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CALENDAR

Sat., Feb. 12

- **SHOP STEWARD TRAINING**, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in Everett (see page 2).

Mon., Feb. 21

- **PRESIDENTS DAY**, office closed.

Wed., Feb. 23

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**, 6:15 p.m., Hall 6.
- **POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE**, 5:30 p.m., Hall 6.
- **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 238.

Notice of Nominations and Elections February 23

In accordance with Article 13 of Local 8 Bylaws, this is notification that Nominations and election will take place at the February 23 Membership Meeting for one Trustee position.

Local 8 has four Trustees whose terms expire at different times. The current Trustee opening is a result of Trustee **Joan Weiss's** term expiring in February. Many thanks to Joan for her dedicated service as a Trustee.

Trustees serve three year terms and meet quarterly to review Local 8's financial transactions. The Trustees also help prepare an annual budget along with the Secretary-Treasurer and Business Manager. Duties are outlined in Article 10 of the Bylaws.

Building for Our Union's Future

Local 8 Statewide Retreat

March 5 and 6, Tokeland, Washington

Over forty Local 8 members participated in our 2003 Statewide Retreat. This year we hope to bring together even more members from all around the state to forge a plan that helps build our Union.

Local 8 members came together on Saturday, January 22 in Everett to hammer out the details of our next statewide planning meeting in Tokeland. Many thanks to Local 8 members who participated: **Joe Chartier, Audrey Gunderson, Cindy Schu, Suzanne Mode, Jackie Cody, Benita Hyder, Shelley Pinckney, Christina Jensen, Charlie Best, Patty Bowen, Danine Henry, Annie Bergquist, Tommy McLean, Shannon Halme, Mary Maloy and Evelyn Bowles.**

We will be forming two workgroups—one to address how we can improve membership involvement and representation, as well as communication, within our Union; and the other to focus on the establishment of a plan to include regional representation on the Executive Board. You'll have an opportunity to choose which group you'd like to work on before going to the Retreat.

There is no cost to members for the Retreat but we do ask that you fill out a registration form that's available by calling the Local 8 office. Watch the website for updates and more information!

Shop Steward Training

Sat., Feb. 12

at Everett Labor Temple

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

New Steward Training: You've just become a steward. Now what?

Information every steward should know:

- Role and Rights of the Shop Steward
- Introducing New Members to the Union
- Your First "Weingarten Meeting"

Classes are open to all Local 8 members. Call 1-800-600-2433 or 206-441-8880 to reserve your spot.

King County Dental Contract Ratified

The Seattle-King County Dental bargaining unit unanimously ratified a 3 year contract on January 5, 2005. The membership's vote was a resounding message to the negotiation team, **Cynthia Fuller, Dianne Myers** and Union Representative, Shannon Halme, that they approved the hard work of the OPEIU 8 union team.

According to negotiating team member Dental Assistant **Cynthia Fuller**, "Achieving a salary group upgrade for the Dental Assistants was our number one priority. We not only got a 5 salary range upgrade for the Dental Assistants, but enhanced vacation accrual rates and improved training benefits."

Dental Assistant **Dianne Myers** added, "We not only achieved but exceeded what we started out to do."

Vote on Important Political Action Policy

Local 8's Political Action Committee (PAC) met on January 5 to develop an endorsement and donation policy for candidates and issue campaigns. The PAC deliberated over this issue at length and came up with a recommendation to be shared with members for their input and vote at the February 23 Membership Meeting. If you'd like a copy of the PAC policy in advance, please contact **Shelby Mooney** at the Local 8 office.



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