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CALENDAR

Mon., Jan. 16

- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY marches.

Wed., Jan. 25

- MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 6:15 p.m., Hall 6.
Agenda: Nominations for Four Regional Board positions (see page 2)
- POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, 5:30 p.m., Hall 6.
- NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 238.

Sat., Jan. 28

- MEMBER/ACTIVIST TRAINING, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Olympia Community Ctr.
Training geared to new Shop Stewards, but all members welcome!

Local 8 Marches for Justice Jan. 16

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

—Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Some may think of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as day to take a break. Miss an opportunity to show we care about fighting injustice? Never! For many Local 8 members, especially those of us in health care, we'll be working to provide care to our fellow citizens on this day. Those of us who aren't working, however, are encouraged to join fellow Local 8 members at one of the two marches below on Monday, January 16.

In Seattle—Meet at Garfield High School

at the gym at 23rd and E. Jefferson at 11:00 a.m. Look for the Local 8 banner.

In Olympia—Meet at the State Capitol

Statewide Poverty Action Network (SPAN) is presenting a Martin Luther King Day Action Summit that will include skill building workshops, meetings with state legislators, and a march on the Capitol.

As the number of people in poverty increases in Washington State, we must urge our lawmakers to support policies that allow access to better health care and jobs that pay a living wage.

For more information go to www.povertyaction.org or contact Local 8 member and SPAN Field Coordinator **Kim Justice** at 1-866-789-7726 or 206-694-5794.

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Year 2006 Nominations and Election Notice

Notice of Nominations and Election of Four New Regional Executive Board Positions

In June 2005, the Local 8 Membership voted and approved changes to the Union's Constitution and Bylaws to expand the Executive Board to include four (4) regional positions and four (4) alternate positions. The positions were added specifically to ensure representation from Local 8 members statewide outside of the Seattle/King County area.

Election Notice

In accordance with Article 13 of Local 8's Constitution and Bylaws, a special mid-term election will be held to nominate and elect four (4) Regional Executive Board members and four (4) alternates. These positions shall be nominated and elected only by those Local 8 members who reside in the same region as follows:

North Region

(2 positions and 2 alternates):

Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, San Juan and Island counties.

South/West Region

(1 position and 1 alternate):

Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Gray's Harbor, Thurston, Pierce, Pacific, Lewis, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Clark and Skamania counties.

East Region

(1 position and 1 alternate):

All other Washington State counties, except King County and the North and South/West Regions as described above.

Nominations and Election

In accordance with the Bylaws, nominations for these new positions shall take place at the January 25, 2006 General Membership Meeting. Members must be considered in good standing for twelve (12)

consecutive months prior to the election. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the January meeting or may be made in writing to be read at the meeting prior to the close of nominations. A nomination in writing must possess the signature

of a member in good standing.

The mail ballot election shall take place in February 2006.

Nominees must attend the January meeting at which they are nominated or declare in writing their willingness to accept the nomination.

Terms of Office

The newly elected Regional Executive Board members shall serve for one year. General Elections shall be held for all officers and Executive Board positions as regularly scheduled in January 2007.

Members may call the Local 8 office to get a complete copy of Local 8's Constitution and Bylaws.



MEMBERS IN ACTION

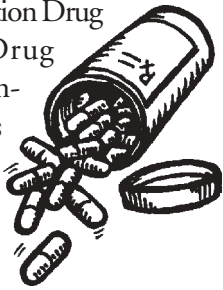


Local 8 Member Karen Keiser to Retire after 24 years as the Washington State Labor Council Communications Director

Karen is retiring to focus on her position as State Senator representing the 33 District and as Chair of the important Senate Health Care Committee. Karen has served in the State Legislature since 1996. Thanks, Karen, for your dedication!

Suzanne Mode Appointed to Governor's Advisory Committee

Local 8's Business Manager, **Suzanne Mode**, has been appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire to serve on the Washington State Prescription Drug Program's Prescription Drug Consortium Advisory Committee. The mandate of this 11 member committee is to explore creative purchasing pools for state and public employees.



Ligia Velázquez Appointed as Vice President of the Washington State Labor Council

Local 8 Union Representative **Ligia Velázquez** was appointed to serve out a 6-month term as a Vice President of the

WSLC Executive Board. Ligia serves in this capacity as the President of Labor Council for Latin American Advancement (LCLAA).

DOT and WSF Attack Unions

Last November, Department of Transportation Secretary McDonald requested the Marine Employees Commission (MEC) to review Washington State Ferries arbitration awards for 2001-03 to determine if they exceed budgetary restrictions. Local 8 represents about 70 employees at WSF. The \$250,000 award to Local 8 members was implemented in July.

Three days of hearings took place before the MEC in December. OPEIU, IBU, MEBA, Metal Trades, and MM&P are working in coalition to prevent this unprecedented action from taking place and have filed a Motion to Dismiss. The Unions' excellent cross examination case has disputed and/or raised questions regarding the WSF budget figures. In addition, constitutional contract arguments and equal protection arguments have been preserved. We expect the MEC decision (on the Motion to Dismiss as well as Request for a Wage Roll-back) to be in early 2006.

So Long, Tony! We'll Miss You!

Local 8 Members at the Seattle Housing Authority say thank you to Chief Shop Steward **Tony Jamerson** who took an early retirement last month. Tony helped organize a union over ten years ago at SHA and served as a major labor advocate for his co-workers.



Shop Steward/Member Activist Training Dates

**Trainings are open to all Local 8 members.
Watch for a more detailed schedule soon!**

*Mark your 2006
calendars now.*

Sat., Jan. 28	10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Olympia Community Ctr.
Sat., Mar. 11	10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Everett Labor Temple
Sat., May 20	9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.* <i>*with a social to follow.</i>	Seattle Labor Temple
Wed., Jul. 26	6:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.	Seattle Labor Temple
Sat., Oct. 7	Labor-Neighbor Activities throughout the state.	
Sat., Dec. 2	10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.	Seattle Labor Temple



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