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A Message From The Team...

Welcome to the Summer edition of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) newsletter!

We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in our company and how ILA is showing up within the community.

In this newsletter you can expect:

- Conference Highlights
- Event Updates
- Upcoming Fall Initiatives

ILA Team

Mary-Elizabeth Jaeger Honored as a “Woman of Distinction” June 11, 2026

Mary-Elizabeth Jaeger, ILA Assistant Controller and Executive Assistant to the International President, was honored with the **Mo’Hair Foundation’s “Men and Women of Distinction Award”** during its annual fundraising gala at Liberty House in Jersey City.



A fourth-generation ILA member, Jaeger joined the International staff in 2018 and has played an important role in modernizing the union’s financial systems and supporting major ILA events. She also serves as **Vice President/Recording Secretary of ILA Local 512.**

Her two daughters have continued the family tradition as fifth-generation ILA members.

Mo'Hair Foundation

“We are so proud of Mary Jaeger and grateful to the Mo'Hair Foundation for recognizing her,” said ILA International President Harold J. Daggett, who praised both her contributions to the International staff and her family's long history with the union.

ILA leaders and members joined Jaeger and her family for the celebration, continuing the union's tradition of supporting charitable organizations in its port communities.



The Mo'Hair Foundation provides complimentary nonsurgical hair replacements to adults and children experiencing medically related hair loss, helping restore confidence and self-esteem for individuals living with cancer, alopecia, lupus, and other conditions.

William Bernard Dudley Scholarship Gala

June 12, 2026

ILA Local 1233 brought members, families, and supporters together for its **4th Annual William Bernard Dudley Scholarship Gala, raising more than \$140,000 to support** students throughout the Greater Newark area.

The evening honored ILA Local 1233 Executive Board Member **Abdul Boone with the 2026 “Herbie Hall” Award** for distinguished service to ILA membership and the community. Port Newark Container Terminal CEO Jim Pelliccio received the 2026 Steward of Service and Leadership Award.

The annual gala honors the legacy of **William Bernard Dudley, who served six terms as President of Local 1233 and was a respected leader within the ILA and Newark community.** Following his passing in 2020, Local 1233 has continued his legacy through this annual event, investing in the education and future of local students.

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2026 "HERBIE HALL" RECIPIENT



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2026 STEWARD OF SERVICE &
LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT

A. Philip Randolph Institute Scholarship Dinner

ILA International Vice President and Local 1588 President Virgilio “Virgil” Maldonado was recognized at the A. Philip Randolph Institute Miami-Dade Chapter’s annual “Night in White” Clarence Pittman, Jr. Scholarship Dinner-Dance in Miami.



A 29-year ILA veteran who has served as President of Local 1588 since 2010, Maldonado was honored alongside leaders from labor and the Miami community for his service and leadership.

A. Philip Randolph Institute Scholarship Dinner

The annual celebration raises funds for the Clarence Pittman, Jr. Scholarship Fund, named in honor of the legendary ILA leader and longtime President of Local 1416. **The fund has awarded more than \$200,000** in educational scholarships to deserving students throughout South Florida.



The evening continued the ILA's tradition of supporting education, community leadership, and the next generation of students.

ILA Local 1416 Celebrates 90 Years of Service

June 23, 2026

ILA Local 1416 **celebrated its 90th anniversary** with members, families, elected officials, and community leaders in Miami, marking nine decades of service to the Port of Miami and the surrounding community.

Chartered on April 7, 1936, Local 1416 has provided longshore labor at the Port of Miami for generations, helping support its growth into the Cruise Capital of the World and keeping cargo and passenger operations moving.



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The anniversary celebration recognized the generations of members who built the Local's legacy, while looking ahead to its future. Local 1416 President Eugene Dixon emphasized that even as technology evolves, skilled longshore workers remain essential to the maritime industry.

Beyond the waterfront, Local 1416 has **become a strong community partner through scholarships, back-to-school programs, food distributions, holiday toy drives**, and other initiatives supporting families throughout Liberty City and surrounding neighborhoods.

After 90 years, Local 1416 continues its commitment to its members, the Port of Miami, and the community it proudly serves.



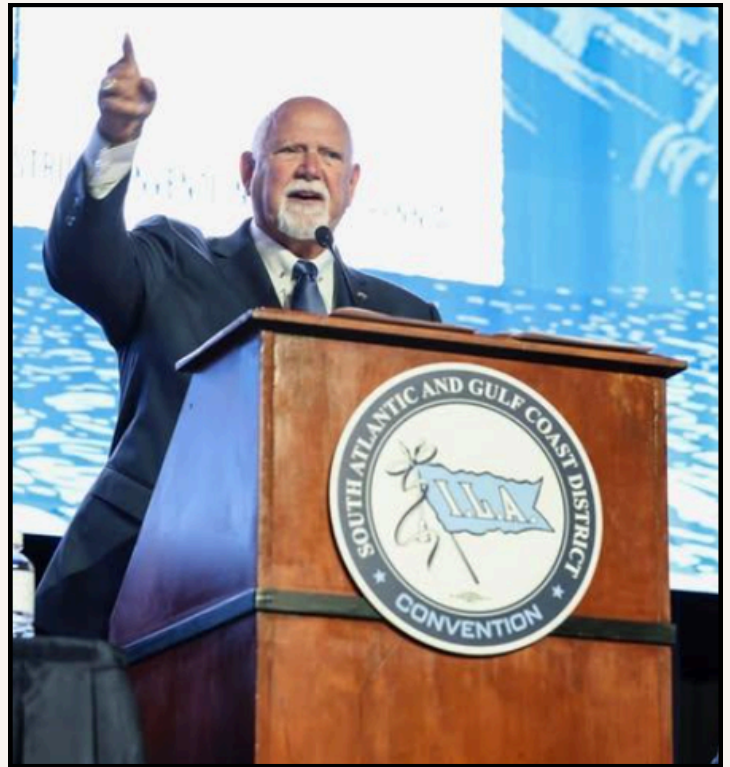
93rd SAGCD Convention

July 27-30, 2026

More than 1,000 delegates, officers, members, retirees, vendors, and guests gathered in Galveston, Texas, for the 93rd Convention o bringing the ILA family together

President Harold J. Daggett opened the Convention with a powerful address honoring the generations of ILA members and leaders.

Daggett highlighted the historic achievements secured in the current six-year ILA-USMX Master Contract. He urged members to remain focused on productivity as the ILA prepares for future negotiations and continues its fight to protect waterfront jobs.



“We can smile. We can feel good, but we cannot get lax.”

— Harold J. Daggett

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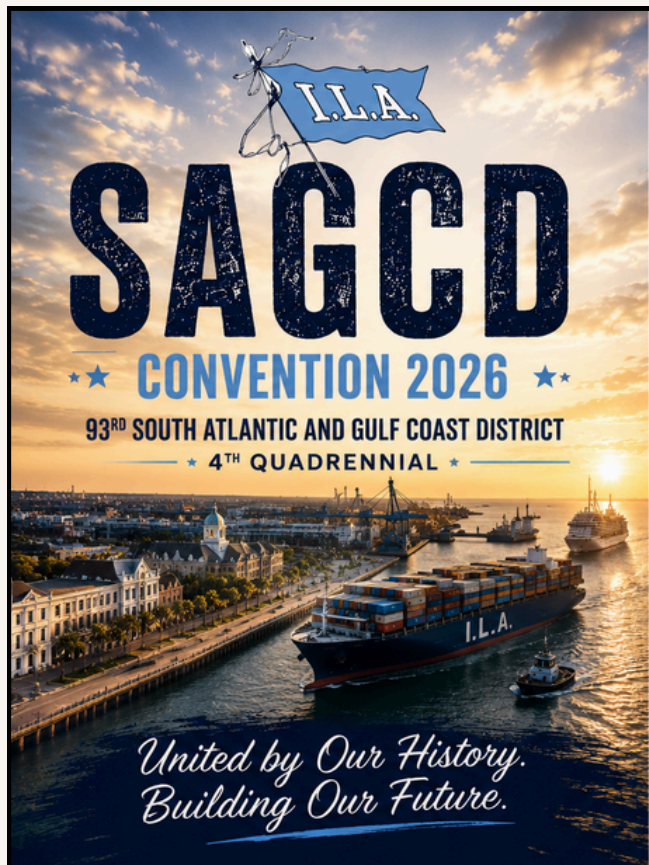


The Convention celebrated the strength and continuity of SAGCD leadership. Alan A. Robb was unanimously re-elected to his third term as District President, alongside the District's Executive Officers and Vice Presidents representing South Atlantic and Gulf ports. **ILA Executive Vice President Dennis A. Daggett administered the oath of office to the newly elected leadership team.**

Throughout the Convention, speakers paid tribute to the ILA pioneers whose sacrifices helped shape the union while looking ahead to the challenges facing today's maritime workforce—particularly the continued threat of port automation.

93rd SAGCD Convention

The week also provided plenty of opportunities for fellowship, beginning with a Welcome Pool Party and a historic first for an ILA convention: a drone light show featuring hundreds of synchronized drones illuminating the Texas sky with images celebrating ILA history, pride, crafts, and members.



The 93rd SAGCD Convention reinforced a message that carried throughout the week: honor the union's history, protect the gains of today, and remain united in building the ILA's future

UPCOMING EVENTS

Below are events the ILA Community is looking forward to, stay tuned for the next edition!

- Local 1233 3rd Annual Golf Outing
- Local 342 Golf Outing on September 9th,
- Local 1804-1 Golf Outing on September 14th
- Local 1235 Golf Outing on September 22nd
- IDC General Assembly in Rio Nov 17-19
- Civil and Women Rights Award Gala Nov 7th

*Thank you for
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