

# **Community Service/GDA Committee Report**

## **IAM District Lodge 142**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Las Vegas, NV**

Good morning/afternoon PDGC John Coveny, Brothers, Sisters, and Siblings,

My name is Shay Blodgett, Local 2259 PHX. I serve as the Community Service /GDA Committee Chairperson.

The Committee would like to thank our General Chairs Sandy Field and Carrie Lessley for their guidance and support.

We would also like to thank District 141 Community Service Director Cristina Odoari for assisting and inspiring our committee.

I would like to introduce our Committee Secretary, Andrea Mondoy-Honaker Local 2202 SEA to deliver our report.

The Community Service/GDA Committee met on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the Sunset 5 room. Our committee included:

- Dana Birch, 1903M
- Mark DeLuke, 1903M
- Barbara Gafford Tron, 1932
- Amy Mell, 845
- Edward Brathwaite, 1725
- Vaa Sefo, 601
- Jeneer Teagle, 846
- Talitha Tongauiha, 2559
- Delongo Turner, 1782

The members of our committee engaged in thoughtful discussions about different ways we can get involved within our communities and the importance of upholding the IAM motto, “Justice on the Job, Service to the Community.” We are grateful for the opportunity to meet

with our Siblings to share these ideas and to learn how we can strengthen community service in our union.

The committee would like to make and endorse the following recommendations:

**Recommendation #1:**

Establish a District 142 Community Service Committee and Community Service Chair.

**Recommendation #2:**

Incorporate a Guide Dogs of America Tender Loving Canines video into the IAM New Hire Orientation.

**Recommendation #3:**

Create a District 142 charitable donation program which includes a charitable donation form where Locals can request a monetary donation or an item such as golf clubs that will be used to support a fundraising cause.

**Recommendation #4:**

Locals, when able, should establish a Community Service Committee and host or support at least two community service events or projects each year.

**Recommendation #5:**

Ask the Executive Board, Vice President of each Territory, Districts, and Locals, to design a Challenge Coin to be produced and sold with all proceeds going to Guide Dogs of America Tender Loving Canines.

This concludes our committee's report.

We ask at this time for its acceptance and adoption.