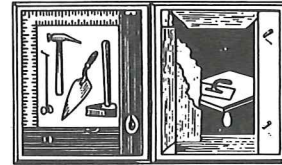


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*'I don't know where the years went – 32 years, bing bang.'*

## For retiree Dick Burt: Next stop New Zealand – by motorcycle

**D**ICK BURT HAS ADVICE on how to describe him as he approaches retirement from field representative. "Just mention the Marine Corps and Harley-Davidson, and they'll say, "that's Dick!"

Burt, 59, will retire Feb. 1 after having worked as a Bricklayers business agent since 1992. He will remain chairman of the St. Paul Bricklayers chapter until the end of next year. It's a position he has held since 1990.

Born in Northern California, Burt has lived in St. Paul Park since he was 10. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1962 and served until 1966. The last two years were spent in Vietnam, where he saw combat while stationed with an air wing that flew F4B Phantom jets.

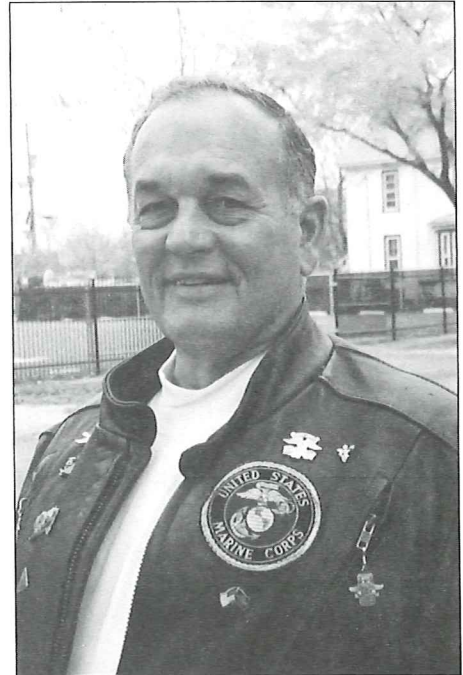
Back in civilian life, Burt said, he

couldn't find work he liked. He knew he didn't want to punch a time clock. One day in 1968, he was asked if he wanted to run a jackhammer. He did, and his career as a bricklayer was born.

Working first for St. Paul contractor Ray Eide, Burt tried to join the Bricklayers union and was at first turned away – told that at 25 he was too old.

"So I left," Burt said. "I came back a year later, and said that I wanted to be a bricklayer."

"Gordy Christianson asked how old



**Burt will retire Feb. 1**

I was. I told him I was 24, but I had four years in the Marine Corps."

He said, 'Okay, sign here,' and here I am.

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### KEEP IN TOUCH

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**James  
Lundquist**

# *Benefit improvements announced...*

By **James Lundquist**, *Executive Vice President*, and **Michael Cook**, *Vice President*

**N**UMEROUS BENEFIT IMPROVEMENTS for active members have been announced by the Health and Welfare Fund Board of Trustees. Most take effect Jan. 1, 2001, but some are retroactive.

## *Hour bank*

Effective Jan. 1, 2001, a new employee who has never before qualified for benefits will be allowed to retain contribution hours earned during his/her first qualification period, even if eligibility is not attained as a result of those hours. If eligibility is still not attained during the second qualification period, all hours (including those from the first qualification period) will be terminated.

This change will allow a new employee up to two consecutive qualification periods to accumulate enough hours to become eligible for benefits.

This change will not apply to any employee who is re-qualifying for benefits after losing eligibility.

Members should consult their summary plan descriptions for details on how to qualify for benefits under the plan.

## *Weekly accident and sickness benefit*

The Weekly Accident and Sickness benefit will be increased from \$175 to \$300 per week for all disabilities, beginning Jan. 1, 2001, and thereafter.

## *Prescription drug benefit*

Trustees have been monitoring the rapid increase in the cost of prescription drugs and how this has affected plan participants. As a result, the Board decided to increase the prescription drug benefit applicable to retirees and other participants who are covered under the Medicare Supplement Plan retroactive to Jan. 1, 2000.

The calendar year maximum has been increased to \$4,000, replacing the previous limit of \$3,000 maximum, for the entire 2000 calendar year and each calendar year thereafter. The prescription drug benefits thus are now:

Calendar year deductible per individual.....	\$100
Coinsurance rate.....	80%
Calendar year maximum per individual.....	\$4,000

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**B E N E F I T S & H E A L T H**

# *...most will take effect on Jan. 1*



**Michael  
Cook**

Zenith Administrators, Inc., the plan administrator, will review the claims records and pay claims for any eligible participants who used up their \$3,000 maximum for 2000. There is no need for you to send those claims in again. If you have prescription drug receipts that you did not send in because you knew that you were already over the \$3,000 maximum, you can now send those receipts to Zenith for payment up to the \$4,000 maximum.

Your current self-pay rate has not been increased, but Trustees continue to monitor plan expenses and reserve the right to increase self-pay rates to keep pace with costs if they deem it necessary.

## *Preventive dental expense benefit*

A Preventive Dental Expense benefit will be available to all pre-Medicare retirees and eligible dependents. Benefits will be paid according to the following schedule of benefits for all preventive care received on or after Jan. 1, 2001.

Deductible per oral examination.....	\$5.00
Oral exams and routine cleaning.....	twice per calendar year
Bitewing X-rays.....	once every 12 months
Full mouth X-rays.....	once every 5 years

The Preventive Dental Expense Benefit is payable if a covered retiree incurs expenses for covered dental charges. Benefits are payable for the reasonable and customary charges incurred for services, supplies and treatment provided by a legally qualified practitioner for preventive care.

## *Covered dental charges*

Covered dental charges include expenses for:

1. Oral examinations, including routine cleaning of teeth, but not more than two examinations and cleanings per calendar year.
2. Bitewing X-rays once every 12 months. Full-mouth X-rays will be covered once every five years.

The Fund Office may, at its discretion, request supporting documentation such as clinical reports, charges and X-rays. Covered dental expenses are considered to have been incurred on the date the dental service is performed.

Questions about all these changes in benefits should be directed to Zenith Administrators, Inc., 7645 Metro Blvd., Minneapolis 55439-3060, or call Zenith at 952-835-7035. ■

**M I L E S T O N E S**

**GOLD CARDS**

Front row, left to right: Robert Sanders, Henry Johnson, Melvin Michalik, Norman Ostrand, Jerry Larkin, Thomas Gottwalt, Leon Jacobsen, William Henningsen, Eugene Braun, and Sylvester Buesgens. Back row, left to right: Jim Lundquist (Business Agent



Local #1), Randy Kelly (I.U.B.A.C Region Director), John Flynn (President I.U.B.A.C.), Merlin Kavanaugh, Calvin Rolstad, Ralph Peterson, Michael Hawthorne (Business Agent, Tilelayers #18), Roger Schmidt, Vern Runge, Michael Ganz (Business Agent, St. Cloud #4), Paul Fors, Ronald Almberg (retired Business Agent,

Tilelayers), Russell Gillan, Richard Kentzelman (Business Agent Local #1), Franklin Summerland, Paul Christenson, Mark Wickstrom (Apprenticeship Director), John Strand, and Michael Cook (Business Agent, Local #1).

We welcome these new members who have joined Local 1:

Daniel Beach  
Roger Bullyan  
Ethan Callejo  
John Canto  
Jerrod Carlson  
Duane Collins

**NEW MEMBERS**

Fehim Demiorovic	Hajrudin Isic
Joel Esqueda	Charles Johnson
Richard Fox	Patrick Kamrath
Michael	Mark Kowalzek
Fredericksen	John Kuseske
Kenneth Gehling	Jeff Martin
Derek Hoisington	Vernon Monette
Nijaz Huskic	Raymond Nichols

Keith Novotny  
Richard Nunez  
Scott Parson  
Dale Sader  
Carlos Santillan, Jr.  
Joseph Slama  
Jeffrey Sorsen  
Brian Steele  
Chad Taylor  
Teresa Vogel

**DECEASED MEMBERS**

We are sorry to report these deaths:

F.R. Abrahamson	Erich Krause
Kenneth DeVoe	Paul Kurtz
Eugene Eiyneck	Charles McGough
William Flicek	Otto Ritzer
Albert Huntington	

**40 YEARS**

Front row, left to right: Ray Huston, John Libby, Allen Kjeseth, Herb Fedder, Dean Wichman, Rolland Cowley, Norman Haedtke. Back row, left to right: Randy Kelly (I.U.B.A.C.), John Flynn (President I.U.B.A.C.), Gerald Remer, Allen Lund, Ralph Scheffler, Michael Ganz (Business Agent, St. Cloud), John



Steinbring, Michael Hawthorne (Business Agent, Tilelayers), Mark Wickstrom (Apprenticeship Director), Richard Kentzelman (Business Agent Local # 1), Carl Hjort, Ronald Almberg (Retired Business Agent Tilelayers), Michael Cook (Business Agent Local #1), and James Lundquist (Business Agent Local #1).

**BRIEFLY**

# Goblirsch seconds Flynn nomination



BAC Local #1 President Gary Goblirsch seconded the nomination of John J. Flynn as president of the International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers.

In following the nominating speech made by Local 1 Missouri Business Manager Don Brown, Goblirsch noted:

"...members have no better spokesperson or advocate than John Flynn."

Flynn and a slate of officers were elected to new terms unopposed.

## ***Goblirsch elected Region 7 vice president***

BAC Local #1 President Gary Goblirsch was elected regional vice president for Region 7, International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers.

The election was held during the IUBAC convention in Washington, Sept. 27. Goblirsch will serve a five-year term.

## ***Neff to address retirees at breakfast meeting***



A special guest speaker has been planned for the 9 . m. Dec. 7 retirees breakfast meeting. Erv Neff, president of the state Retiree Council, will be present to address BAC Local #1 retirees.

Neff was elected the president of the Retiree Council in 1999. He was a staff member of the AFL-CIO for 12 years,

and also is an AFL-CIO vice president.

Neff will explain with the Council has done, what next steps will be, and what retirees can do to help. He also will discuss federal and state issues anticipated for the next few years, and what retirees should expect during the next session of the Minnesota Legislature.

## ***Stone training classes***

Stone training classes will be offered beginning January 2001. This class will meet two evenings a week from 6 to 9 p.m. Contact the BAC office if you're interested.

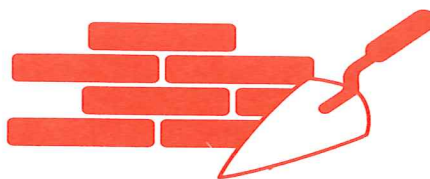
## ***Retiring?***



*If you're considering retiring, please contact the union office three months in advance to fill out the necessary papers.*

## ***Verification slips***

July, August and September verification slips for Chapters 1, 2, 4 and 11 will be mailed Dec. 15.



## ***Out of work?***

If you are out of work, please call the office. We have calls.

PEOPLE

## Labor movement will miss Peterson, Vento

Bill Peterson, a Minnesota labor leader for decades, died Oct. 20 at Regions Hospital in St. Paul. He was 65.

Peterson's death followed by only 10 days the loss of another friend of labor, U.S. Rep. Bruce Vento, who had represented Minnesota's 4th Congressional District since 1976. Vento, 60, was known as an advocate for workplace safety, workers' rights to organize and public education.

Both men died of cancer.

Peterson had served as secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota AFL-CIO from 1990 until sickness prompted his retirement in 1999. He had recently been re-elected to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents, and was also vice chair of the St. Paul Port Authority.

An ironworker by trade, Peterson was elected business representative of Ironworkers Local 512, St. Paul, in 1970. He became president of the Minnesota State Building Trades Council in 1978, and executive secretary of the St. Paul Building Trades Council in 1981. He was one of the state's best known labor advocates, and worked hard, particularly during Minnesota legislative sessions, to protect the interests of working men and women.



Peterson

After Peterson's death, former St. Paul Mayor George Latimer offered this comment: "I'd like everyone – in politics or labor or the professions – to be like Bill Peterson in one important way. Bill has always stood by his word; you could just take it to the bank. If everybody operated the way Bill Peterson does, life would be so much better and simpler." ■

## Join Santa for magical moments and memories at Local 1's Children's Christmas Party

**Date:** Dec. 2 • **Time:** 9:45 a.m.

**Temporary North Pole:** Second Floor, 312 Central Ave., Minneapolis



The magic of Christmas will get some help this year from master magician David Piccirillo, who will perform for BAC Local 1 members' children and grandchildren.

Piccirillo has appeared at Planet Hollywood at the Mall of America, and has twice been named Magician of the Year by the International Brotherhood of Magicians.



*Have your wish list ready for a visit with Santa*

F R O M T H E F R O N T P A G E

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"I don't know where the years went – 32 years, bing-bang."

The last 12 have gone into hard work for union members. Burt became vice president of the St. Paul local in 1988, then president in 1990.

After the merger in 1992 of the St. Paul and Minneapolis locals, Burt continued to lead the St. Paul chapter as chairman. His term expires at the end of 2002.

As field representative for the Bricklayers, Burt has spent the past nine years driving a territory that stretches from St. Paul to the St. Croix River, checking in with members working constructions jobs in Ramsey, Washington and Dakota counties.

There were big projects, like the new Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul, but Burt said he paid just as much attention to the small ones.

"It really doesn't make a difference, the cost of the job – if there's one guy on the job or if there's 50," Burt said.

"I mean, that one guy pays my salary as much as the 50 of them do, so to me it's no difference."

He said he's made a special effort to tell young people, just coming into the trade, about the benefits of union membership.

"An owner of a non-signatory company is not going to say, 'Well, this is what I offer and this is what the union offers.' Most young kids don't know what the union offers."

BURT/ Looking back, he says:

*"The nicest thing about my job was being able to help other members"*

He hands out cards and pencils, and invites them to call him at home.

Burt's work with the members has been affected by another important part of his life: His membership since 1985 in Alcoholics Anonymous. "I don't hide it one bit," he said.

"There are guys on the job who call me up. They feel comfortable talking about that. If it's even listening to somebody, that's what it takes. People listened to me years ago, whine and moan. It makes a difference."

"Anybody that needed the help, he would certainly help them," said Bricklayers President Gary Goblirsch.

"He's a true, loyal friend, a hard worker, every day and every day. Anything you ask him to do you never have to worry about it because you know it will be done. And he's a good union person. He's

only missed about five meetings in 32 years. He represents the men and women well, always answered their concerns."

That part of the work was important to Burt too.

"The nicest thing about my job was being able to help other members. The members that pay my wages, I work for them. If they call me up and say, 'Hey, stop off at my job,' I do it."

Burt's newest enthusiasm is his motorcycle, a Harley-Davidson.

"It's too big for me, really," he said, but "it's been fantastic. If I only enjoy it for a couple of years, big deal. One day at a time."

Burt's headed to New Zealand next month for a Harley rally, and when labor negotiations open early next year, "I'll be in Aruba or someplace."

Enjoying retirement, no doubt. ■

**GOBLIRSCH SAYS OF BURT:** *"He's a true, loyal friend, a hard worker, every day and every day. Anything you ask him to do you never have to worry about it because you know it will be done. And he's a good union person. He represents the men and women well, always answered their concerns."*

**K E E P I N G U P**



**CHECK YOUR CALENDAR FOR IMPORTANT DATES**

Please clip the calendar and post it in a convenient spot so it's handy when you want to check meetings and events.

**DECEMBER 2000**

**Children's Christmas Party**

9:45 a.m., second floor  
312 Central Ave.  
Saturday, Dec. 2

**Chapter 11-Mankato**

7 p.m. Teamsters Hall, Dec. 5.

**Chapter 4-St. Cloud**

7 p.m., St. Cloud Labor Home  
1903 4th St. N., in the basement  
Dec. 6

**Chapter 6-New Ulm**

8 p.m., American Legion Club  
13 S. Minnesota  
Dec. 7

**Retirees Club Meeting**

9 a.m. Jax Cafe, Minneapolis  
Dec. 7.

**Chapter 18-Tilelayers**

7 p.m. Second Floor, 312 Central  
Ave. SE.  
Dec. 12

**Chapter 1&2 - Minneapolis & St. Paul**

7 p.m. Second Floor, 312 Central  
Ave. SE.  
Dec. 11.

**EVENT SCHEDULE 2001**

**Retirees Club Meetings**

9 a.m., Jax Cafe, Minneapolis,  
March 22, June 28, Sept. 27, Dec. 6

**Chapter 11-Mankato**

7 p.m., Teamsters Hall  
Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6, May 1, June 5, July  
cancelled, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Nov. 6, Dec. 4

**Chapter 4-St. Cloud**

7 p.m., St. Cloud Labor Home, 1903 4th  
St., N., in the basement  
Jan. 3, Feb. 7, March 7, May 2, June 6, July  
cancelled, Aug. 1, Sept. 5, Nov. 7, Dec. 5

**Chapter 6-Springfield**

8 p.m., American Legion Hall  
Jan. 4, March 1, June 7, Aug. 2, Nov. 1

**Chapter 6-New Ulm**

8 p.m., American Legion Club, 13 South  
Minnesota  
Feb. 1, May 3, July cancelled, Sept. 6, Dec. 6

**Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers Golf  
Tournament**

Saturday, July 28

**Executive Committee meetings**

10 a.m., March 29 and Oct. 4

**Chapter 1-Minneapolis & St. Paul**

7 p.m., second floor  
312 Central Ave. SE, Minneapolis  
Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, May 14, June  
11, July cancelled, Aug. 13, Sept.  
10, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

**Note/**There will be no chapter  
meetings in April, July and October.

**Chapter 18-Tilelayers**

7 p.m., second floor  
312 Central Ave. SE, Minneapolis  
Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13, May 8, June 12,  
July cancelled, Aug. 14, Sept.  
11, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

**Other Events**

**Semiannual meetings for  
Chapters 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 18**

10 a.m., second floor  
312 Central Ave. SE, Minneapolis  
April 7, Oct. 6

**Gold Card Dinners**

(cards will be mailed)  
Chapters 1 & 2 and #18 Tile – Aug. 16,  
Thunderbird Hotel, Bloomington  
Chapter 6 only – April 28, Springfield Legion,  
Springfield  
Chapter 4 only – Feb. 24, St. Cloud Eagles  
Club, St. Cloud  
Chapter 11 only – April 27, Holiday Inn,  
downtown Mankato

**Children's Christmas Party**

9:45 a.m. Dec. 1, second floor  
312 Central Ave. SE, Minneapolis

**Apprenticeship Banquet**

Thursday, April 26



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