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Your Right To Know:

Sick Leave Home Visits

By: Michael Enriquez



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Women's History Month - Celebrating a Milestone in TWU History.

By: Latonya Crisp

Diversity, equity, and inclusion is critical for the advancement of women in the workplace. Women make up 15.56% of the Transport Workers Union (TWU) Local 100 membership: thus, keeping us within the 21% of non-traditional titles as women. It is important that such a marginalized population keep active and involved within their Union. Servitude and activism within the Union often leads to professional advancement opportunities. With the help of the Northeast Summer School for Women in Unions & Worker Organizations and the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW), women from various slates in this previous election have taken the courage to run for office. For the first time in TWU history, there was a woman on every slate running for a top officer position.

*To encapsulate women's history into just one month is preposterous because her-story makes history. One woman's life experiences, failures, and triumphs pave the way for thousands of others. Women of Local 100 keeping in the theme of the International Women's Day for March 8th, 2022, let us continue to **#BreakTheBias**.*

Formerly the Fresh Pond Depot Chair, Latonya Crisp currently holds a Union-wide executive position as the Recording Secretary of TWU Local 100.

The Birth of MaBSTOA - An Iconic Strike's 60th Anniversary.

By: Daniel Cruz

March 1st, 2022 marked the 60th year since an iconic TWU strike took place. Triggered by the firing of 29 workers - everyone walked off the job. More than 7,500 workers who operated the private bus lines in The Bronx and Manhattan hit the streets, striking in the name of the fired workers and a proposed reorganization plan that included; laying off 1,500 workers and halting pension payments. After weeks of no bus service, the strike ended after lawmakers stepped in, stripping control from the private bus lines and creating what we know now as the, Manhattan and Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority (MaBSTOA), restoring the fired workers to payroll and cancelling the proposed job cuts.



Striking TWU workers picketing on West 133rd Street in front of the Fifth Avenue Coach Lines garage in 1962. This location would soon become the site for MaBSTOA's Manhattanville Depot.

An Anthology Behind The Reality of Being Assaulted.

By: Frank DeJesus

“This is 35 on the M101 - I’ve just been assaulted”, It’s a horrid feeling, a whirlwind of anguish, shame and extreme anxiety. “What happens now?” is what you ask yourself. Everyone speaks of how horrible the process of going out IOD (Injury on Duty) is, you may find yourself thinking that maybe it wasn’t that serious, after all, you’ve got bills to pay. ***This is not an acceptable reality! But, it’s as real as it gets.***

The lack of respect shown to transit workers’ going through the IOD process is horrendous. NYCT Safety Officers don’t return your phone calls, purposely delay paperwork that would get you paid and don’t even reach out to check on you. It seems that no one is on the workers’ side. ***What we need is a Workers’ Compensation Department that works!***

Contract season is rapidly approaching - we need actionable results, not the formation of committees with more empty promises. Timely workers’ comp payments should be the last worry on an injured workers’ mind.

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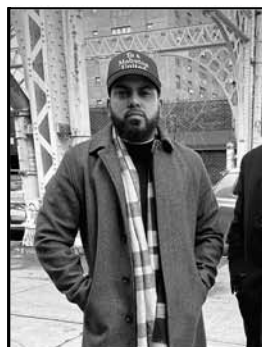
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