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A New Year - 2008 Promises and Challenges

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WHAT'S NEW?

PENSION TRUST UPDATE

As bargained for and achieved, our Pension Trust is being formed. Though exciting and new, a Pension Trust is not an overnight project but an intricate built partnership that requires many long hours of preparation. Great strides are being made to lay a solid foundation. No shortcuts will be taken. The migration from the old pension plans to the new OCU Pension Trust will be complete by the end of 2008. The transition will be seamless lending peace of mind, stability, and security, so whether you retire today or 30 years from now, your pension benefits will be there when you need them.

TWIC COMPLIANCE - YOU'LL NEED IT FOR TERMINAL ACCESS

For the latest news and info regarding the Transportation Worker ID Credential Card, you may go to www.tsa.gov/twic or you may contact the TWIC Program Help Desk at (866) 347-8942.

A SLOW DOWN?

As the Union officers visit a number of sites, they have been informed of a drop in cargo volume. Our dispatch line has not been called upon as frequently. The slowdown does not only

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affect our temporary workers, but the quantity of work provided to permanent workers. As within any business cycle, this is normal. The first quarter of the year, is always slower and when new ocean rates are negotiated, first week in May, business begins to pick up. One area of the business we work in may be slower while another area is booming or, ALL areas are booming and everyone is busy.

The future forecast though is good. Increases in all areas over the next few months is expected.

We are optimistic that things will steadily pick up.

HEALTH & WELFARE Q & A

The transfer of the insurance coverage to the newly formed OCU Health & Welfare Trust is complete.

Q - If I have a problem with my insurance coverage, who can I call to help me?

A - The Trust Plan Administrators: ATPA (626) 434-2469. They are managing all aspects of our insurance plans.

Q - As a temporary worker, what makes me eligible for coverage and when?

A - Before 1/1/09, there is no change to eligibility. Starting 07/01/08 if you work 800 hours by the end of the year, you would become eligible for coverage on 01/01/09. Refer to Article XXXVI language for exact details.

