



## CALENDAR

### Wed., Feb. 22

- MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 6:15 p.m., Hall 6.  
*Agenda: Ballots will be tallied for South/West Region Executive Board Position and Election of One Trustee Position*
- POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE, 5:30 p.m., Hall 6.
- NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 238.

### Sat., Mar. 11

- MEMBER/ACTIVIST TRAINING, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., Everett Labor Temple. *Talking Union and New Steward Training.*

Please contact the Local 8 office at 1-800-600-2433 or 1-206-441-8880 if you'd like a copy of Local 8's newly revised Constitution and Bylaws.

## New Regional Board Positions and Notice of Election for South/West Region and One Trustee Position

At the January 25 Membership Meeting the following members were nominated for the Local 8 Regional Executive Board Positions:

**NORTH REGION (2 positions, 2 alternates)** Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, San Juan and Island counties.

**Audrey Gunderson**—Providence Everett Medical Center

**Carmen Paez**—Sea Mar Community Health Centers

**Terrill Saunders**—Sea Mar Community Health Centers (alternate)

**EAST REGION (1 position, 1 alternate)** All other Washington State counties, except King County and the counties in the South/West and North Regions.

**Brandi Eyerly**—City of Ellensburg

Nominations for the North and East Regions were uncontested; therefore those members will fill the positions for which they were nominated until the next General Election in January 2007. An election will be held for the South/West Region (see below).

**SOUTH/WEST REGION (1 position, 1 alternate)** Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Gray's Harbor, Thurston, Pierce, Pacific, Lewis, Cowlitz, Wahkiakum, Clark and Skamania counties.

**Tony Nordin**—Willapa Harbor Hospital

**Kathi Taylor**—Olympic Community Action Programs

A mail ballot election will be held in the South/West Region to determine which of the two nominees will fill that region's Board position. Nominee statements are on page 4. Ballots will be mailed only to those members who reside in the South/West Region. The alternate position will automatically go to the nominee not elected to the Board position. In order to be eligible to vote, dues must be current through November 2005. Ballots will be mailed on February 7. If you live in one of the South/West Region counties and do not receive a ballot or if you have questions, please contact Local 8's Office Manager **Colleen Shelton** at 1-800-600-2433, ext. 111.

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## Executive Board

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Nora Galvin

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Mary Silver

Billing Clerk

# Pizza, Pop & Power Tools

## AT CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL

We appreciated the participation of the ironworkers, laborers, operating engineers and Sound Transit in the Cleveland High School event on Friday, December 2, 2005. It was a great opportunity for the students to hear a combination of speakers and how the new pre-apprenticeship class would lead to awesome trade careers.

The kick-off event for Cleveland High School's new pre-apprenticeship program was a big hit with the 70 students and the teachers alike, who really clicked with Sound Transit and the trades. Cleveland High School filled their pre-apprenticeship class quota, right then and there. "The list is more than 50% female." "I'm ecstatic!" stated Nan Johnson, Seattle School District's ACE Pre-Apprenticeship Coordinator.

The Seattle School District wants us to roll this "Pizza, Pop and Power Tools" theme into Franklin and Rainier Beach High Schools in January to help kick off their upcoming trade programs. Thanks, again!

*This article was by Carol O'Neill, who is a Local 8 member and has been a Community Outreach Volunteer at Washington Women in Trades since 1999.*

*The mission of WWT is to improve women's economic equity through access to high-wage, high-skilled careers in the construction, mechanical and transportation sectors.*



## Scholarships for OPEIU Local 8 Members

**Howard Coughlin Memorial Scholarship** Full-time and part-time scholarships for members in good standing, associate members, or their children... **John Kelly Labor Studies Scholarship** Members or associate members in good standing for at least two years.... **OPEIU Romeo Corbeil Memorial** This is a summer camp for children of OPEIU members where they will learn about unions and issues such as sex discrimination and racism while having fun.

The deadline is March 31, 2006, but you will need to get transcripts and submit application materials to Local 8 first for member status verification, and then we will forward to the New York office, so allow enough time! Call the Local 8 office or email [opeiu8@opeiu8.org](mailto:opeiu8@opeiu8.org) (please indicate which scholarships you're interested in), or save time by printing out your own from links at <http://www.opeiu8.org/ResourcesLinks/scholarshiplinks.htm>.

# MEMBERS IN ACTION

## *Preparing for this Year's Legislative Action*

Early in December, Caregivers from around the state came together to attend a Special Legislative Advocacy Workshop to prepare for the 2006 legislative session.

The workshop was a chance for Caregivers from different home care agencies to meet each other as well as to learn about the legislative process and how to advocate for workers, clients, and agencies.

All the workshop attendees made a commitment to make sure their legislators know that funding for agency home care workers should be a priority.



*Home Care Legislative Action training participants: Local 8 members Martha Umagat, Beverley David, Maria and Rosa Granados.*

## **Speak Out! Call the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000**



Send a message to your Senator and Representatives (the Legislative Operators can help you identify who they are and will pass on your message):

### OUR MESSAGE:

"Please give agency Home Care Workers parity with Independent Providers by passing the Home Care Parity Bill HB2333 and SB6145. This bill would ensure equal compensation including health care for equal work done by agency Home Care Workers. I ask you to make sure the Home Care Parity Bill HB2333 and SB6145 pass this session. Thank you!"

## *Let Your Voice Be Heard Now!*

*For the latest in labor news from around the state, check out [www.wslc.org](http://www.wslc.org). Click on WSLC Reports Today.*

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## Statements of Nominees for South/West Region:

## Nomination and Election of One Trustee Position:

“Hi! My name is **Kathi Taylor**. I am a Homecare Aide working for Olympic Community Action Programs. I have been active in OPEIU Local 8 since 1998 both as a Shop Steward and an advocate for better wages and benefits for Homecare Workers. I have testified in Olympia on several occasions for important legislation and have a good working relationship with several State Representatives. I hope you will consider me as your Regional E-Board member.”

“My name is **Tony Nordin**. I have been employed at Willapa Harbor Hospital in South Bend for 15 years as a radiographer and sonographer. I am a shop steward and have helped to bargain three Local 8 contracts. The last of which we finally became a Union Shop. I am willing to pledge my time and energy as your South West Washington representative to the OPEIU Board.”

Local 8 has four Trustees who meet on a quarterly basis along with Vice President, **Marie Cook** to review all financial transactions made by the Union. The position currently held by Trustee **Bernice Vance** will expire in March 2006. In accordance with Article 13 of the Constitution and Bylaws, nominations and election will be held for this position at the February 22, 2006 General Membership Meeting.



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