

# MEMBERS AT WORK



**1** MEBA members Bob Burke (l) and Mike Blevins sport their new MEBA watches. The gold watches are given as a token of appreciation to members who contribute at least \$1,000 to the MEBA Political Action Fund (PAF) which helps keep the Union strong.

**2** Chief Engineer Don McKenzie with a tech rep aboard the new Matson ship MANUKAI. They are inspecting a crankcase and getting ready for the replacement of the main bearing.

**3** Early on in the race, MEBA threw its support behind San Francisco Mayoral candidate Gavin Newsom. Under Executive V.P. Bud Jacque, MEBA's San Francisco hall spearheaded a vigorous campaign backing Newsom who vindicated their efforts when voters elected him as their new Mayor in a December vote. Left to right is MEBA S.F. Patrolman Jon Anderson, Angelina Ramos who has coordinated political activities at the hall, Mayor-elect Newsom and S.F. Representative Kevin Nichols. MEBA S.F. attended over 100 functions in support of Newsom.

**4** For the fourth year in a row, MEBA bussed in cadets from California Maritime Academy on a field trip to MEBA's San Francisco hall. Among other things, MEBA reps answered questions, discussed applicant sign-up procedures and carried out a mock job call.

**5** MEBA Day Engineer Mark Resleff working on a fuel pump aboard the ASM vessel PRESIDENT ADAMS.



# FACES AROUND THE FLEET



**6** MEBA's negotiating team is plugging away on a new contract for members working on the ferries in the Alaska Marine Highway System. Left to right is Pete Eberle (AMHS), Bob Seidman (AMHS), John McCurdy (Seattle Branch Agent), Doug Wickery (AMHS), Ben Goldrich (Juneau Rep.), Joe Geldhof (MEBA Legal Rep.) and Bud Jacque (MEBA Executive V.P.).



**7** MEBA represents the workers aboard the Cape May-Lewes ferry system that traverses between Delaware and New Jersey. Left to right is Roberta Young, Baltimore Branch Agent Bill Van Loo, Patty Lavelle, George Nason and Spencer Lynch.



**8** At the November Union hall meeting in Tampa, MEBA President Ron Davis congratulated area members who have contributed at least \$1,000 to the Political Action Fund (PAF). The PAF helps give the Union a voice on Capitol Hill. See your local hall official to see how you can assist our Union. President Davis presented gold MEBA watches to those members who reached the magic mark. In the front row (l-r) is Tampa Rep. Art Hemmings, Chuck Nisi, and Gulf Coast V.P. Marc Huber. In the back (l-r) is David Janes, Peter Martin, Kevin Behen, Bob Ohler, and Pres. Ron Davis. Tampa members in the \$1,000 club that are not pictured include Rick King and Fred Heppard.



**9** After 27 years of service with the Alaska Marine Highway System and the MEBA, (the last 11 years as Chief Engineer aboard the M/V TUSTAMENA), Louie L. Jones has retired. Along with a letter of commendation from Alaska Governor Frank Murkowski, Chief Jones received a plaque from his fellow MEBA Engineers. Pictured from left to right is Dennis Krumm (1st A/E), Charlie Keifer (2nd A/E), George Poor (Senior Port Engineer), Louie Jones (C/E), and Paul Johnsen (Port Engineer).



**10** George Clements spent a long and colorful career with the MEBA that dated back to the early 1960s. He finally hung up his boiler suit and shipped off toward his well-deserved retirement in October. He had spent the last decade working at MEBA Headquarters and serving as the resident authority on everything. Come on back anytime George!

**11** Dennis Kenny is the 3rd A/E aboard the newbuild LMSR BENAVIDEZ managed by Patriot Contract Services for the Military Sealift Command. The vessel wrapped up last minute retooling, shifted into Full Operating Status (FOS) and sailed off to support Operation Enduring Freedom. (Photo courtesy of Moose Mallini.)

