

April 2020

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 12-1pm April 2, 2020 (APD) **CANCELED**

EBOARD MEETING: 12-1pm April 9, 2020 **(TELECONFERENCE)**

EBOARD MEETING: 3-5pm April 23, 2020 **(TBD)**



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Out and about ... Crime Stoppers Annual Crab Feed



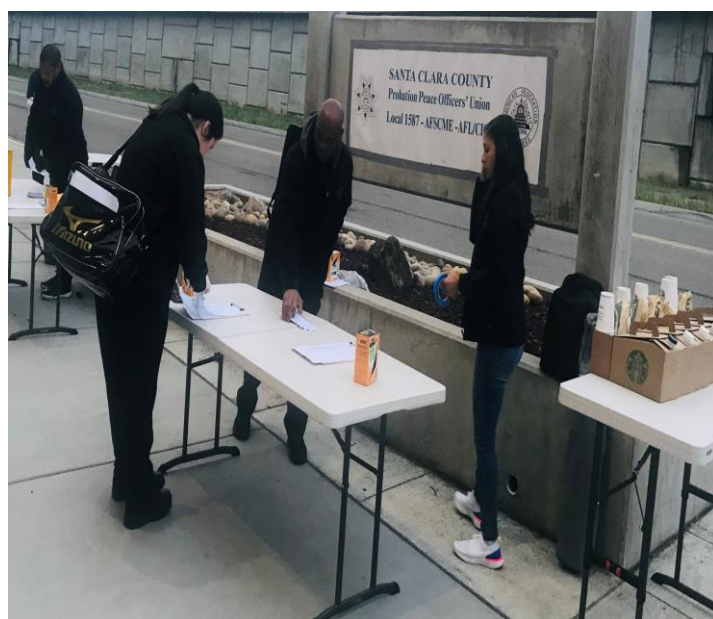
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Hot Topics...

We reached a tentative agreement on our contract! We asked members to vote on March 30, 2020 and the writing of this newsletter we are eagerly anticipating the results of that vote. In the meantime, we would like to thank all our members for braving the current conditions and coming out to cast their ballot. We have had members come on their day off, from Tracy, Stockton, Patterson, Los Banos, and other places near and far to make sure their vote was counted. As of 3pm, March 30, 2020 we have collected well over 300 votes. We are deeply grateful for your dedication and commitment.



Due to the pandemic, the normally scheduled Local 1587 meetings have been postponed or canceled. As most of the Local 1587 Eboard was involved in wrapping up contract negotiations, we did not hold the 3-5pm meeting on March 26, 2020. We will resume Eboard meetings and we will be focusing on how we can conduct business and serve our members while remain in keeping with the safety guidelines of Shelter in Place. Stay tuned...

- Local 1587 has purchased a table at the “The 68th Annual Friendship and Freedom Gala” hosted by National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), to be held at the Summit Center Ballroom 7th floor, 88th South Fourth St. San Jose. This event was supposed to be held on April 25, 2020 but has been postponed, perhaps October.

Dear Local 1587 members,

Like many of you, I am an optimist and I want to remind everyone we will be alright. I know there will likely be uncomfortable, scary, and difficult times while we weather this storm and so, although I am eager to speak of silver linings and easier times ahead, I would like to be respectful of people’s real fears and experiences. I want to acknowledge this time in all our lives is difficult. It’s hard on all of us, our families, and our communities. There is a real possibility that we will be grappling with the conditions and consequences of the pandemic for at least a year, if not longer (estimated time it will take to create a vaccine or develop herd immunity). We cannot predict how long we will have to continue shelter in place, whether or not we will have a total lockdown, or how many times we will have to implement either one throughout this pandemic. The good news is that we are in this together and our union has been fighting for us and will continue to fight for us. The other good news is we have a situation in which our department will have a golden opportunity to prioritize developing and expanding the infrastructure it takes to have widespread and comprehensive telecommuting. We can do so much work remotely, and this is our chance to effectively demonstrate this fact. I would encourage all of you to hang in there and remember there will be positive outcomes.

In solidarity, E. DeMasi

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In other news...

Do not change your behavior to avoid being infected, assume you are infected and change your behavior to avoid transmission.

SHELTER IN PLACE UPDATE

Health officers in several counties of the San Francisco Bay Area have extended the [shelter-in-place order until at least May 1](#).

Those counties -- Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Napa and Solano -- were the first in California to issue sweeping restrictions on social movements to slow the spread of coronavirus, and since then, the state of California and other local cities have followed suit.

The news underscores that the restrictions are likely going to be in place for some time. Gov. Gavin Newsom has said he doubts schools will re open before the end of the academic year.

<https://news.yahoo.com/bay-area-extends-coronavirus-shelter-200711032.html>

Disaster Relief Workers

All city and county employees are designated Disaster Relief Workers and must be prepared to report in the event of a disaster

Disaster Service Workers assist in protecting public health and safety and preserving lives and property during disasters and emergencies.

Please cut and paste the link below into your browser in the event you wish to have a better understanding of your role as a Disaster Relief Worker.

<https://cchealth.org/emergencies/video-disaster.php>