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## The IAM District 190 SPARKPLUG

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## UNION PEOPLE

### After 60 years, Local 2182 honors Pinky McNeely in many ways

For 30 consecutive years, Pinky McNeely served as president of Local 2182. Having passed the torch in December of 2023, he is currently the local's Vice President.

"Pinky served as a delegate to the district and has been there for us for as long as we can remember," says ADBR Mark Martin.

He joined the union in 1964, working as a painter. The last Machinist shop that he worked at was Capital Oldsmobile in Sacramento, which closed in the 1980s.

"In October, 2024, at our local lodge meeting, we dedicated our meeting hall to Pinky. It will forever be remembered as the Pinky McNeely Hall," Martin adds.

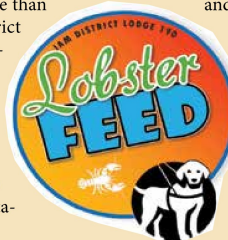


Not only was he recognized for his 60 years of membership in the IAM, and 30 years as President, but Local 2182 named their meeting hall for dedicated leader and member Pinky McNeely.

### 2025 Lobster Feed meets funding goal for Guide Dogs

The exact numbers aren't yet final, but it looks like the sponsors and more than 200 people who attended District 190's 2025 Lobster Feed in Burlingame on February 8 will have raised more than \$12,000 to contribute to the Guide Dogs of America, the IAM's long-time charity.

In addition to lobster, guests feasted on artichokes, garlic, potatoes, sausage, corn, fresh baked baguettes, salad, and pasta.



"We got to meet some guide dogs and their people, enjoy a fabulous feast, and we even launched our first silent auction at this event," says Districting Business Rep Don Crosatto. "We look forward to many more years of supporting this important cause."



Upper Left: Chief chef—Business Rep Robby Pintos displays a live lobster.

Above: (from left) GDA VP Zach Gittlen, Tracy (the mom) and Ian, her autistic 16-year-old who doesn't talk, but whose GDA dog Timone enables him to connect with his family. Speaking is Pastor Albert Macklin from the New Sweet Home Temple of Deliverance, also a GDA recipient.

Top: District 190 and event staff Patricia Larriega and Donna Davis. Above: Some of the silent auction items.



Above and Center: The food is prepared outdoors.

Right: In the kitchen, the 1101 crew—Richard and Ali Breckenridge, and Pedro Gonzalez—make pasta.



After the cooking is done, the food is carefully laid out on tables, for the diners' delight.

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