



Chapter Meeting/ Assembly & Member Education

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Upcoming Chapter Meetings

- **Saturday, August 27**
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Everett
- **Saturday, September 10**
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Kent/Auburn
- **Saturday, September 10**
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Olympia

Upcoming Member Education

- **Know Your Rights!**
Thursday, August 18
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Tri-Cities

Next Membership Assembly

- **Saturday, September 24**
10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Social Hour
Medallion Hotel
16710 Smokey Point Blvd.
Arlington, WA
www.medallionhotel.net
(See article on this page.)

Raise Your Voice at the Next Membership Assembly

Local 8 has two Membership Assemblies each year; always on the 4th Saturday of January and September. Assemblies provide an opportunity for members from all over the state to gather and make decisions that impact the entire Union Membership. Besides taking care of Union business and learning more about the wider labor movement, we enjoy socializing!

Attended an Assembly? Great! This time bring along a fellow co-worker!

To be as inclusive as possible, the location of the Assembly rotates each time. Our next Assembly will be in Arlington. A 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 who need to travel at least 50 miles one way. If you need to spend the night in Arlington either night or even if you plan to attend but don't need lodging, please be sure to contact Lori Risteyn at lori@opeiu8.org or 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 123). Special room rates for Local 8 members will only be offered until September 2. Contact Lori and she'll send you detailed instructions (email is best!) including information about carpooling.

Highlights of the Next Assembly

Watch the Local 8 Website for Updates to the Agenda.

- Presentation of Members in Action Photos
- Nominations and Election of Open Central Labor Council Positions, Recording Secretary and Local 8 Trustee (*see below*).
- Guest Speaker Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month
- Share Workplace Struggles to Hold the Line During this Tough Economy
- Political Action Committee Auction (at the Social Hour)
- Time to Meet with Co-workers in Your Industry
- Committee Meetings and Reports (see back page)
- Review and Approval of Any New Business

Thank you to Valancy Blackwell for stepping in as the Interim Recording Secretary upon the retirement of Evelyn Bowles. The election for this position is to serve out the remainder of the term until the General Election in February 2013. Many thanks also to our Local 8 Trustee, Joan Weiss, whose term expires in September at which time nominations and an election will be held for a new three year term. Check the website for details of the open Central Labor Council Delegate positions.

Local 8 Committees Focus on Member Support & Activism

At each Assembly we make time for Committee work. Here's a brief description of the member Committees you're invited to join:

Shop Steward/Education Committee & Chapter Meeting Assembly Committee—These two committees have joined forces to evaluate the new Steward Incentive Program, to plan educational programs and to work on building member participation and activism.

Diversity Committee—With a diverse statewide membership, how do we insure our Union is as inclusive as possible? The Committee focuses on celebrating and educating the unique diversity within our membership. Develops new Union leaders to reflect Local 8 Membership.

Hardship Committee—Helping members in need. The next phase of our committee will be to strategize about raising funds for this important member support.

Political Action Committee—Organizes, coordinates and recommends to the Membership any actions on political candidates and political issues. Coordinates PAC fundraisers and political events.

Communication Committee—This is a new Committee requested by participants at a Chapter Meeting. The Committee will focus on how Local 8 can best communicate with members to maximize participation and mobilization.

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(Sign-in at 9:45!)

*Childcare Available With
1 Week Advance Notice*

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