

UNION NEWS



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Ed Armanini, 54, is president of Local 46, United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers.

Born in San Francisco, he moved to Santa Cruz at the age of four and has lived here ever since and resides at 501 Oregon street.

Armanini attended local schools and graduated from Santa Cruz High school. His family consists of his wife, Marian, whom he married 16 years ago, and a daughter, Valerie, 12, who plays the piano and attends Laurel school.

Armanini is a mason at the Pacific Aggregates Cement plant in Davenport and he has been president of his union for a year.

"To my way of thinking," he said, "unions are good for the economy of the city and county, because they increase the standard of living of the workers and that means more spending in the communities.

"About three fourths of the 215 members in our local own their own homes in this area," he said.

Armanini served in the army during World War II from 1942 to 1945 and was overseas in North Africa and Europe for 30 months. He transported gas to Gen. Patton's forces in the famed "red ball" express unit during the spearhead into Germany.

He has been a blood donor for the Red Cross and likes to fish, hunt, golf and makes an occasional trip to Candlestick park.

He conducts meetings twice a month for his local and said that: "PCA has improved conditions immeasurably over the past few years.

"And I predict that in the near future the dust conditions around Davenport will be negligible."

(Adv.)