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OSARC newsletter

Celebrate the Season with OSARC!

Every year, the union hosts a gala holiday party at the Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn. This year, the union's holiday party is the evening

of Thursday, December 15th and we hope you've ordered your tickets. If you haven't, there is information elsewhere in this issue of the *Newsletter*.

In addition, OSARC hosts an extravaganza of food and entertainment at our December program, this year from 12:30-2:30pm on Wednesday, December 14th.

For the ninth straight year, OSARC's December meeting will feature a "feast" with extra-special, delicious 'goodies,' along with OSARC's own home-grown talent performing for us all, as well as the opportunity to join with your brothers and sisters in singing songs of the season.

It is safe to say, if you don't come and you don't share, why you'll never know what you're missing.

Over the past few years, we have been treated to wonderful performances of poetry, literature, drama, and song. If you have a special talent you wish to contribute, give Co-Chair Teddy White a call at 917-821-5597 and let him know what you can contribute to the event.

If you play an instrument, sing, perform stand-up comedy, recite poetry, act or do mime, we need you. Step up to the mic. You'll have a good time and your brothers and sisters will be grateful.

Your OSARC Dues For 2017 Are Due In January

An early warning that next month's *Newsletter* will be accompanied by your annual membership renewal notice. When you receive the January *Newsletter*, we ask that you promptly mail a check or money order payable to "OSARC," along with the green membership form, back to the union in the envelope provided. A team of agile OSARC volunteers will be working to process your dues. It makes life a whole lot easier for them if you pay promptly. Meantime, best wishes for a happy and healthy new year to you and yours!

Next Organization of Staff Analysts' Retirees Club Meeting

Wednesday • December 14, 2016 • 12:30pm-2:30pm

OSARC's Holiday Extravaganza

Guest Performers: Talented OSARCers (and, hopefully, YOU) will share music, song, and other artistic expression. Food will be much more festive than usual.

We'll Be Seeing You In All The Old Familiar Places



Stan Greenberg

Thirty-two (32) OSARC members and friends attended the November OSARC meeting:

Hakimah Al-Zahra, Jean Anmuth, Rafiu Balogun, Rebecca Onoh Balogun, Renee Bash, Maxine Batie, Andrea Behrens, Michael Chakrin, Joyce Cleveland, Bonnie Dermack, Bill Douglas, Manny Friedman, Stan Greenberg, Richard Greene, Al Gundersheimer, Betty Henderson, Edmond Husbands, Roslyn Jones, Glenn Joseph, Jane Kelly, Rosanne Levitt, John Mazzarella, Nancy Russell, Michael Schady, Andrew Sessa, Sallie

Stroman, Hattie Thomas, Nadine Valenti, Alan Vengersky, Dorothy Wallace, Jay Warshofsky, Theodore White

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

In Memoriam

With sadness, we report the deaths of four retirees. Gertrude Porter retired in 2002 as a Staff Analyst at the Administration for Children's Services. Nils Roest retired in 1994 as an Associate Staff Analyst at the Human Resources Administration. Olga Vargas retired in 2007 as a Healthcare Program Planning Analyst at HHC's Metropolitan Hospital Center. Finally, Carmelo Carbone, a member of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, retired from the Department of Transportation where he worked on the Staten Island Ferry.

The Newsletter extends its condolences to the family and friends of these retirees.

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OSARC Calendar For 2016-2017

Although all OSARC programs are subject to change if developments warrant, you should mark your calendar for the following monthly program dates:

Meeting Date Program Topic

Retiree Holiday Celebration
Speaker on Genealogy
Speaker on Tax Preparation
Speaker from the National Action Network
Annual Trip – Destination To Be Decided
(Note change of date due to Passover)
Officer election and Speaker from the NYS
Alliance for Retired Americans
Gala June Luncheon at Tony's
DiNapoli Restaurant in Midtown

Union Holiday Party Ticket Deadline Approaching

The union's annual holiday party at Grand Prospect Hall in Brooklyn is set for Thursday night, December 15th from 5pm to 9pm. It's a great night with great food, a great dj and dancing. A while back you should have received a flyer outlining the \$15 per ticket price for OSA retirees and your spouse or domestic partner. Additional tickets beyond the two are available at \$25 up to a grand total of four tickets per member.

If you have not already ordered tickets and wish to attend, please call George Morgan at the union office at 212-686-1229 for instructions on how you can still obtain tickets.

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Dorothy Wallace reading last month's Newsletter

Remembering Those Who Serve on Veteran's Day

by Jane Kelly, OSARC Secretary

November 11th is Veterans Day and we remember those who have served and those who continue to serve. At the November 9th meeting, several OSARC members who have service members in their families spoke eloquently and with pride and concern about their children and loved ones who serve to protect this country and the world.

So thank you to those who are currently serving, leaving families and security behind. Thank you to those who have served in times of war and times of peace. And thank you to the families who struggle with knowing their loved one may be in harm's way while deployed. We salute you!

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GHI Data Blunder

by Meghan Dunn

On October 13, 2016, EmblemHealth affiliate Group Health, Inc. (GHI), discovered that personally identifiable information — namely, member health insurance claim numbers (HICN) which contained complete social security numbers — had been accidentally printed on mailing labels and affixed to certain members' Medicare Part D Evidence of Coverage packages. These packages were mailed between October 3, 2016 and October 14, 2016. You should have already received a letter from EmblemHealth concerning this data breach, but we are summarizing this incident again here — and the steps that EmblemHealth has taken to address it — given the security precautions we (and they) are urging our members to take.

What Happened? GHI assigns each of their members a "mailing identifier" that allows them to keep track of the mailings they send, but contains no personal member information. This time around, the "mailing identifier" that GHI intended to use was "mistakenly replaced" with the members' HICN, which mirrors the Social Security number.

EmblemHealth noted: "As a result, your proper name and address appeared on the external mailing label of the evidence of coverage documents package, along with the nine digits of your Social Security number that were listed as the package number (PKG#) located above the barcode. At no time were the nine digits identified as your Social Security number and no health information or financial information about you was disclosed."

There have not been any reported cases of GHI's member information being improperly used or accessed as of November 14. Nevertheless, EmblemHealth will be providing affected members with free credit repair and monitoring service for 24 months – which includes a dedicated helpline

(1-855-865-4454) for any questions-and a \$1 million identity theft insurance policy through AllClear ID, a leading identity protection service provider. To take advantage of the monitoring you have to enroll with the company and provide certain personal information either online at enroll.allclearid.com or by calling the phone number above and providing the redemption code mailed to you by EmblemHealth. The phone line can be reached Monday through Saturday from 9am to 9pm Eastern Standard Time.

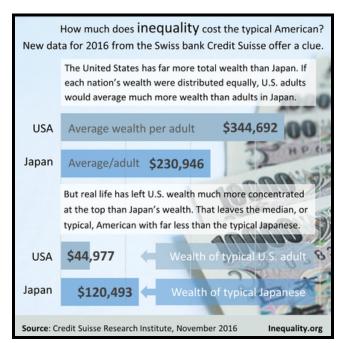


Joyce Cleveland

In addition to taking advantage of this protection, if you still have the "Evidence of Coverage" package, EmblemHealth urges you to be sure to remove the mailing label from the outside of the packaging (located in the upper right hand corner) and dispose of it in a secure manner.

You can also excercise and ask questions about your privacy rights by reading Emblem's Notice of Privacy Practices at emblemhealth.com/privacy. You may also file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Office for Civil Rights by calling 1-800-368-1019.

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From inequality.org. Self-explanatory, we'd say.

36 Reasons You Might Want to Thank Unions

We are grateful to OSARCer Pat Lynch who passed along the following list of 36 achievements which you might take for granted but which were due to the struggle of organized labor over the decades. The list was compiled by Local 537 of the Utility Workers Union of America. Pass it along to a younger worker or relative you know. There are probably more reasons, but these make for a good start.



Sallie Stroman

- 1 Weekends
- 2 Breaks, Including Lunch
- 3 Paid Vacations
- 4 Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
- 5 Sick Leave
- 6 Social Security
- 7 Minimum Wage
- 8 Civil Rights Act Title 7 Prohibiting Employer Discrimination
- 9 8 Hour Work Days
- 10 Overtime Pay
- 11 Child Labor Laws
- 12 Occupational Safety & Health Act & OSHA
- 13 40 Hour Work Week
- 14 Worker's Compensation
- 15 Unemployment Insurance
- 16 Pensions
- 17 Employer Provided Health Insurance
- 18 Workplace Safety Standards and Regulations
- 19 Collective Bargaining Rights
- 20 Wrongful Termination Laws
- 21 Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967
- 22 Whistleblower Protection Laws
- 23 Employee Polygraph Protection Act
- 24 Veteran's Employment and Training Services
- 25 Compensation Increases and Evaluations (Raises)
- 26 Sexual Harassment Laws
- 27 Americans With Disabilities Act
- 28 Holiday Pay
- 29 Employer provided Dental, Vision and Life Insurance
- 30 Privacy Rights
- 31 Pregnancy and Parental Leave
- 32 Military Leave
- 33 The Right to Strike
- 34 Public Education for Children
- 35 Equal Pay Acts of 1963 and 2011
- 36 Laws Ending Sweatshops in the US

Despite Trump's Promises To Leave Social Security "As Is," His Transition Team Includes Privatizers

by Meghan Dunn

During his campaign for the presidency, Donald Trump time and time again insisted that he would leave Social Security "as is," but recent appointments to his Social Security Administration (SSA) transition team speak louder than his promises.

At the Miami GOP presidential debate in March, Trump proclaimed he would "do everything within his power not to touch Social Security, to leave it the way it is." In August, his campaign spoke with *CNN Money* and said that "we will not cut Medicare or Social Security benefits, but protect them both."

However, at least two of the four members he has named to helm his SSA transition team have a long record of hostility towards the program.

Zaid Jilani in *The Intercept* reports, "unions representing Social Security employees reported that they had been notified [in an email] of the names of four SSA veterans who were picked to run the transition team. They are Mike Korbey, former senior advisor to the principal deputy commissioner in George W. Bush's SSA; former Reagan SSA Commissioner Dorcas Hardy; former SSA Inspector General Patrick O'Carroll; and former SSA General Counsel David Black."

Michael Korbey helped spearhead Bush's failed effort to privatize Social Security with the creation of private accounts. Dorcas Hardy helped launch a major conservative drive to convert the program into a private investment fund.

According to the AFL-CIO affiilated Alliance for Retired Americans, "Korbey has tried to eliminate or cut Social Security for decades. Back in 1996, he said of Social Security: "It's a failed system, broken and bankrupt' and that although cuts would hurt seniors, 'the government needed to focus on other constituents."

Jilani correctly notes that "the SSA cannot unilaterally privatize the program." Such an action would require legislation passed by Congress and signed by the president. He is also correct to caution that Trump's selections for the SSA are certainly "a signal that he may be far more open to cutting benefits or privatizing the program than he let on."



Rosanne Levitt

Wounded by PTSD

By Jane Kelly, OSARC Secretary

Ed Husbands, OSARC member and Club Co-Chair, delivered a compelling presentation on the subject of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) at OSARC's November meeting. Ed is a retired Associate Supervisor of School Security in the NYPD.

Held the day after Donald Trump's electoral college triumph, Ed noted that, after



Ed Husbands

the results of the prior evening, perhaps some may be suffering from traumatic shock which, for most people, will fade with time. However, for some, a traumatic shock may lead to PTSD. PTSD has been in the public consciousness as it relates to members of our military returning from the Middle East.

What is PTSD and what are the triggers? Ed reported that PTSD is a mental health problem that some people develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, like combat, a natural disaster, a car accident, sexual assault or a terrorist attack. During these events a person may not have any control over what is happening, and may be very afraid. Anyone can develop PTSD.

Ed observed that it is normal to have upsetting memories, feel on edge, or have trouble sleeping after this type of event. At first, it may be hard to do normal activities, but most

people feel better after a few weeks or m o n t h s . I f symptoms continue, it is recommended that help be sought. For various reasons, some people do not seek help. Although help is available, left untreated, PTSD will not be relieved.

Ed shared that he is a Vietnam era veteran and a member of "Warrior Watch Riders Motorcycle Club." The club is

dedicated to the support of returning military members and their families. One of their acts of support is to accompany fallen soldiers to their final resting place. The other arena in which the club provides support is to veterans suffering from PTSD.

Ed cited a sad, staggering statistic that twenty-two veterans commit suicide every day in the United States. In an effort to bring awareness to what they perceive as a health



care crisis, the leader of Warrior Watch Riders issued a challenge to club members to perform 22 pushups a day for 22 days. A patch and challenge coin would be awarded. Some members, like our Ed, uploaded their daily tribute to social media. In Ed's case he has continued the challenge daily for nearly 200 days. Way to go, Ed!

Ed pointed out that the Veterans' Administration offers PTSD clinics and the VA web site offers support techniques and clinic locations.

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Services Agency and the private National Alliance on Mental Illness have information on PTSD for non-veterans. Here are a few links online:

http://www.ptsd.va.gov/index.asp



Artwork by OSARC Col-Chair Theodore White

www.findtreatment .samhsa.gov

www.nami.org.

You can learn more about Warrior Watch Riders at www.warriors watch.org.

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COMRO Report

The Committee of Municipal Retiree Organizations (COMRO) meets monthly, drawing representatives of the retiree sections of various municipal unions, including OSA, for a meeting on subjects of retiree interest. The following report is based on minutes prepared by COMRO Secretary Stu Eber.

COMRO President John Hyland discussed Jewish Association Serving the Aging events. You can go to their website at www.jasa.org for a complete list. COMRO may invite JASA Executive Director Molly Krakowski to address COMRO.

Much of the COMRO meeting was taken up by an open discussion of the 2016 presidential election. COMRO President John Hyland allowed everyone at least one chance to express their opinion of the election and future directions. Among the opinions offered were:

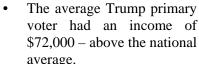
- Pollsters did not understand how many people are living in poverty. Health care costs are destroying a lot of people.
- Democrats and the unions didn't contact the right people the right way. We need to learn how to use email and social media more effectively. Look at how Bernie Sanders communicated with young people in the primary.
- Democrats and labor need to change our ground game and be in touch after the election to develop new relationships. Help us to learn what the people feel are the real issues. People in Florida complained when we called, "People knocked on my door 21 times after ignoring me for four years."

Al Gundersheimer

- Young, disenfranchised, undereducated white people elected him. Our schools have cut out civics, history, etc. from the curriculum. People need to learn and understand the importance of interdependency among all people.
- There is a need to emphasize grass roots organizing in order to overcome the coastal/central dichotomy.
- The number of private sector union jobs continues to shrink. Public sector workers are targets. Most working class people are without

unions or good paying jobs. When you have no one

representing you, you believe a charlatan multi-billionaire from New York City who builds luxury housing while paying no taxes. What can labor do to rebuild the private sector unions? As for the public sector unions, the Supreme Court will likely rehear Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association with a 5-4 conservative majority.





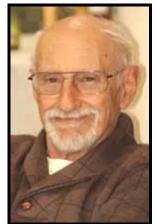
Jay Warshofsky

- Trump talked about cops being killed; Clinton didn't. People voted for him because she doesn't represent workers. Black Lives Matter is seen by many as an attack on cops. There was a white backlash against "political correctness." People were receptive to Bernie Sanders' message. Everybody else is getting something, but we are not. Labor needs to deal with this. Going forward, we need to focus on increasing the minimum wage.
- The Democrats won the popular vote even though main constituencies showed up in lower numbers than in 2012. The African-American vote was 6% lower. Democrats and labor didn't use winning issues. "Are you better off today than you were eight years ago?" Unions need to improve their internal organizations.
- Children at school the day after the election told their teachers they are afraid of being taken out of the country.
- While employment numbers are going up, the percentage of people working full time is going down. There was a massive paradigm shift of people from the Democrats to the Republicans. Propaganda, not issues or information, fills the media and campaigns. Trump is selling BS.
- The American people keep on throwing out the party in power. Except for George H.W. Bush in 1988, the outs have won the White House at the end of every two term presidential term since Eisenhower won in 1952. Most off-year elections also reflect an anti-White House sentiment. Trump represented change to enough people in swing states. Labor and Democrats' best hope now is Chuck Schumer and the Democrats in the Senate using the filibuster to stop the worst of Trump.
- Most voted for Clinton here. New York and California are blue states. There was an anti-Obama, anti-incumbent backlash among traditional Democratic voters. Bernie Sanders' ideas were in the platform, but they did not reach the swing voters.

- The absence of the words "labor unions" was striking. Labor needs to do internal organizing. "It's the economy, stupid," is still true. The campaign should have focused on economic issues, not Trump's personality.
- CSPAN gave Clinton complete coverage for her speeches on police, veterans, etc. But very few people watch CSPAN.
- Labor should concentrate on the 2018 midterm elections to overcome Republican majorities.
- Democrats should emphasize economic issues and trade policies. Divide the Republicans who favor and oppose NAFTA and TPP and are divided on other economic policies. Unite the Democrats behind the unions' position on economic issues.
- Automation was never discussed in the campaign.
- A national Right to Work act will be passed. Prevailing wage rates will be lost.

Warren Lewis reported that the September 21 public session of the Common Investment Meeting for the five city pension funds is available in audio form online. Go to comptroller.nyc.gov and scroll down to Common Investment Meeting Public Session.

Highlights of the September meeting included information that the US' 2% growth rate outperformed the rest of the world in the second quarter of 2016 and that the 7% annual growth



Fred Ranzoni

projected for the pension funds over a 30-year period is a reasonable objective, given certain computation exclusions. The next Common Investment Meeting Public Session is December 15, 2016 at 10am at One Centre St in Rm 1005.

Round Robin

by Jane Kelly, OSARC Secretary

Periodically, OSARC meetings feature Round Robin sessions in which Club members share insights, activities, travel experiences and the like with the group. The November OSARC meeting featured one such session. Among the highlights were:

New Movie Dining Experience: OSARC Co-Chair Ted White was given an early birthday surprise by his wife, who told him she had two movie tickets. Not expecting anything out of the ordinary (apart from the small trek to Manhattan),



The iPic Movie Theater features lounge seating, said OSARC Co-Chair Ted White. (Photo: courtesy iPic)

he was pleasantly surprised to be taken to the new iPic Theater in South Street Seaport, which both Ted and Zagat describe as "an upscale cinema" featuring "loungey seats with their own tables for sweets and popcorn..." There is an option for table service inside the theater, no less. Adjacent is a tavern, serving LA-influenced American fare. Ted was treated to the film *Dr. Strange* in 3D and was particularly taken with the lounge-like seats, the 20 oz. Heinekens, and the theater's overall luxurious and intimate ambience.

Upscale Sea Adventures: Hakimah al-Zahra shared her experiences on the new Royal Caribbean cruise ship Anthem of the Seas. She found the trip fascinating, with all sorts of adventures: surfing, skydiving, roller skating rinks, bumper cars, and basketball tournaments, plus great dining, music, and dancing. However, she cautioned that many of the special adventures (while free) must be booked 2-3 days in advance and the beverage pricing policy (for alcohol and soda) can be expensive for vacationers who are not heavy drinkers. So, buyer be aware and read the policies before your journey to avoid onboard surprises!



The Royal Caribbean Cruise Ship Anthem of the Seas.



Andrew Sessa

Bucket List Checkoff.OSARC Treasurer Jean Anmuth described two "bucket list" trips she recently took. The first was a tour of the Scandinavian countries, where she traveled through Finland and then down Norway by boat. She found both Helsinki and Bergen great cities to visit. She reported seeing many reindeer too!

Her second adventure was slightly derailed (literally) when her plan to see the Canadian Rockies by rail turned into seeing-Canada-by-bus-in-the-dead-of-ni

ght. After flying into Van-couver and spending two days sightseeing, Jean boarded the "Rocky Mountaineer"en route to Kamloops and, ultimately, Banff at 8am. Only an hour out of Vancouver, a switch broke and the train derailed. While no one was hurt, the engineers decided the train was going nowhere. Passengers had to wait all day for 55 buses to arrive to take 719 people and 75 train staff to their destination in Kamloops, where they arrived at 1:30 in the morning. The upside was the chance to meet very nice Canadians who were hospitable and kind to the stranded travelers. The railroad offered refunds. Since it was Jean's second attempt at seeing the Rockies by train, staff snuck her a DVD of the Rockies photographed from the train so she could watch what she had missed in person back at home.

Staying Local: Former OSARC Secretary Joyce Cleveland described her boat tour of New York harbor and various Port Authority facilities and operations, which included projects underway to open the Port of New York to larger cargo vessels. One project the Port Authority is undertaking is the raising of the Bayonne Bridge. She said the information was very enlightening and stressed the importance of Port Authority operations to the daily lives of New Yorkers. Joyce suggested we consider a trip like this for our annual OSARC spring trip.

Two Week New England Cruise: COMRO Rep Jay Warshofsky, his wife and another couple took a two-week cruise out of Bayonne to New England and Canada. He said the lifestyle on the cruise was quite nice!

Mediterranean Spanish Coast: Former OSARC Treasurer Fred Ranzoni came back from a trip to Portugal and Barcelona, Spain. He went to the wine-producing regions of Portugal. From there, they went to Malaga, drove the Spanish Mediterranean coast, seeing Gibraltar along the way. As much as he loved the trip, and the wine, he was excited (ecstatic, even) to leave the noise of the omnipresent motorbikes behind.

Trippin' With OSARC, Fantastic!

OSARCers have taken many day trips over our organization's 24-year history. Here's a summary of where we've gone and what we've seen, year by year.

We print this list at the suggestion of former trip committee chairperson Renee Bash in order to help members consider where they might like to go in 2017.

In the last issue, we published a list of suggestions that members made about destinations for the coming year's trip(s). Please review both lists and let the officers know your preferences for the coming year or add a suggestion of your own.

- 2016 "Activist New York Exhibit" at the Museum of the City of New York
 - City Hall
- 2015 The World Trade Center 9/11 Museum and Memorial
- 2014 Grand Central Terminal 100th Anniversary
- 2013 Louis Armstrong House Museum, Corona,
- 2012 NY Hall of Science, Flushing Meadows Corona Park
 - Peony Pavilion Chinese Drama at Lincoln Center
- 2011 Brooklyn Museum
- 2010 The General Grant National Memorial (more

commonly Grant's Tomb).

2009 - Federal Reserve Bank of NY

2008 - Tour of Wall Street area

- Tour of City Hall followed by a tour of the African Burial Ground National Monument
- "Top of the Rock" observation deck, Rockefeller Center



Renee Bash

- 2007 The Cloisters in Ft Tryon Park
- 2006 Statue of Liberty, Liberty Island
 - Cathedral of St. John the Divine
 - "The Splendor of the Word" exhibit at the NY Public Library
- 2005 "Lower Manhattan History Walking Tour" at the Custom's House
 - Ellis Island
 - NYC Transit Museum
 - Onassis Center (Olympic Tower Atrium)

- NY Public Library's Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture

2004 - The United Nations

- City Island Nautical Museum and Historical Society (special tour and urban walking tour)

2003 - Gracie Mansion

2002 - New York Chinese Scholar's Garden at the Staten Island Botanical Gardens

2001 - Brooklyn Botanical Gardens

2000 - Hayden Planetarium

1998 - Sleepy Hollow, New York

1997 - Ellis Island 1994 - Ellis Island

1993 - Belmont Racetrack (cancelled–under enrollment)

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Big Pharma's Latest Trick: Combine Cheap Generics Into Insanely Expensive Tablets

by Meghan Dunn

Generic drugs are supposed to provide a less expensive alternative to their brand-name counterparts, but drug companies have found many ways to continue making money from patented drugs even after generic versions have become widely available — through small changes in chemical composition, for example.

Now, they have found another new way to profit from off-brand prescriptions. According to *TIME Money*, "Pharmaceutical companies like Pernix Therapeutics Holdings Inc. are selling tablets that combine inexpensive generic drugs into single tablets that are then priced hundreds of dollars higher than the individual medications, the *Wall Street Journal* reports."

Treximet is a new drug introduced for migraine relief. It combines two active ingredients: sumatriptan (typically already prescribed for migraine relief as the branded drug Imitrex) and naproxen (an anti-inflammatory marketed as a generic and under brand names such as Aleve).

Treximet's two active ingredients can be purchased separately for very little money – \$19 total according to GoodRX, a website that compares pharmacy prices for prescription drugs – or \$0 depending on your insurance and co-pay.

Yet, combined together into a single tablet with a new name, they cost around \$729 for nine tablets. This is a 3,836% increase in price.

While perhaps an imperfect metaphor, this scheme is a little like combining apple and cranberry juice (each costing \$5 a bottle) and charging \$191.80 for the newly combined

"cranapple" juice.

Additionally, according to the Wall Street Journal, "there is no evidence that Treximet tackles migraines any better than a two-pill regimen of sumatriptan and naproxen. The two clinical trials that led to its approval pitted it against sumatriptan alone, naproxen alone and placebo."

It is unclear why any ethical doctor true to their craft and the Hippocratic oath to "first do no harm," would prescribe a medication at so high a cost, rather



Jane Kelly

than the two ingredients separately. *The Wall Street Journal* observes: "patients and their doctors often have no idea that a cheaper alternative exists." They quote California pediatrician Anand Rajani, who says "physicians are totally unaware of the price."

Perhaps physicians should become aware of the prices their patients must pay to be treated for the illnesses they are diagnosing. It would seem counter-intuitive to prescribe patients medications they can't afford in the name of "health" while not understanding how those costs affect the daily lives of their patients or the ability to pay for other "basic needs."

Treximet is just one of many drugs whose active ingredients are generic drugs that can be purchased individually at a fraction of the cost. According to data compiled for *the Wall Street Journal* by GoodRx, others include Duexis for rheumatoid pain, the acne cream Acanya, and the weight-loss pill Qsymia.

In the October OSARC Newsletter, we explored the reasons why the United States spends more on prescription medications than all other advanced countries, which centered on a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association which found that generic drugs are "the main means of reducing prices in the United States."

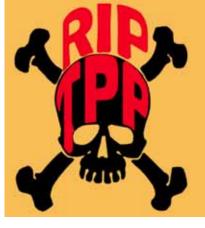
For that reason, this latest tactic by Big Pharma to undermine the value of generic drugs in keeping prices for drugs affordable is yet another example of the inefficiency of our healthcare system.



Hakimah al-Zahra

Ding, Dong, The TPP's Dead (But Don't Rest Easy)

Donald Trump opposed the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) during the presidential election campaign, as did Bernie Sanders during the Democratic primary. Even Hillary Clinton joined in stated opposition to the TPP, which was heavily pushed by the Obama administration.



Trump was elected and now the corporate media have declared that it was the simple act of his election that killed the TPP

However, this narrative erases from the historical record and from appropriate credit the incredible work done by activists in the labor, environmental, and human rights community over the past six years to sink the abomination that was the TPP.

Protests, mass education, political action and lobbying actually worked. Activists took on transnational corporations and came out the winners. However, that's a story the corporate media has a very hard time telling.

The coordination and strategic organizing of labor and civil society groups in opposition to the TPP led to revelation after revelation about its fundamentally undemocratic nature. That put serious pressure on congressional representatives and the White House and these efforts proved to be effective obstacles in the road to passage.

We have covered the TPP many times in these pages since it began to be negotiated in complete secrecy outside of the ordinary legislative process in participating countries, including the United States.

The TPP was negotiated by hundreds of corporate advisors who were given unique and total access to the draft document throughout, while the public and its elected political representatives were shut out of the negotiations.

If the TPP ever saw the light of day, it would give transnational corporations supranational powers over an extraordinary range of issues from the wages paid to workers, to food safety to drug prices to environmental and health and safety rules.

As we have reported many times, the TPP would have allowed corporations to sue governments for any "loss of profits" before tribunals of three corporate lawyers, essentially creating a totally unaccountable secondary legal system outside of sovereign national courts to punish governments that passed laws that corporations did not like.

The final document of more than 5,000 pages that was agreed upon and sent for approval to the participating nations amounted to a stitched together corporate wet dream filled with policies that could not have democratically been approved in national legislatures.

During negotiations, mass protests erupted in signatory nations representing civil society push back against the deal. These actions prolonged the negotiations for many years and bought time for activists in the US to organize effective opposition here.

The anti-TPP effort drew together a broad coalition, including farmers, labor unions, tech companies, environmentalists, economists, nurses, LGBTQ advocates, librarians, and civil rights activists. Together, they developed an active campaign against so-called "fast track" legislation that the Obama administration needed to prevent Congressional amendment to the TPP draft. With "fast track," Congress would only be able to vote the pact up or down. During the fight against "fast track, the anti-TPP coalition grew from dozens to thousands of organizations, including the Organization of Staff Analysts.

Tactics included street marches, rallies outside the sites of the secret negotiations, the creation of a range of online anti-TPP websites and social media. Phone calls and emails were

sent by the thousands to targeted legislators. Some activists obtained secret sections of the document; others translated the document's e c o n o m i c s - s p e a k i n t o understandable language for mass consumption.

All of these efforts meant the TPP was a significant topic of concern during the presidential election. Skepticism about the impact of earlier "trade" deals like NAFTA on American jobs and wages also fed concerns about the TPP.



Betty Henderson

The threat of a last-minute push by the Obama administration during the "lame duck" session after the election resulted in a targeted campaign against undecided lawmakers. Crowds came to "Rock Against the TPP" concerts and teach-ins.

Finally, the forces opposed to TPP won, at least for now. What's the lesson? An organized and educated civil society can take on concentrated wealth and power and win.

Lori Wallach of Public Citizen's Global Tradewatch Program observes, "the only way forward is to create new rules of the road for globalization that put people and the planet first... The coalition that stopped the TPP is powerful and united and will fight forward to deliver that change. And, we will be ready to take on any attempt to revive the TPP or advance other crony-corporate trade pacts based on the same failed and outdated model of trade."



Theodore White

As anti-TPP organizer Arthur Stamoulis observes, "even if we're able to ensure that President Trump keeps his campaign promises and doesn't dust off the TPP in years to come, and even if we're able to convince him to abandon the TPP-like Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) and the US-China Bilateral Investment Treaty, his... vision of internationalism is not one of human rights, worker rights, sustainability and improving standards of living. The President-elect is a man who, among other things, thinks that workers are overpaid, is hostile to unions, denies climate science and embraces authoritarian regimes."

So, take a moment to celebrate the failure of the TPP and, then, get to work.

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Trump Saves the Working Class?

By Solomon Friedman

Pioneering economist Adam Smith argued in his "Wealth of Nations" the basic efficiency of capitalism: society would best function through the unfettered operation of so-called "free markets" in which contracts were awarded to the lowest bidder and individuals acted in their own self-interest rather than by government or artistocrats defining what is best.

Should the government interfere in the supposedly "free market" and, if so, to what degree? That is a question we've been grappling with over our entire history. From the beginning, we imposed import tariffs to protect and propagate American business and prouction, and we did it at a time in which the much larger British economy could outperform and out-produce any American export – and more cheaply, too.

A century later, when companies grew to sizes previously unimaginable, the antitrust movement sought to curb the unchecked, violent, and destructive powers of mega-monopolies like Standard Oil.

Later, the idea of collective bargaining and the union became

popular as a means of enhancing worker power and combating abusive management.

In the recent presidential election campaign, we watched as two candidates who seemed to represent two opposing economic theories both criticized current US trade policy. Senator Bernie Sanders offered a vision of democratic socialism and strong government regulation of the market. Donald Trump, on the other hand, was supposedly the free market business candidate. Trump said many things on the campaign trail and made many promises, but, above all else, he always maintained that he should be elected because of his acumen as a businessman and his knowledge of and respect for the market. He argued that in a Trump administration, businesses would be afraid of shipping jobs out of the country.

Republicans generally have fought the notion that government should interfere in business in any way. Yet, Trump did just that as he claimed credit for saving union jobs at a Midwest plant owned by Carrier. Of course, he did tell a lie in announcing it – he claimed to have saved over 1100 jobs through his intervention, when only 730 union jobs were actually retained in Indiana. Another 70 or so were supervisory and the balance of the jobs that will remain in Indiana were never in jeopardy in the first place.

Carrier, a subsidiary of the enormously profitable government contractor United Technologies (think jet engines and other defense items), produces air conditioning, heating, and refrigeration equipment. It was planning to downsize operations at its plants in Indiana as part of an initiative to cut costs, largely by firing US workers and hiring a Mexican workforce. This would have increased the company's profits, but would have also severely damaged the stability of middle class employment in Indiana. There, Carrier was paying its line workers \$20-25 per hour. In Mexico, it could pay workers the same sum for a whole day's work.

According to present standards of laissez-faire capitalism, that would have been exactly the right move for Carrier.

Capitalist orthodoxy holds that Carrier is a business with an obligation exclusively to its shareholders and the bottom line as opposed to other stakeholders, such as workers, unions and local communities.

Repeatedly allowing outsourcing like this to happen would be very destructive to the American economy in the long run. We want to keep our jobs here.

So what did businessman Trump actually do? Rather than create an economic policy that would entice/force companies to keep their US plants open, as Bernie Sanders has proposed in legislation introduced in November, Trump opted to bribe Carrier to the tune of \$7 million in tax breaks over the next ten years. Those tax breaks were funded

by Indiana taxpayers (no doubt, Gov. Mike Pence played a major role). Using economic development as a pretext for taxpayer bailouts is a venerable tradition. Originally, Trump sought retention of all of the current manufacturing jobs that Carrier intended to outsource; in the end, he got fewer than 800. While this is good news for those specific 800 families, it is not so good as public policy.

It has been well documented that tax incentives for job retention usually fail to work, with corporations inhaling the money and outsourcing the jobs sooner or later anyway.

What did the head of the Steelworkers union local that represents the affected workers think of Trump's efforts? Talking to the

Washington Post, he said Trump "lied his ass off" about the jobs saved. Incidentally, the union itself was excluded from discussions between Trump and Carrier over the deal.

Why would Trump do this? It's good PR and good propaganda. He was elected on what passed for a populist platform within the Republican Party and his victory was at least partially ensured by support from the sort of disenchanted workers who have been undermined by decades of outsourcing.

So far, the optics of the deal, reinforced by much of the corporate media, is that it is a victory for Trump, especially if you don't look past the headlines.

But, we must challenge ourselves to do just that.

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