

MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE

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E-BULLETIN



Dear seafarers!

Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine takes care of you and your families not only when you are ashore, but when you are at the sea. In order to keep you informed about our activities, we designed this monthly E-BULLETIN which guides you through all our achievements and events provided by our Union. Any suggestions and proposal are welcome. Stay connected!

Yours sincerely, Oleg Grygoriuk
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World AIDS Day 2016

World AIDS Day is celebrated on December 1 to raise the awareness of the AIDS pandemic caused by the spread of HIV infection, and to mourn those who have died of the disease. For more than 10 years already, on December 1 the MTWTU organizes various social campaigns aimed at informing on HIV related issues. This year was no exception – the MTWTU organized and held an information session for the cadets of the Odessa Maritime College of Technical Fleet of the National University “Odessa Maritime Academy”. The cadets also had a chance to take a free and anonymous HIV testing. In addition, the HIV information materials were distributed to the crewing agencies.

The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine is convinced that only the joint efforts can contribute to achievement of the main goal of getting to Zero New HIV Infections.



Seafarers learnt of where to find the Fantastic Beasts together with the Union

The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine invited the seafarers – MTWTU members together with their families to watch the highly anticipated fantasy premiere – Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them.

Seafarers filled the hall of Rodina Cinema ready to plunge into the magical world of magic and adventure, empathizing with the main characters.

MTWTU members are always happy to attend movie premieres and note that the Union always makes a good and correct choice of films for the screenings – a small holiday with family and colleagues.

Country-style day off

On 26 and 27 November the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine invited the seafarers, MTWTU members,

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registered with LBSTUS and working on ships of two Norwegian shipowners, collaborating closely with the Union, to spend time with their families at the Uncle Bo Ranch – to relax in country style in a cowboy saloon.



The morning activities included horse and cart riding, domestic animal feed: fresh air, nature, family and colleagues around – what could be better! Later on the guests proceed to the camp, where the animators – Captain Jack and his faithful boatswain Mary conducted remarkable contests for both children and adults. The busy day ended up with bowling and billiards.



The seafarers and their families expressed their gratitude to the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine for a wonderful holiday, and as noted by one of our guests, it was “the most gorgeous day in her life”.



Trade union solidarity helped to save the life

The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine received an application from the MTWTU member Chief Officer Andrey Zelyonyi of Claus Peter Offen. A year ago, Zelyonyi family suffered a terrible disaster: their three year old daughter Salomiya got terrible diagnoses and it was crucial to perform an urgent and expensive surgery. Only German surgeons agreed to perform the required surgery, but the amount announced by the foreign doctors was unaffordable for the family.



Andrey Zelyonyi applied for help to the MTWTU: “I have always been closely following the work of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine and I know how many good deeds the Union has done and does. So I decided to ask the MTWTU for help and this decision saved my daughter's life”.



And, indeed, the Union did not remain indifferent to the situation of the Zelyonyi family. First Vice Chairman MTWTU Oleg Grygoriuk made every effort to provide the seafarer with all the assistance required.