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November 2021 Notes

- It is my Honor to welcome our three New WRO members Louis Babin, Beverly Cahill & Sue Dolecki. We thank you for joining the Workers United Retiree Organization. This represents a 15% increase in WRO membership during the Covid for the last 20 months. "Thank you to all the new members who have joined the WRO"
- November 11, 2021 We Acknowledge all "Veterans"
- November 2, 2021 The WRO Executive Board - a Motion was made for John Heckle to be an Honorary President of the WRO. Motion approved and passed.

Mr. Heckle we recognize your hard work and dedication to the WRO. Mr. Heckle has served under several past WRO Presidents that are now on this Executive Board.

You have Volunteered and shared your knowledge with creativity. We acknowledge you as a leader, activist, and humanitarian member who cares about all WRO Members and Non Members. You have been a mentor. No task is too small or too large. Mr. Heckle is a volunteer firefighter and celebrated his 90th birthday this past October 2021, Happy Birthday John. Lincoln Fire Department had a parade in his honor! Congratulations from the Executive Board.

- WRO Executive Board meeting Discussion and first Christmas party at Workers United Upstate Hall. Report from Chair Betty Triest first report on Membership. Second report: Christmas members and guest coming to the WRO Christmas party. Report from Jim White Treasure. Table Clothes purchased, beverages, plates, silverware, water. Donations beverages, music, savioia's cookie cake, cheese and crackers by the family of Bill and Patty Marshall & RRJB.

November 9, 2021 we need a final count of WRO members and guests WRO Christmas party and need a financial statement from Treasurer. Contact Mr. Dominic's with the final count. Things to purchase after November 9, 2021 centerpieces flowers Cactus plants idea. Executive board will be setting up on December 13, 2021 between the hours of 9am and 10am o'clock. Volunteers to set the table centerpieces and review the layout for the members when they arrive.

Cancel Pizza order for December 2021 only.

- On November 1, 2021 WRO member Bernice Sheffield peacefully passed away to the Lord. Your kindness, smile and your personality will be missed by all of us. You always

had a kind word about everyone. To Patty and Bill Marshall and Gloria Hawkins our prayers are with you and your family. To Edith Page family: The loss of your son in law..

- November 2, 2021 meeting with Laura Baer Jewish Family Service and Kelly Wright JFS. Discussion about what is available for WRO members who need rides.

We understand there are medical services at no cost. When it comes to social events we need to find what is available if any at all. Lauren, Kelly will check to see if there's grants available. Many WRO members are in need of a rides. Lauren will check with Gogo grandparents to see if they will transport members. They will also check with the assistant living.

I will check with Tiffany Rodriguez. What company delivers our prescriptions? Do they provide other services such as transportation for retirees? On-going. Check MVP.

“ Recovery Medicare” levels of income for a single is \$1469 a month total income for a couple is \$1980 a month eligibility.

- November 5, 2021, Courtney Roemer and I finished a questionnaire for WRO Workers United Retiree Organization. Member Memories. A variety of questions that include their name, country of origin, how many languages they speak optional, where did they work and how many years. Have you held WRO Officer or a board member? Also have you been a volunteer for the WRO organization? They're welcome to make general comments or memories they have. This includes their thoughts about the Pandemic for the last two years.
- November 5, 2021. Received a phone call from Tiffany Rodriguez, manager of Sidney Hillman Health Dr. Nicholas SHHC, Tiffany Rodriguez manager, Tom Edwards Pharmacy Manager. Pharmacist Tariq Chaudari & Dave Every, Reception Parker Mailloux & Ronnie Daymon. This event will be held November 9, 2021 . Thank you to the above names involved in the first Covid booster vaccines at SHHC. Sent an email to Tiffany Rodriguez that there's been a suggestion made by Caesarea Laughlin to have a label made to the back of those Covid cards that are laminated. Mrs. Rodriguez reached out to Dana Keaton on November 8, 2021. Mr. Keaton created a label that could be attached to the Covid cards. Thank you for Caesarea Laughlin's suggestion. We appreciate Mrs. Rodriguez and Dana Keaton who worked together to provide this in a short period of time.
- ~On November 9, 2021 covid booster vaccines Moderna will be available starting at 9 AM for all WRO members who are in need.
- ~ WRO Membership need to bring the Covid vaccine card
- ~ Booster vaccine will be recorded with your Covid card
- ~Members must have 6 / months between Covid vaccines.
- ~The booster is at No Cost to our members.
- ~Moderna Booster can be administered if you had the Pfizer vaccine
- ~Recommendations: drink water and you can eat anything you want.
- ~ You will be ask to sit for 15 minutes.
- I will start phone banking to all members starting on November 5-8. Mrs. Rodriguez will be available through email with any questions that WRO members have during phone

banking. On behalf of the WRO executive board We Thank Sidney Hillman Health Center for providing us with the Covid booster vaccine.

- Thanks to WRO participation over 20% have received the Booster vaccine, at Sidney Hillman Health Center.
- On Friday November 13, 2021 met with Betty Triest Chair of Membership. Reviewed results WRO members who have paid for our first Christmas party at Workers United Upstate Hall. The current count is 85 members and guests attending. Discussed funds collected \$1700. Other expenses in December. Will continue to send out letters to WRO 2022 Membership Drive. Thank you to Ann Marie Platania for Volunteering and collecting \$1000 on November 9, 2021 for our WRO Christmas party.
- November 29, 2021 called the Monroe county CDC spoke with Jim Bloomfield. My question to him: What are the guidelines for events? We meet CDC guidelines. All members, guests have the Covid vaccine and their booster. We do. Recommendations are to continue wearing a face mask, wash your hands, and social distance. Thank you Mr. Bloomfield for providing information.
- November 30, 2021 Rochester labor Council AFL CIO 2021 Annual Delicate Award dinner. Bill Marshall and I will be attending the event along with other members of Workers United Upstate New York.
- Funeral: Bill & Patty Marshall and I; WRO Members attended the Wake for Bernice Sheffield. Mrs. Sheffield was a long time member with a WRO. She enjoyed calling the bingo numbers and volunteering where she was needed. All friends and family wore the color purple to honor her life. Bernice you will be missed by all your WRO Members, friends and family.
- Funeral: Bill and I also attended a Funeral service held at Sacred Heart Cathedral for Benito Scarpa. Many WRO Officers and Board members Gitano & Teresa Auriuso, Alfredo & Marisa Sessa also in attendance Scarpa was a long time WRO member and Officer Sergeant of Arms. The mass was said in Italian by father Peter Van Lieshout. Words of remembrance by his daughter Rita Merante. "Dad, our father met our mother Anna in Italy. He returned to Italy with GTO, married our mother and had a six month honeymoon." Mr. Scarpa was a referee for the Lancers Soccer Team in Rochester, New York. He was born in Gioi Italy, which means "JOY" in English. He certainly brought Joy everywhere he went. He enjoyed gardening and wanted to Break Guinness world record for zucchini. He came close and grew a 15 foot zucchini. On behalf of the WRO Executive Board and WRO members our prayers are with both families.
- One of Santa's helpers Sarah Jones SHHC sent out an email informing us that Santa needs help with his annual collection for Hillside Special Santas and Lollypop Farm. These are two charities that are in need of help. The joy of Christmas is helping out a variety of charities who need your help this holiday season. Let the true spirit of

Christmas be with you this holiday season.
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Merry Christmas...to all and all a

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