

Chapter Meetings & Member Education

- The 2011 schedule will be available after the January 22 Membership Assembly at www.opeiu8.org

Next Membership Assembly

Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011

- Olympia
10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
WA State Labor Council
906 Columbia St. SW
(Corner of 9th & Columbia)
Free parking available in the lot across the street.
Childcare available with advance notice.
- Social Hour after Assembly
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
in the State Room
Red Lion Hotel Olympia
2300 Evergreen Park Dr. SW
Complimentary parking
(details on page 2)

29th Annual MLK, Jr. Day March

Monday, Jan. 17, 2011

- Seattle
Garfield High School
400 23rd Avenue
Workshops 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Rally 11:00 a.m.
March 12:00 p.m.
(see back page)

Local 8 Office Workers at IAM District 751 Spread the Cheer

When Union Steward **Daphne Becker** asked Local 8 members working for the District 751 Machinists Union if they would be interested in lending a hand so that a fellow OPEIU member could celebrate a Happy Thanksgiving with her family, the response was immediate. Daphne, who serves as Union Steward for the unit of 15, said she was “totally speechless”. Not only did everyone want to help for Thanksgiving, but the interest extended through the remainder of the Holiday season.

After careful coordination with the family, Union Representative **Benita Hyder**, and her coworkers, Daphne set off on a mission: one that would get Thanksgiving foods and goodies to the family even with the unseasonably snowy weather that greeted Washingtonians the third week of November.

Two times over the holiday week Daphne and **Barb Thome**, another Local 8 member at District 751, traveled to the family’s home to deliver items and money in the form of gift cards.

After spending time with this incredible family, Daphne explained that the experience had already made an impact on her holiday. “It has re-energized me. What an amazing experience.”

Diligently working together to gather Christmas gifts and food for the family to enjoy over the holiday, Local 8 members working at District 751 look forward to making this holiday season a happy one for a family in need. “If you could meet these children, you’d fall in love with them” Barb explained. No group is more eager to lend a helping hand – and no family more gracious or deserving.

– *By Member Rosanne Tomy*



Left Photo Standing (L-R): Barb Thome, Daphne Becker, Rosanne Tomy, Kay Michlik, Janeé Bromiley, LeighAnne McQuarrie;
Left Photo Front (L-R): Shirley Hour, Traci Keeney
Right Photo top (L-R): Lori Dorsey, Marie Schattenkerk
Right Photo bottom left: Barb Stole
Right Photo bottom right: Leslie McQuarrie
Not Pictured: Kewanda Hobbs, Suzan Merritt, Carol Brown

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North

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North

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North

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South /West

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South/West

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South/West

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East

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Trustee

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Trustee

Members

Next Membership Assembly January 22 In Olympia

All Local 8 members are invited to attend the next Membership Assembly in Olympia. The Assembly is an opportunity for members from all over the state to gather and make decisions that impact the entire Union Membership. The second 2011 Assembly will be held in Bellingham in September.

The Assembly is from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with a Social Hour from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. **See the front page for details.** A morning snack, box lunch and light refreshments at the Social Hour are provided. A limited number of transportation and lodging stipends will be made available to members needing to travel at least 50 miles one way. If you need to spend the night in Olympia either Friday or Saturday night, be sure to contact Lori Risteyn at **Lori@opeiu8.org** or 1-800-600-2433 (ext.123) right away. Special room rates for Local 8 members will only be offered until January 10. **Members needing child care and/or transportation must contact Lori no later than January 14 to ensure assistance.**



Members join together at the September Assembly in Ellensburg.

Tentative Membership Assembly Agenda:

Watch the Local 8 Website under Membership Assembly for updates to the Agenda. The OPEIU Local 8 Diversity Committee is sponsoring a lunch time presentation called "**Highlights of Diversity of the Washington State Labor Movement**".

- Nomination and Election of Delegates to the Martin Luther King Jr. County Council and other Central Labor Councils.
- Review and approval of the 2011 Budget.
- Decide annual donations, including Political Action Committee endorsements.
- Decide location and dates of Chapter Meetings.
- Vote on Bylaws change to establish a Hardship Fund Committee.
- Decide Annual Leadership Education Program.
- Meeting of and Reports from Committees: Diversity, Political Action, Shop Steward/Member Education, Chapter Meeting and Hardship Fund.

in Action

Candlelight Vigil Held for La Clínica Workers

Members from the community and labor gathered with La Clínica workers on December 16 in front of the Pasco clinic to call attention to the nearly yearlong struggle for a second contract. The new management at La Clínica (now called Tri-Cities Community Health-TCCH) seems determined to gut workers' rights at any costs. The members of the Bargaining Team say, "We recognize health centers across the state will be hard-hit by funding cuts. We're willing to do our fair share by paying more for our health insurance and considering other concessions. In turn, we ask management to extend our Union Contract, preserve



our wage scale, withdraw the many harmful takeaways and provide transparency by opening Board meetings and proving financial need".

Workers are back at the bargaining table in early January to continue fighting to preserve the rights guaranteed in their contract.



Staff

Suzanne Mode
Business Manager

Cindy Schu
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Shelby Mooney
Union Representative

Mary Maloy
Union Representative

Benita Hyder
Union Representative

Amanda Saylor
Union Representative

Valarie Peaphon
Union Representative

Colleen Shelton
Office Manager

Libby Alejandro
Administrative Secretary

Betty Devereaux
Secretary/Receptionist

Lori Risteyn
Bookkeeper

Mary Silver
Billing Clerk

Shop Stewards:

Window period for Recognition Program reimbursement ends January 31, 2011 for the previous year

Carl Walters, the TCCH CEO, received the "Grinch of the Year Award" for:

- ☞ Committing a dozen Unfair Labor Practices against workers!
- ☞ Insisting on over 50 unnecessary and harmful takeaways!
- ☞ Refusing to share financial information and to open Board meetings!
- ☞ Demanding workers give up their voice on the job!
- ☞ Squandering valuable clinic resources on high priced union-busting attorneys!

Many Voices United to Build the Beloved Community

Monday, January 17, 2011

Garfield High School

The Martin Luther King Celebration Committee announces the 29th Annual region-wide Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration on Monday January 17, 2011. Workshops at 9:30 am - 11 am, Rally at 11am, and March at 12pm.

The Planning Committee is meeting every other Tuesday evening (see the calendar for details). Make plans to join us as we plan another successful event honoring Dr. King's life and legacy! All are welcome.

Seattle has one of the largest annual Martin Luther King Day Celebrations in the U.S. We honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., for his work toward racial equality and economic justice for all people, for his commitment to nonviolence, and for his stand against war and militarism.

"The problem of racism, the problem of economic exploitation, and the problem of war are all tied together. These are the triple evils that are interrelated."

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



"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



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