

## IN MEMORIAM

## Frank Regalado

Sept. 19, 1951 — Jan. 10, 2018

June 2013.

Frank Regalado, a former business representative of Portland-based Elevator Constructors Local 23, died Jan. 10 following a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 66.

Regalado served as business representative from 1997 to 2003, when he lost re-election and returned to the trade. The business rep is the only full-time elected paid position at the local.

Regalado was appointed interim business representative in 2007 following the resignation of then-business rep Mike Casely. Regalado was elected to a full three-year term in March 2008. He did not run for re-election when the term expired in March 2011. He again returned to the trade before retiring in



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**FRANK REGALADO** was born in Morenci, Ariz., on Sept. 19, 1951. He grew up in West Covina, Calif., graduating from Edgewood High School in 1969. He attended Mt. San Antonio College before entering the Elevator Constructors apprenticeship program and joining Los Angeles Local 18 in

1972.

He move to Portland and joined Local 23 in 1982.

Regalado is survived by his wife of 45 years, Darlene; four children, and six grandchildren.

Services will be held at Bate-man Carroll Funeral Home, 520 W. Powell Blvd., Gresham. Viewing will be Feb. 2, from 2 to 7 p.m. Rosary begins at 6:30 p.m. Funeral mass will be held Feb. 3 at 1 p.m.

## COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

## Portland Public Schools teachers close to settling new contract

At 3 a.m. Jan. 16 — after five straight days of mediation — Portland Association of Teachers and Portland Public Schools (PPS) agreed to a framework for a contract settlement, with some expectation that the two sides would finalize a tentative agreement by Jan. 16 (after this issue went to press.)

Teachers have been working without a contract since the previous contract expired June 30, 2016. That contract was settled Feb. 18, 2014, two days before a teacher

strike was set to begin.

Bargaining this time started out amicably, but was complicated by tremendous turnover in district administration. Carole Smith was superintendent when the talks began. Last October, three interim leaders later, Guadalupe Guerrero was installed as superintendent.

Workload, safety, and compensation issues have been the sticking points in bargaining. PPS teacher pay rates are near the bottom of the 14 metro-area districts.

## Allegiant flight attendants win 6-year battle for first contract

LAS VEGAS (PAI) — Following federally mediated bargaining sessions, Allegiant Air signed a first contract for 1,100 flight attendants at the Las Vegas-based airline. The settlement came after six years of stonewalling. The attendants, members of Transport Workers Local 577, ratified the five-year contract 740-328 just before Christmas.

Allegiant Air flies out of airports in Eugene and Medford, Oregon, to Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Phoenix.

Allegiant flight attendants were among the airline industry's lowest-paid. The new contract will raise their wages 16 to 33 percent over the life of the contract. It also includes sick time accrual, vacation grants, per diem and a grievance procedure for workers to contest unfair discipline.

Teamsters represent airline pilots at Allegiant. In December, 256 Allegiant mechanics filed for union representation with the Teamsters.

## Portland's KATU-TV will face a union picket

International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) Local 600 will hold an informational picket Saturday, Jan. 27, from noon to 2 p.m. at KATU TV, 2153 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland. The union represents 24 workers at the station who have been working without a contract since October 2015.

KATU is owned by Sinclair Broadcasting Group, which is working vigorously to change the business model of local television through consolidation.

Speaking to the Executive Board of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council on Jan. 8, IATSE Local 600 rep Dave Twedell expressed concern that members' jobs will be lost in consolidation as Sinclair replaces local

news with national content. He said in bargaining Sinclair is refusing to commit that local studios will stay open and continue to produce news.

Sinclair, with 173 television stations, including Seattle's KOMO, is the biggest station owner in the nation. The company currently is in talks to acquire Tribune Media, which would add 42 stations and reach 72 percent of the television market in the United States.

Sinclair successfully lobbied the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to change longstanding regulations that prohibited any one company from owning stations that reach more than 39 percent of the U.S. market. The company also successfully lobbied the FCC to

change its "main studio rule," whereby broadcasters were required to operate a studio within the city it was broadcasting to.

"It changes the business model of local television," said Twedell, adding that general managers from Portland competitors are watching with horror what Sinclair is doing to the business.

"If Sinclair can ship in news from anywhere in the country, how are its competitors — who are paying for full news crews in offices across the street — going to compete?" he asked.

These two new rules were unlawful until two months ago, when the FCC also changed net neutrality rules regulating the Internet.

## UNION ORGANIZING

## Welcome to the newest union members! F-16 mechanics in Alaska

At Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska, a group of 152 aircraft mechanics will now be members of International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM). They maintain F-16 fighter aircraft as employees of defense contractor AECOM

The initial organizing meet-

ings took place while a group of the workers were on assignment in Las Vegas. While there, they worked alongside IAM-represented mechanics and saw glaring differences between the benefits the organized group received versus the non-union benefits and working conditions they were subject to in Alaska.

On Dec. 14, the group voted 81-40 to join IAM District Lodge 160.

## CORRECTION

In the article "City of Portland ratifies DCTU deal" in our Jan. 5 issue, we reported that the newly ratified District Council of Trade Unions contract runs through July 1, 2010. That should have said 2020. Thanks to online readers Ed Bennett and Paul Cone for bringing the embarrassing error to our attention!



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