

## M.E.B.A. Good & Welfare Fund Supports Those Hit by Hurricane Harvey



M.E.B.A. is trying to beef up its Good & Welfare Fund to lend assistance to active and retired members hit by hard times. The Fund has assisted M.E.B.A. families following Hurricane Katrina, Superstorm Sandy, the Boston Marathon bombings and through the years following cases of illness and death. With the catastrophic chaos and flooding unleashed by Hurricane Harvey, M.E.B.A. is ready to assist those in need.

The Good & Welfare Fund has helped remove some of the sting and burden of unexpected tragedies. This is a wonderful cause, but we need to constantly replenish the fund to allow additional assistance to members and retirees in times of hardship.

Please consider making a contribution today to allow the Fund to lend a hand to M.E.B.A. families in the Gulf. You can contribute online at the M.E.B.A. website using the payment portal or stop in at a Union hall.

You can also support the Fund by purchasing \$2 tickets at any of the M.E.B.A. halls for an ongoing 50/50 Raffle. The winner will receive 50% of the proceeds (as much as \$5,000!!) with the other half going to the Fund. The raffle is open to anyone who wants to purchase a ticket. The drawing will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Calhoon M.E.B.A. Engineering School during a Silent Auction & Fundraiser. Ticketholders don't need to be present at the drawing to win. Every ticket you buy puts another dollar into the Good & Welfare Fund.



Visit <u>www.mebaunion.org</u> to access the portal.

The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that the Good & Welfare Fund is exempt from Federal Income tax. In addition, you can support the Fund on the M.E.B.A.'s electronic payment portal that is also used to pay dues and service charges as well as contribute to the Political Action Fund.

To help support the Auction & Fundraiser, the G&W Committee is asking for donations of gifts and prizes such as nautical items, sporting memorabilia, art, etc. You can contact Secretary-Treasurer Bill Van Loo at Headquarters or any Branch Agent to forward monetary or item donations.

Let's make sure M.E.B.A. Good & Welfare is "at the ready" for members when times are tough.