

Thank you for calling Local 1262's Information Hotline. This is the latest update from President Harvey Whille as of Friday, June 23 and contains two messages. This hotline is updated here and on our website www.ufcw1262.org - every Friday morning and more frequently as needed to ensure our members are fully informed.

The UFCW's Free Online Language Program is now open for online registration and is available on a first-come first-serve basis. The classes will begin July 1 and end on September 30. There are more than 70 languages to choose from including English as a Second Language. To register visit www.ufcw.org/language/

Our second message is a little history about Local 1262.

Did you know that today, June 23, is the day that Local 1262 was chartered 82 years ago?

On June 23, 1941 Local 1262 was chartered by the Retail Clerks International Union.

In 1979 the Retail Clerks Union merged with the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America to form the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, one of the largest unions in the United States representing more than 1.5 million workers in the US and Canada.

Just a little history. Prior to World War II retail food workers in the Northern New Jersey and Metro New York area were employed in "Mom and Pop" food outlets that were small and only employed a few workers per store. After World War II, the age of the supermarket and giant food retailers began, as veterans returning from the War began to take advantage of growth and a change in lifestyle which fostered many communities and encouraged the building of larger stores with more employees. The full effect of the age of the modern supermarket increased the sale of retail food and, in the 1950s and 1960s, many new methods of food merchandising began to change the complexion of the retail food industry.

Today, the supermarket industry continues to evolve and change. But one thing that has not changed over the past 82 years is Local 1262's commitment to our members.

As always, I thank you – our more than 20, 000 members here in New Jersey and New York - for your ongoing dedication and service to your communities. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your president.

That concludes this hotline.

Concerns At Your Workplace?

Contact your Union Representative at 1-800-562-6913 (from New Jersey)

or 1-800-526-7814 (from other states).

We are here for you seven days a week.

FOR WEBSITE ADD: You can also listen to this message by calling Local 1262's Information Hotline at 888-438-1262.