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ELECTION OF LOCAL OFFICERS - RESULTS

Tabulation of ballots was conducted November 21, 2008. The results were as follows (elected noted in bold):

Elected by acclamation:

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| President | Linda Miller |
| Exec. Vice President | Letha "Lee" Perry |
| Recording Secretary | Robin Young |

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| Treasurer | Delinda Johnson | 234 |
| Treasurer | Rex Miller | 116 |

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| Vice President | Brian Breitreutz | 225 |
| Vice President | Burma Lawson | 268 |
| Vice President | Mike Smith | 217 |
| Vice President | Ken "Mister" Williams | 267 |
| Vice President | Anita Atkinson | 246 |
| Vice President | Jeff Cumptan | 137 |
| Vice President | Dorothy Wilson | 253 |
| Vice President | Crystal Johnson Crisp | 146 |
| Vice President | Vickie Cummings | 144 |

Protest deadline is November 28, 2008. Newly elected officers will be sworn in at the January 2009 union meeting. Congratulations to our newly elected board.

HISTORIC ELECTION

Thousands of CWA volunteers played a major role in the historic 2008 Presidential election. Months of hard work by members of CWA and other unions resulted in a victory for President-elect Barack Obama. Obama has pledged to protect and strengthen wage laws, tackle the health care crisis without taxing benefits, remove restrictions on workers ability to organize, support project labor agreements, and address the current economic crisis the country is facing.

"CWA members are proud to have played a big part in this historic elec-

tion," said CWA President Larry Cohen. "It's a huge victory for working and middle income Americans, who soon will have in the White House and Congress real advocates for the critical changes our country and economy needs – a laser focus on creating quality jobs here in the U.S., real health care reform and real bargaining rights through the Employee Free Choice Act that will enable working people to secure a better future," he said.

In West Virginia, 83% of our AFL-CIO, CWA endorsed candidates were elected. Robin Young, Record-

ing Secretary of Local 2001, also chairs the Legislative committee and has worked tirelessly for the past several months organizing and participating in political actions. Robin expresses her gratitude to all who helped with phone banking, honk and waves and door-to-door walks.

We thank all of our members, friends, and family members that worked so hard for President-elect Obama and all of our labor endorsed candidates. It is because of your hard work and dedication that we have achieved these positive results.

BELL RINGING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Each year, the Saturday before Christmas, the WV AFL-CIO takes over bell ringing for the Salvation Army, an organization that does so much for so many. During the holiday season donations provide Christmas dinners, clothing, and toys for families in need. Donating money to a charitable organization is worthy, however, what about donation of your time? The season of "giving" is

not just about items that can be bought. Your volunteered time to help others is valuable and every bit as rewarding as the purchasing and giving of gifts. This year make one of your gifts your donated time to help others.

Local unions all over the Kanawha Valley will be ringing bells on December 20th at various locations. CWA Local 2001 will be manning Brawley Walkway,

outside of the Towne Center Mall from 10am to 8pm. We are asking our members to call the local at 344-2001 to volunteer for an hour or two. Join with friends and family and give just a small amount of your time for a good cause.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB NEWS

The December meeting will be our Christmas luncheon held this year at Harding's Family Restaurant on December 9th at 12pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and the cost is \$9.25 per person. We hope to see everyone there!

Golden Age Club Officer elections were held recently.

Elected as President - Elwood Brown,

Vice-President – Oakey Pickeral, Secretary – Jewell Asbury,

Treasurer – Roy Phalen and Advisor – Charlie Bridgette.

Officers of the Golden Age Club serve a one-year term.

We would like to clarify the article in last month's paper regarding subscribing to the CWA Retired Members' Council's electronic newsletter Journey's. To subscribe to the newsletter, you must be a lifetime member of the CWA Retired Members' Council. In order to become a member, there is a one-time \$25.00 lifetime membership fee. To become a member and subscribe to the newsletter, please visit the website at www.cwa-union.org/rmc.

** DECEMBER MEETING CHANGE **

Due to the CWA Local President's State Council meeting, the December union meeting will be held on December 4 rather than December 11.

The meeting date change was approved by the membership at the November union meeting. The meeting time has not changed, steward meeting 6:15pm, membership 7:00pm.

We will be having refreshments for the holiday and we invite all our members to attend their union meeting and enjoy the fellowship.

CHRISTMAS CASH

Rhonda Riffe's name was drawn at the November membership meeting for the \$80 prize. Since Rhonda wasn't present to win, the amount will be \$100 for the December meeting. Now that the jackpot is at \$100, if the first person's name drawn isn't present, a second name will be drawn.

Attend your next union meeting and if you're the lucky name chosen, you will win some Christmas cash!

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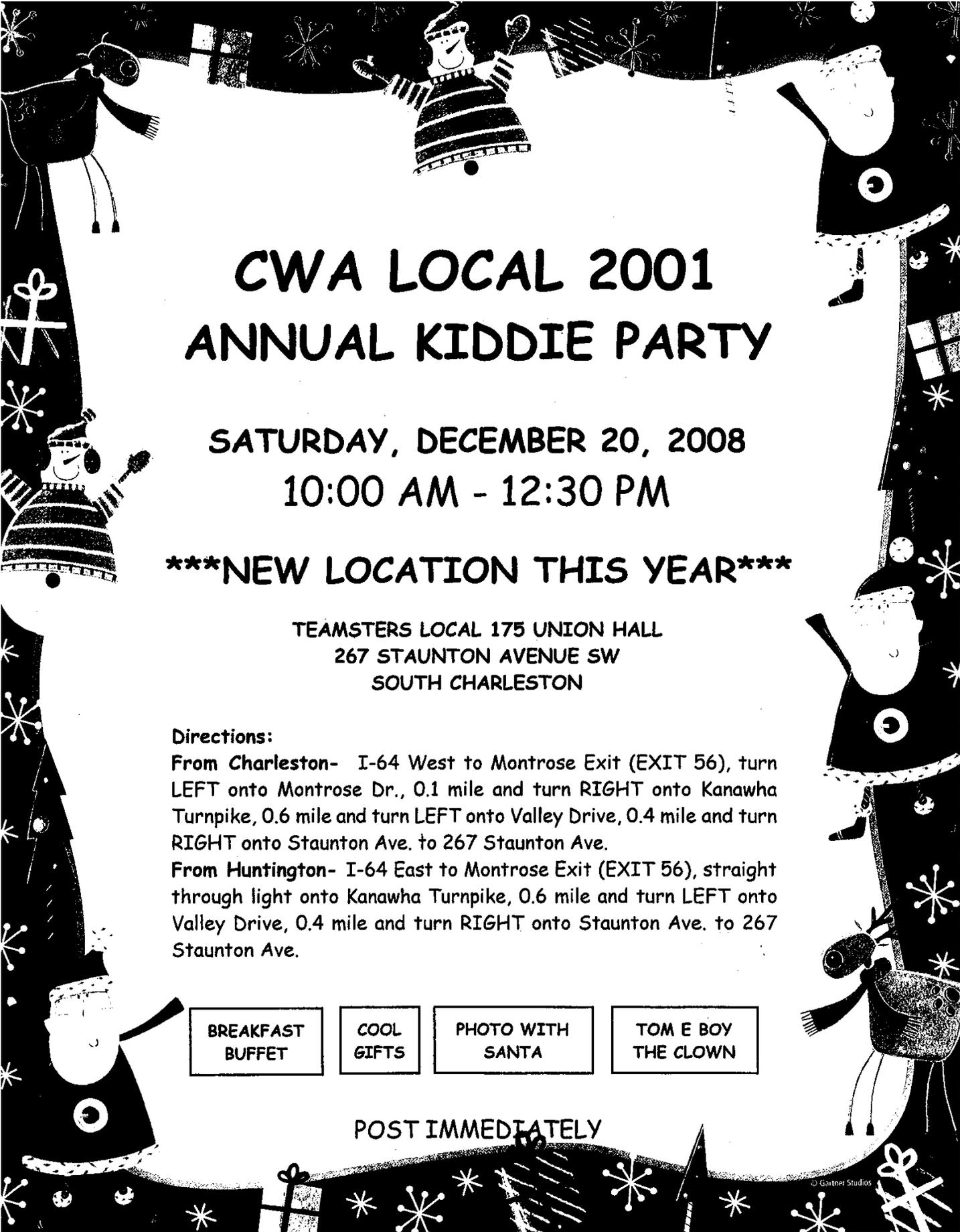
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| Debby Davis-Prince | Executive Vice-President |
| Letha "Lee" Perry | Treasurer |
| Robin Young | Recording Secretary |
| Kenny Williams | Vice-President |
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| Elwood Brown | Golden Age Club |
| Norm Connard | Audit Committee |
| Anita Atkinson | Entertainment Committee |
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| Jean Arthur | Women's Concern Committee |
| Debby Burdette | Election Committee |
| Letha "Lee" Perry | Mobilization Committee |

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Remember: Wear Red on Thursdays

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You can contact us at cwa2001newsletter@verizon.net



CWA LOCAL 2001 ANNUAL KIDDIE PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2008
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

*****NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR*****

TEAMSTERS LOCAL 175 UNION HALL
267 STAUNTON AVENUE SW
SOUTH CHARLESTON

Directions:

From Charleston- I-64 West to Montrose Exit (EXIT 56), turn LEFT onto Montrose Dr., 0.1 mile and turn RIGHT onto Kanawha Turnpike, 0.6 mile and turn LEFT onto Valley Drive, 0.4 mile and turn RIGHT onto Staunton Ave. to 267 Staunton Ave.

From Huntington- I-64 East to Montrose Exit (EXIT 56), straight through light onto Kanawha Turnpike, 0.6 mile and turn LEFT onto Valley Drive, 0.4 mile and turn RIGHT onto Staunton Ave. to 267 Staunton Ave.

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PHOTO WITH
SANTA

TOM E BOY
THE CLOWN

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Sympathy

The officers and members of CWA Local 2001 would like to extend their heartfelt sympathy to these members in their loss of a loved one and a prayer that God will be with them to give the strength and courage to meet each new tomorrow.

Jennifer Davis – loss of Grandfather

Stephanie Castle – loss of Father

Vera Kelly – loss of Grandmother

Terry Brogan – loss of Mother

AT&T BARGAINING

“One union, One Fight, One Future” was the theme for recent AT&T bargaining council meetings. Local CWA leaders from across the country met recently to prepare for talks with the telecom giant beginning early 2009.

The officers, executive board, job stewards and office staff would like to wish all of our members a joyous holiday season.



Contracting out work, changes in job titles and job descriptions, job security along with the never ending attempts to rollback health care benefits for workers and retirees are major concerns CWA will be bringing to the ta-

ble. Stay informed, visit www.cwa-union.org.

Together wearing red in solidarity are Lovell Raines, Biff Larch, Roger Dailey, Tim Cornell, Ken Jones, and Garrison Moore.

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING
THURSDAY, December 4TH, 2008
7:00 PM
2512 KANAWHA BLVD., EAST
CWA LOCAL 2001
UNION OFFICE



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 Charleston, WV 25311

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