

Chapter Meeting/ Assembly & Member Education

Check www.opeiu8.org for the latest schedule, locations and updated information.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

■ ABERDEEN CHAPTER

Saturday, October 29, 2011
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
IAM Woodworkers W2
2600 Sumner Ave., Aberdeen

■ SHORELINE CHAPTER

Tuesday, November 15, 2011
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Shoreline Conference Center,
Northridge Room
18560 1st Avenue NE, Shoreline

Upcoming Member Education

■ KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

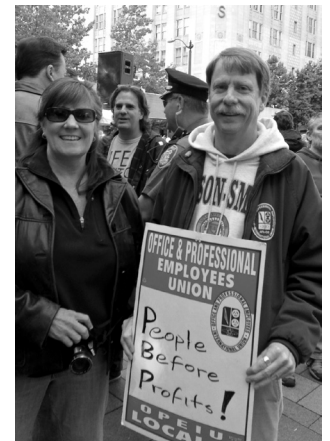
Saturday, October 22, 2011
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
IBEW Local 46
19802 62nd Ave., S, Tukwila

■ GHC/SEA MAR CONTRACT CAMPAIGN AND ADVANCED STEWARD TRAINING

Saturday, November 5, 2011
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tukwila Community Center,
The Meeting Room
12424 42nd Avenue, S, Tukwila

Local 8 Supports OCCUPY MOVEMENT

Following widespread labor support, including from the AFL-CIO, the Local 8 Executive Board voted to support those showing up to Occupy Wall Street, and hundreds of other places, including Seattle and other parts of the State. We share being tired of shouldering an unfair burden of economic hardship, while income inequality has steadily grown. Since 1970, when adjusted for inflation, the top 1% of earners saw incomes grow by 385% while the bottom 90% - that's us - saw our incomes decrease by -1%! In 2010, CEO pay was 343 times workers' median pay - the widest



*Local 8 Members
Kathy Cummings and Charlie
Best at Occupy Seattle*



*Local 8 Member Lambert Rochfort
from Solid Ground*

gap in the world. Add these staggering numbers to the lowest tax rate for the wealthy since the 1930's and we have a perfect recipe for inequity.

Workers, CAMP, LIHI, and other workplaces face job reductions, compensation stagnation, wage cuts and pension erosion. Members at other organizations await further State and local government reduction announcements.

Our members, too, have suffered from this devastating economic downturn. Local 8 members at Providence Hospital-Everett, Group Health, Seattle and King County Housing Authorities, La Clínica, Washington State Ferries, Consejo, Home Care Agencies, Trade Section Office

Despite what seems like an insurmountable system of economic unfairness, there's hope when we act together as a Union. Whether it's holding the line at the bargaining table, organizing for greater power or publically speaking out in the streets, fairness remains one of the cornerstones we fight hardest for as a Union. That's why supporting movements like Occupy Wall Street, Seattle and beyond makes sense.



*Local 8 Members Katherine Wiles
and Mike Jung at Occupy Seattle*

Be sure to sign up for email alerts and check the Local 8 website www.opeiu8.org for upcoming actions.

Members

Local 8's 4th Membership Assembly

Members as far away as Spokane and Tri-Cities attended our 4th Membership Assembly in Arlington. The Membership Assemblies are held twice a year, rotating among the four Regions. Assemblies give Local 8 Members an opportunity to have a voice in decisions impacting our Union. The next Assembly will be held in Seattle, January 28. Check out more pictures on the Local 8 website at www.opeiu8.org.

Executive Board

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Staff



Diversity Committee Chair, David Olivera, (l) and President Kellie McGuire (r) with guest speaker, Gladys Romero who spoke on the "Impact of Census 2010 for Hispanics"



Janice Herrera, Shop Steward at Providence Everett, appeals to the Membership to sign a petition on behalf of postal workers



Members of the Shop Steward and Education Committee

Local 8 Committees in Action

Committees are open to all Members.

If you're interested in attending or want more information, contact cindy@opeiu8.org or 1-800-600-2433 (ext.102).

Meetings are usually held in Seattle but members living out of the area can call in.

Communication Committee

Thursday, November 10 from 6 to 7:30 pm
Room 310, Seattle Labor Temple
This is a new Committee to plan how to use social media, enhance our website and email.

Shop Steward/Education Committee

Monday, December 12 from 6 to 7:30 pm
Room 310, Seattle Labor Temple
Daphne Becker, Chair

Political Action Committee

Meets as needed.
Corinne Cosentino, Chair
corinnelizabeta@hotmail.com

Diversity Committee

Next Diversity meeting Oct. 22nd
a noon conference call.
Committee is working a Get Out the Vote campaign with other organizations.

David Olivera, Chair
larazaak@live.com

in Action

Local 8 Project Organizers Needed

SeaMar Community Health Center and Group Health contracts, representing nearly 2,500 members, are open for negotiations next year. We're preparing contract campaigns now and would like to have Project Organizers help for one day a week from November through March and maybe longer. Local 8 will reimburse time loss from work or pay at the Project Organizer rate (\$20.39/hr.), whichever is greater. The Project Organizers will help distribute Updates and other Union communication in the field. A car is required. We are especially seeking members from GHC and SeaMar to participate. Please contact **Cindy Schu** at cindy@opeiu8.org or 206-441-8276.

Local 8 Membership Support Rep/Organizer Position for 2012

With assistance from the OPEIU International Union, Local 8 will be able to hire a Membership Support Representative (MSR) next year. The MSR's primary focus will be helping with external organizing campaigns. Spanish fluency is a plus. The job will be announced early next year, but if anyone is interested and would like more information, please contact Organizing Director, **Cindy Schu** at cindy@opeiu8.org or 206-441-8276.

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Libby Alejandro
Administrative Secretary

Betty Devereaux
Secretary/Receptionist

Lori Risteyn
Bookkeeper

Mary Silver
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Labor History Crossword Fun~ You Can Win!

The Shop Steward Committee challenges all Local 8 Members to complete the Labor History Crossword designed by Chair, **Daphne Becker**. Complete the Crossword, fill out the entry form, and return to your Shop Steward. You'll be entered in a drawing for a Union Gift Box held at the January Assembly. **You can download your Labor History Crossword by going to www.opeiu8.org, click on Local 8 Member Resources, then Bulletin Board.**



Vaunda Decker, Admitting Providence Everett, shows off her Union Gift Box (with a \$50 Safeway Gift Card) won at the last Assembly drawing

Let's Take the Bus!

Local 8 member **Patrick Neville**, from the Worker Center, coordinated the "Try Transit Project" involving members at Sea Mar Care Center and Consejo Counseling and Referral Service. The Project, sponsored by the City of Seattle Office of Sustainability and Environment and Amalgamated Transit Union 587, is to help understand commutes and what would encourage workers to use public transit more often. Local 8 participants were given pre-loaded ORCA (One Regional Card for All) Cards equivalent to five roundtrips. As part of the Project, participants completed five short weekly surveys and at the end of the five weeks were entered in a drawing to win an additional \$100 loaded onto their Orca Card. SeaMar's winners are pictured above; Consejo will have the drawing soon.



Sea Mar Care Center winners in transit survey Josefina Franco (l) and Len Kim Heng (r)

\$6,500 Education Scholarship Awarded



Congratulations to Local 8 member at Solid Ground, **Alma Hadzimiratovic** and her daughter, Merima, who was just awarded an OPEIU Education Scholarship for \$6,500. "I am very thankful to have received the Howard Coughlin Memorial scholarship. This scholarship has enabled me to attend the University of Miami. I am majoring in biomedical engineering on the premed track and I have plans to attend graduate school in the future.", states Merima. **Be sure to check the Local 8 website in January for scholarship application information.**



Next Membership Assembly:

Saturday, January 28
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Social Hour
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Childcare available with 2 weeks advance notice.

Red Lion Inn SeaTac
(a union hotel)
18220 International Blvd, SeaTac



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Local 8 Journal



At the September Membership Assembly, Local 8 Members elected **Shaunie Saelee** to the Recording Secretary position to fill out the term of **Evelyn Bowles** who retired earlier this year. Members also elected **Joan Weiss** for her fourth term as Local 8 Trustee. More on page 3 and 4.

Newly Elected Recording Secretary Shaunie Saelee and Re-elected Trustee Joan Weiss

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