could see, learn or win at a Local 338 area meeting.
President Franklin D. Roosevelt once spoke about “Four Freedoms” that we enjoy in the United States. They are:

- Freedom of Speech
- Freedom of Religion
- Freedom from Want
- Freedom from Fear

He said these freedoms should be granted not only to Americans but to people across the world. At the start of World War II, the Italian-American Labor Council adopted these freedoms as a motto and has followed their thoughts and meanings ever since. They have honored those leaders who exemplify these traits. Local 338 was proud to attend this year’s 65th Annual Conference honoring our dear friend Dr. Annie B. Martin.

You wouldn’t know it but Tom Kunkel, who works at Waldbaum’s #278 in Smithtown, Long Island has a secret. It’s not that he works in the deli department or that his nickname is “TK” or even that he has been a member of Local 338 for over 8 years. It’s that he is a proud wearer of a ruby ring presented to him by the United States Bowling Congress in honor of a perfect game where he bowled a score of 300! The USBC represents over 3 million members and is recognized by the United States Olympic Committee.

“Bowling is fun,” said Tom Kunkel, “but it also takes practice, coordination, skill, dedication and a little luck.”

Tom dedicated his perfect game in memory of his two friends Chris Dombo and Joe Barbagallo.

New York State Assemblyman Marc S. Alessi, who represents the 1st Assembly District in Suffolk County, Long Island recently visited Local 338 members at Oak Hollow and Crest Hall facilities to review the sites and speak to members.

Local 338 members join with other RWDSU and UFCW locals in support of Local 108 members working at Academy Bus in New Jersey.

Local 108 President Charles Hall, Jr. addressed the over 100 assembled and called upon the company to come to the table and negotiate a fair contract.
Veterans’ Day should not be looked at as another holiday. Some schools are closed; there are “Veterans’ Day” sales and parades, which seen to be getting smaller - just another holiday. Well it’s not to Local 338 member Lorraine Boccio.

For three years, Lorraine Boccio, her family, co-workers at Waldbaum’s #449 in Huntington Station, Brownie Troop #431 and dozens of local small businesses donate time, money and food to honor our veterans on Veteran’s Day.

Close to 1,000 veterans came together at St. Peter’s Church to meet, eat, dance and hear the words many have forgotten - “thank you.”

Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW is proud to have a woman such as Lorraine Boccio as part of the 338 family and we thank her for letting us be part of this special day.

Brownie Troop #431 served “KP” duty & cleaned up

1 to r: Bill Froiseth, James Sebesta, Darryl Solomon, Lorraine Boccio, Amanda Sebesta, Debra Servido, Jen Corcoran

Makayla Sebesta & Denise Sebesta

2 Thankful Veterans

A Proud Veteran & Local 338 Retiree
Members at Work

Mike Iacono, Waldbaums #611 Rocky Point

Michael Sharkey, Waldbaums #611 Rocky Point

Walter Yakaboski, Waldbaums #611 Rocky Point

Carolyn Johnson, Ramon Genog, Michele Altebrando, Waldbaums #611 Rocky Point

Melissa Campana, Waldbaums #278 Smithtown

Liz Connolly, Waldbaums #278 Smithtown
As you may know, John R. Durso is the President of Local 338 and is also the President of the Long Island Federation of Labor. John is constantly recognized and thanked for his work in local charities and civic organizations. Such as...

Awards to Local 338 President John R. Durso

Rudi Weber
Marie Barsalone
Patricia Alex
Ralph Ammirati
Jack Askinazi
Kalman Berger
Sarah Berkofsky
Joseph Brathwaite
Abe Broitman
Ethel Buckley
Maureen Canterbury
Irving Cohen
Nancy Cole

Madeline Conti
Domenico Consolito
Fred Cucinello
Joseph Cucurullo
Marie De Nigris
James DeTinea
Angelo Di Meo
William Feiring
Viola Foster
Jerry Fusco
Anastasio Garcia
Gary Hess
William Herschkowitz

George Hoffester
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