Our goal from day one was to remove Mike Bell from office. Our support for Anita Lopez was part of the plan to oust Bell. Unfortunately we ran into a road block in the primary. Three (3) union supported candidates (Collins, Lopez and Cox) split the pro-labor vote. A so-called democrat, Joe Mc Namara spent most of his campaign attacking a fellow democrat and being dishonest about the votes the incumbent took or didn’t take. This put Anita at a decided disadvantage and forced her to spend time and resources debunking these attacks. Add these factors with a low voter turnout in the primary and the primary results were inevitable. This year’s municipal election will have ripple effects far beyond the borders of the City of Toledo. If he is successful in his re-election bid, he will become a poster child for Governor Kasich in the 2014 governor’s election. We know a Kasich second term will bring about another so-called Right-to-Work fight. We must not allow a Bell/Kausch team to travel Ohio in an attempt to spread their bad ideas to unsuspecting Ohioans who do not know the real Mike Bell. The Mike Bell who stood arm in arm with Gov. Kasich when he was campaigning against Ohio’s public workers pushing for S.B. 5 / State Issue 2. The Mike Bell who sold prime downtown real estate to the Chinese, land that has seen no economic development or jobs in the last 4 years. The Mike Bell who when running for office told our political action committee there would be shared sacrifice, but after losing our 120 local city employees and Teamster members working in the Refuse Department, he refused to cut his pay or that of his staff and later even granted raises that no one else in the City received. When elected, Mayor Bell said he would not seek a second term, let’s be held to at least one of his promises and make him a one term Mayor.

D. Michael Collins has demonstrated throughout his career as a 28 year Toledo Police Officer and president of the Toledo Police Patrolman’s Association that he stands with working men and women and deserves our endorsement and support for Mayor. Councilman Collins was the only elected official in 2010 to travel to Columbus to testify in the Statehouse against so-called Right-to-Work legislation. His service as the head of the Patrolman’s union has demonstrated that he is willing to stand up for his fellow worker against management. The political action committee met and screened Mr. Collins and unanimously recommended endorsement to the delegates at the 18th Triennial Stewards Convention. Mr. Collins addressed the convention delegates and received their unanimous endorsement for Toledo City Mayor. As Samuel Gompers said years ago, “we must reward our friends and punish our enemies”. Please contact your business agent to learn what you can do to punish Mike Bell for his hypocrisy and reward a friend, D. Michael Collins, who has stood for workers throughout his career.

CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE RACES

Equally important in this years’ general election are the races for City Council. We have three (3) friends running to fill the six (6) at-large seats up for election.

Incumbents Shaun Earrant and Steve Steel, along with Theresa M. Gabriel are the candidates that received the recommendation of the political action committee and the unanimous endorsement of the delegates at the 18th Triennial Stewards Convention.

Councilman Shaun Earrant is a member of IBW Loc 16 and a strong supporter of good jobs for local workers by encouraging local development projects. Since his appointment to Toledo City Council, Shaun has demonstrated he is one of us and will fight hard for Toledo’s working men and women.

Councilman Steve Steel has proven he will stand up for fair treatment of city employees and his voting record reflects this. Councilman Steel has voted against exigent circumstance and in favor of labor supported fact-finder recommendations.

Also running for an at-large seat on Toledo’s City Council is Theresa M. Gabriel. Theresa is a former president of AFSCME 2081 and long time civil servant. Candidate Gabriela advocated for safe neighborhoods and will be a voice for seniors on City Council. We also have two (2) enemies running for at-large seats.

Incumbent Bob Peracchio was re-elected to a third term in 2010. Incumbent Adam Martinez voted to privatize the Refuse Department and voted for exigent circumstances nullifying five (5) collectively bargained contracts with city workers. Also running for City Council is current School Board member Larry Sykes. Candidate Sykes is currently attempting to privatize the food service at TPS and he has gone on record as strongly supporting so-called Right-to-Work. These two (2) candidates are not Chris Bell in our Hall of Shame when it comes to standing up for workers.

LABOR DAY PARADE

A heavy rain at the start of the day could not dampen the spirits of our marchers at this years’ Labor Day Parade. The members of the United Labor Committee, which sponsors the parade each year, were joined by National AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Elizabeth Shuler who as they led the parade to the reviewing stand where each labor leader introduced their marching member groups. As always, we were extremely proud to see Local 20 represented by so many Teamster members and motorized units. Afterward our members were able to enjoy a visit to Imagination Station with their families. By all accounts everyone had a good time and we look forward to seeing you at next year’s parade.

LOCAL 20 EXECUTIVE BOARD RE-ELECTED

On Saturday, October 6, 2013 a nominations meeting was held at Premier Banquet Hall for officers of Teamsters Local No. 20. The meeting was conducted under the supervision of Independent Election Supervisor Edie Paradowski. I am happy to report that your entire Executive Board was elected by acclamation. Your Local 20 Executive Board members for the ensuing term of January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016 are:

Bill Lichtenwald - President
Roy Weldon - Vice President
Mark Sobczak - Secretary-Treasurer
Richards Ellison - Recording-Secretary
Norm Lewallen - Trustee
Diane Hell - Trustee
Martin Jay – Trustee

On behalf of myself and the recently elected Executive Board members I want to thank the members of Local 20 for their continued support and confidence.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

As the air starts to chill and we enter another Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season its time to reflect on the blessings our hard work throughout the year has provided to our Teamster families. When we look around it is easy to find many less fortunate than we are. Continue to work daily for the betterment of all those who labor to provide for their loved ones. Best wishes to you and your family for the coming Holiday Season.
I recently met with a prospective client after the death of her father. During our consultation, I inquired as to why she or her sisters had not been in to see us or our consultation. She replied that no one in her family wanted to be the Administrator of the estate for fear that they would be personally liable for her father’s debts. This is not the first time I have heard this response.

In Ohio and in most states, an Administrator, survivor, or beneficiary is not required to pay for a deceased relative’s debts from their own assets, unless they are also liable on the debt or have guaranteed the debt. In Ohio, a creditor has six months from the date of death to present a claim against the personal representative of the estate of the decedent to pay all claims, the estate is determined to be insolvent.

Ohio law also spells out the priority or order in which the debts are to be paid. Costs and expenses of the probate administration of the estate are the top priority, followed by funeral expenses, spousal/family allowances and lesser priority debts. The lowest priority debt under Ohio law generally includes all unsecured credit card debts.

If you have any questions on Estate Planning or Probate issues, contact us at Gallon, Takaos, Boissoneault & Schaffner.

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Retirees to Action is Looking for New Members!
We Meet the First Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. of Every Month
at The Teamsters Hall,
located at 435 S. Hawley, Toledo, Ohio 43609.
If you are interested in becoming involved in the Retiree Club,
please contact Mike Veres at 734-652-4215
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TOLEDO TEAMSTERS
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Local 20 Trustees and TWC President Dameur hold their annual election.

DAWN PATROL - ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 5th - 4:30 a.m.

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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

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