



IMPORTANT UNION MEETING INFO

The next general membership meeting is **Sunday, February 28, 2010, at Teamsters Local 115's Union Hall, 2833 Cottman Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19149.** It will begin at 10 A.M. sharp, and free parking is available.

QUICK HITS...

Hang Up on Telemarketers — Especially if you're victimized by some of their illegal calling tactics, says *Phila. Inquirer* reporter Jeff Gelles. Despite the federal "Do Not Call" law and registry (and its stronger 2008 update), telemarketers are using "techno-tricks" to evade and flaunt the federal no-call laws, such as:

☎ Using "robotic" or "predictive" dialers to make hundreds of calls simultaneously, then to shift calls that get answered to live operators for the sales pitch,

☎ Using recorded messages as a sales tool, then "inviting" consumers who answer to "Press 1 to learn more," and

☎ Disguising ("spoofing") their phone numbers, even using deceptive names (on caller IDs) like "Account" or "Card Services" to fool consumers into picking up the receiver.

Federal Trade Commission data shows that the number of consumer complaints about these unwanted phone calls have jumped by almost 40% since 2006, to 1.8 million last year. Harried consumers can fight back by registering their land and cell phone numbers on the federal "Do Not Call" list, and by filing complaints against offending telemarketers. To register a phone number, verify a previous registration, or to make a complaint, check out the FTC's "Do Not Call" website at www.donotcall.gov, or call 1-888-382-1222. Stop these phone thieves while protecting your privacy!

Member's Son a TV Star... Thanks to the megahit FOX show *Kitchen Nightmares*, which featured local Fishtown eatery *The Hot Potato* and **Brian McCann**, son of 115 member **Kevin McCann (Allen Bros)**.

Superstar chef Gordon Ramsey visited the Girard Ave. eatery last summer to work with its owners and staff — including Brian — to revive the menu, décor & business. Aired on 1/27/10, the show had lots of drama, colorful language and crying — but not from Brian, who held his own against the fiery Ramsey.

Rumor has it that the Hot Potato's chef has received tons of marriage proposals since the show aired...how about you, Brian? Congrats to Brian, Kevin and their family on a great event!

NUFF SAID!



"A tip jar does not constitute a raise!"



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