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## CALENDAR

Wed., Oct. 27

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETING,**  
6:15 p.m., Hall 6. *Agenda:  
Smokin' House Chili fundraiser  
for PAC (see page 2).*
- **POLITICAL ACTION  
COMMITTEE,**  
5:30 p.m., Hall 6.
- **NEW MEMBER  
ORIENTATION,**  
5:30 p.m., Rm. 236.

Tues., Nov. 2

- **ELECTION DAY: DON'T  
FORGET TO VOTE!** *See  
the Washington State Labor  
Council endorsement guide  
inside.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR: TUES., NOV. 2

In just a couple of weeks, we'll be making one of the most important decisions of our lifetime... who will be our next president. The future of worker rights, our economy, our environment and our status with the rest of the world will be at stake. Other important decisions will be made this election day to determine our next governor, senator, and many other critical races.

We want to thank Local 8 members, families and friends who have already stepped up as Labor Neighbor Volunteers (most of them doing more than one shift): **Paula Acosta, Joe Baxby, Clara Beckes, Maureen Bo, Angela Boehlke, L'Tanya Boyd, Myra Brisky, Marie Cook, Karen Deal, Alejandro Farfán, Yesenia Farfán, Rich Feldman, Teresa Fesler, Joe Gaeta, Chris Glenn, Shannon Halme, Edith Harrison, Benita Hyder, Steve Ignac, Jeff Johnson, Karen Keiser, Diana Koethke, Randy Loomans, Mary Maloy, Jaime Martinez, Diane McDaniel, Aloria Mercer, Suzanne Mode, Shelby Mooney, Carol O'Neill, Shelley Pinckney, Amanda Pope, Raechelle Turner, Cindy Schu, Katherine Scott, Robby Stern, Bernice Vance, Ligia Velázquez, Anthony Walters, Joan Weiss, and Joe Weiss.** Please join them... we need your help to meet the challenge.

Don't let this important election year pass you by without getting involved. Issues that affect all working families are at stake. There's still time to volunteer: please contact **Shelby Mooney** (206) 448-2615 or (800) 600-2433 or [shelby@opeiu8.org](mailto:shelby@opeiu8.org).



***Haven't registered to vote yet? You can do that in person at your County Courthouse up to 15 days before the Nov. 2 election!***

## Executive

### Board

Verlene Jones

*President*

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*Vice President*

Cindy Schu

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*Recording Secretary*

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Tommy McLean

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Suzanne Mode

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*Union Representative*

Mary Maloy

*Union Representative*

Shelley Pinckney

*Union Representative*

Benita Hyder

*Union Representative*

Shannon Halme

*Union Representative*

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*Administrative*

*Secretary*

Betty Devereaux

*Secretary/Receptionist*

Nora Galvin

*Secretary/Desktop*

*Publisher*

Mary Silver

*Billing Clerk*

# MEMBERS IN ACTION

## MAKING SURE EVERY VOTE COUNTS

Local 8's retired Business Manager and Puget Sound Council for Seniors activist, **Maureen Bo**, led voter registration efforts at many Local 8 workplaces: Group Health, Sea Mar Community Health Centers, Seattle Housing Authority, Washington State Ferries, Welfare and Pension Administration,

Carpenter's Trust, Consejo, Willapa Hospital, Valley Medical Hospital and several other locations. Thank you, Maureen, and to Local Shop Stewards and Activists!



**"SMOKIN-HOUSE" CHILI** Be sure to bring your appetite to the October 27 Membership Meeting, because member **Judy-Jo Tyler** will be serving up her *award winning chili along with a side of Texas corn bread*. This will be a PAC Fundraiser: \$5.00 covers the chili, corn bread, and a soft drink. Such a deal! Ya'll be sure to come down now, ya hear?!

## OPEIU SCHOLARSHIPS

Please call the Local 8 office to receive information about two education scholarships. One is for members only, and the other is for members and family members. Deadline to get your application in to the OPEIU International office is March 31, 2005. Call **1-800-600-2433** or **206-441-8880** to get an application and more information.

## THE LABOR COMMUNITY CARES! WDS Employees and Supporters Show Solidarity

Bargaining unit employees showed their dissatisfaction with the latest proposals from Washington Dental Service by coming out to the noontime Union Rally on Friday, September 10. Over 100 WDS employees and their supporters told management "Don't Brush Away Our Rights" at the noontime rally in front of WDS headquarters.



Members presented a giant postcard signed by labor leaders (including **John Sweeney**, head of the AFL-CIO) to WDS management. **Rick Bender**, President of the Washington State Labor Council, and other labor leaders spoke about WDS administration's unacceptable stance in these contract negotiations.

# Statewide Planning Meeting

A year ago, 40 Local 8 members came together in Tokeland, Washington to set a course for an exciting planning process for expanding and improving our Local's communication and statewide representation.

Two Workgroups were formed from our weekend retreat to hammer out the details of the group's action items. Recommendations from the Workgroups will be presented for Local 8's membership to review at different points in the future.

We plan to have a second Statewide meeting March 5-6, 2005, again in Tokeland. We need to have Local 8 members involved in the planning process and in setting dates and timelines for our Workgroups. Please join us:

**Saturday, November 13  
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon  
Seattle Labor Temple, Hall 6**

Please contact **Suzanne Mode** or **Cindy Schu** at 1-800-600-2433 or 206-441-8880 if you have questions or would like to attend.



## Scary Phones!

Local 8 apologizes for the confusion in trying to reach our office at times while we're switching to a new phone system. We should have new extensions up and running in the next week or so and will put the information in the next newsletter and the website ([www.opeiu8.org](http://www.opeiu8.org)). Thanks for your patience.



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**Office & Professional Employees  
International Union Local 8's  
Meetings** are held at the Seattle  
Labor Temple at 2800 First Ave.  
(between Clay & Broad Sts.) Free  
parking under the Ellington Condos  
for Membership Meeting only.  
On the monitor by the garage door,  
punch in: \*011213#.

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# 2004 WSLC Endorsements



Following are the endorsements for the November 2nd General Election made by delegates representing the more than 550 affiliated unions that comprise the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

## PRESIDENT

**John Kerry** has been endorsed by the AFL-CIO.

## CONGRESS

Senate – **Patty Murray**  
1st Dist. – **Jay Inslee**  
2nd Dist. – **Rick Larsen**  
3rd Dist. – **Brian Baird**  
4th Dist. – **Sandy Matheson**  
5th Dist. – **Don Barbieri**  
6th Dist. – **Norm Dicks**  
7th Dist. – **Jim McDermott**  
8th Dist. – **Dave Ross**  
9th Dist. – **Adam Smith**

## STATEWIDE

Governor – **Christine Gregoire**  
Attorney General – **Deborah Senn**  
Auditor – **Brian Sonntag**  
Insurance Comm. – **Mike Kreidler**  
Lands Comm. – **Mike Cooper**  
Lt. Governor – **Brad Owen**  
Sec. of State – **Laura Ruderman**  
State Treasurer – **Mike Murphy**  
Sup't of Public Instruction – no action  
Supreme Ct. Pos. 1 – **Mary Kay Becker**

## STATE LEGISLATURE

1st District – House 1: Al O'Brien  
House 2: Mark Ericks  
Senate: Rosemary McAuliffe  
2nd – House 2: Tom Campbell  
Senate: Marilyn Rasmussen  
3rd – House 1: Alex Wood  
House 2: Timm Ormsby  
Senate: Lisa Brown  
4th – House 1: James Peck  
House 2: Ed Foote  
Senate: Tim Hattenburg  
5th – House 1: Barbara DeMichele  
House 2: Jeffrey Griffin  
Senate: Kathleen Huckabay

## BALLOT MEASURES

**REJECT Referendum 55** – CHARTER SCHOOLS – A "Reject" vote will repeal controversial new legislation allowing millions of public school dollars to be diverted to unaccountable private charter schools.

**Vote NO on Initiative 297** – RADIOACTIVE WASTE – Adding new restrictions on hazardous waste disposal at Hanford Nuclear Reservation.

**Vote YES on Initiative 884** – EDUCATION TRUST FUND – Reducing class sizes, investing in teacher retention and training, adding preschool slots and expanding college enrollment through a penny sales tax hike.

**Vote NO on Initiative 892** – GAMBLING – Expanding non-tribal gambling throughout the State of Washington and taxing the winnings.

6th – House 1: Don Barlow  
House 2: Douglas Dobbins  
Senate: Laurie Dolan

7th – House 1: Jack Miller

8th – House 1: Shirley Hankins \*  
House 2: Jerad Koepp  
Senate: John David

9th – House 2: Eileen Macoll  
Senate: Gail Rowland

10th – House 1: Nancy Conard  
House 2: Mark Norton  
Senate: Mary Margaret Haugen

11th – House 1: Zack Hudgins  
House 2: Bob Hasegawa  
Senate: Margarita Prentice

12th – House 1: Tony Zinman

13th – House 1: Dale Hubbard

14th – House 2: Clarence Gipson

16th – House 2: Bill Grant \*\*  
Senate: Rebecca Francik

17th – House 1: Ilene Ferrell  
House 2: Deb Wallace  
Senate: Paul Waadevig

18th – House 1: Pam Brokaw  
House 2: Brian Beecher  
Senate: David Seabrook

19th – House 1: Brian Hatfield  
House 2: Brian Blake  
Senate: Mark Doumit

20th – House 1: Joel Staloch  
Senate: Chuck Bojarski

21st – House 1: Mary Helen Roberts  
House 2: Brian Sullivan

22nd – House 1: Brendan Williams

House 2: Sam Hunt  
Senate: Karen Fraser

23rd – House 1: Sherry Appleton  
House 2: Terrell Ducheane  
Senate: Phil Rockefeller

24th – House 1: Kevin Van DeWege

25th – House 1: Ron Morris  
House 2: Dawn Morrell  
Senate: Jim Kastama

26th – House 1: Patricia Lantz  
House 2: Derek Kilmer

27th – House 1: Dennis Flanagan  
House 2: Jeannie Darneille  
Senate: Debbie Regala

28th – House 1: Deborah Srail  
House 2: Tami Green  
Senate: Helen McGovern

29th – House 1: Steve Conway  
House 2: Steve Kirby

30th – House 1: Mark Miloscia  
House 2: Joseph Henry

32nd – House 1: Maralyn Chase

33rd – House 1: Shay Schual-Berke  
House 2: Dave Upthegrove

34th – House 1: Eileen Cody  
House 2: Joe McDermott

35th – House 1: Kathy Haigh  
House 2: Bill Eickmeyer

36th – House 2: Mary Lou Dickerson

37th – House 1: Sharon Tomiko-Santos  
House 2: Eric Pettigrew

38th – House 1: John McCoy  
House 2: Michael Sells  
Senate: Jean Berkey

39th – House 1: Joel Selling  
House 2: Pedro Gonzales  
Senate: Susanne Olson

40th – Senate: Harriet Spanel

41st – House 2: Judy Clibborn  
Senate: Brian Weinstein

42nd – House 1: Robin Bailey  
House 2: Kelli Linville

43rd – House 1: Ed Murray  
House 2: Frank Chopp

44th – House 1: Hans Dunshee  
House 2: John Lovick

45th – House 2: Larry Springer

46th – House 1: Jim McIntire  
House 2: Phyllis Kenney

47th – House 1: Geoff Simpson  
House 2: Pat Sullivan

48th – House 1: Ross Hunter  
House 2: Debi Golden

49th – House 1: Bill Fromhold  
House 2: Jim Moeller  
Senate: Craig Pridemore

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\* limited endorsement  
\*\* conditional endorsement