ANNUAL SHOP STEWARD AND KEY MEMBER SEMINAR

The 2012 Shop Stewards and Key Member Seminar was well attended by over forty Shop Stewards, key members and union staff. The attendees enjoyed the benefits of three guest speakers and received a few helpful tools such as Stewards information literature, portfolio and a copy of A Unions Story on DVD.

The event was organized by Local 813 Vice President Cliff Lewis.

The Guest Speakers included:

Chuck Stiles, International organizer for the Solid Waste Division. Chuck is a hands on, successful organizer assigned to address this years seminar by Bob Morales director of the Solid Waste Division. He is also an old and trusted friend to Local 813 who, as many of you know, has worked with us in a number of organizing campaigns. Chuck discussed the importance bringing new members into the union and the challenges and rewards of organizing. Attendees went home with the benefits of his broad knowledge and experiences including how to make an initial contact and how to provide the local union with good, solid detailed leads for organizing.

Letitia James, New York City Councilwoman from the 35th District in Brooklyn, New York. Letitia James addressed the members with energy. She discussed the difficulties of organized labor in today's environment including anti labor sentiments in politics and the war on the middle class. Councilwoman James stressed the importance for union members to vote on Election Day.

Andy Core, Work-Life & Human Performance Expert. Andy's is an award winning motivational speaker. His time with us was sponsored by Cigna Health Care. Andy engaged our members and challenged us to live a more balanced life with the tools he has given us including sleep and nutrition management to reduce stress and increase energy. A balanced life style for members results in a longer and healthier life after retirement and reduces the cost of healthcare for the membership.

Don't forget to attend next years Shop Stewards Seminar. All interested members are invited to attend.