

*Dear Members,*

*Its with great sadness that I announce our member, SMEA Treasurer Tony Ferrelli, has lost his battle with cancer earlier today. Although many of us knew the hard fought uphill battle Tony faced, we held out hope that he would recover. Tony took a very aggressive approach in his battle wasting no time in seeking treatment. He kept us updated through his care page blog and gave us hope that he would overcome his illness. Tony handled his illness with courage and faced it head on. its a shock to all of us as everything happened so quickly. Tony was an SMEA officer who served as Treasurer for over a decade. He was instrumental in making sure the SMEA remained financially solvent. Tony was the steady hand when the union needed financial guidance in order to get us through the most difficult times the SMEA has ever had to endure. He will be missed by all as our prayers and hearts go out to Tony's wife, daughter and extended family.*

*The SMEA webmasters will keep you informed of funeral arrangements as they come available.*

*Ed Halloran SMEA President*

