

Congratulations to Local 8 Member at Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI) Mercedes Elizalde, for winning a



\$6,000 OPEIU scholarship. "I am so grateful to OPEIU for investing in me as a working professional and also investing in my education. I am working towards a Masters in Nonprofit Leadership from Seattle University. I am interested in studying the intersection and gaps between direct service providers and social justice advocacy organizations. With the help of this scholarship my dream of higher

education is within reach, and I will be able to bring so much more knowledge and expertise to my work as a nonprofit professional."

Congratulations to additional scholarship winners *Amy Chhom*, Providence Medical Center, Everett, and *Thelma Miller*, Welfare & Pension Administration.

The 2015 scholarship application will be available at www.opeiu8.org in late January. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2015.

New Year's Resolution #1

Sign up to get important workplace updates via email!
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Most Up To Date Calendar!

Member Education & Chapter Meeting Schedules Available After the January Assembly

Membership Assembly

- **Olympia, Washington**
Saturday, January 24, 2015
10:00 am to 4:00 pm Assembly (sign-in at 9:30 am)
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Social Hour (at the Olympia Red Lion Inn)
Davis Williams Building
Third Floor
906 Columbia Street SW
Olympia, WA
Lunch Provided
(See details inside.)

Mark Your Calendars!

- **Membership Assembly**
September 26
in Arlington.



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Stronger Together! OPEIU Local 23 Members in Tacoma Considering Merging with Local 8

This spring, over 700 members of Tacoma based OPEIU Local 23 will be deciding whether or not to merge with Local 8 and our over 5,000 members. The Merger would require Local 23 to dissolve their local union and become part of OPEIU Local 8. The Merger would be a way to consolidate and strengthen efforts to represent our members in the best possible way. The Executive Boards of both unions have voted to approve a Merger Agreement. The Agreement will be voted on by Local 8 Members at the January 24 Membership Assembly. Local 23 will go through a more extensive voting process since they will be voting to dissolve their union and merge with Local 8.

A Merger Committee, with leaders from both unions, has been meeting for several months to work on the details of how a Merger would work. Local 8 members participating on the Committee include: **Kellie McGuire, Kathi Scott, Jan Abberger, Anthony Forte, Karen White, Cindy Schu and Suzanne Mode.** The Committee has reviewed financial information and other important data to make sure the end result is of benefit to all members. The Merger will mean a small expansion of Chapter Meetings and Executive Board positions to comply with Local 8's governance structure and Bylaws.

Members of the Merger Committee will be participating in Local 23 workplace meetings in March to answer questions Local 23 members may have about the Merger prior to starting the voting process in April 2015.

For many years, Locals 8 and 23 have shared a contract at Group Health Cooperative and we have similar memberships in housing, social services, health care and trade union offices.

We're very excited about joining together as one union after all these years of working together!



Raise Your Union Voice at the Membership Assembly!

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Members in Action

Next Membership Assembly in Olympia!

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906 Columbia Street SW, Olympia, WA

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Assembly (sign-in/coffee at 9:30 am)

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Social Hour (at the Olympia Red Lion Inn)

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Highlights of the Next Assembly:

- Members in Action
- Nominations and Election for all Central Labor Council Delegate Positions
- Political Action Committee Auction (at the Social Hour)
- Membership Reports
- Committee Meetings for Shop Steward/Communication; Political Action; Hardship Fundraising; Diversity and Assembly/Chapter Meeting
- Review and Approval of any New Union Business
- Review and Approval of Local 23 Merging with Local 8
- Review and Approval of 2015 Local 8 Budget

Register with Corinne at corinne@opeiu8.org or 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 113) as soon as possible. Travel stipends may be available. Let us know if you need child-care or help with transportation.



Organizer Corinne Cosentino, Organizing Director/Secretary Treasurer Cindy Schu, Recording Secretary Rosalinda Aguirre, Trustee Joan Weiss, President Kellie McGuire, Union Reps Valarie Peaphon and Benita Hyder, Business Manager and International Vice President Suzanne Mode, Executive Board Member Anthony Forte with International President, Michael Goodwin and International Director of Organization and Field Services, Kevin Kistler at the Northwest Region Education Conference in Portland.



Local 8 President Kellie McGuire welcomes newly elected Executive Board Member North Region Tara McIntosh and newly elected Trustee Joan Weiss.



Members from WFSE: Gus Gonzalez, Addley Tole, Phedra Quincey, Joan Abl and Rick Nesbitt at Assembly Lunch in Tri-Cities.



Nallely Flores from SeaMar reports on the Diversity Committee.

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Tara Powell from GHC reports on the Shop Steward Committee.

Notice of 2015 OPEIU Local 8 Nominations and Elections for All Central Labor Council Delegate Positions

In accordance with Article 14 of Local 8's Bylaws, this is notification that nominations and elections will take place at the January 24 Membership Assembly. The Local 8 Constitution and Bylaws, which describes the duties and responsibilities for each position, can be found on the Local 8 website at www.opeiu8.org under "About Us" or call the Local 8 office for a copy. The Bylaws also explain in detail the election process. We will have the following nominations and elections: **Nominations and election of delegates to all seats on the Central Labor Councils to serve a two year term until January 2017.** Details of when the meetings take place and the number of delegate slots will be on the Local 8 website under Membership Assemblies shortly.

Eligibility: Members must be in continuous good standing for at least twelve (12) months prior to an election for any officer position. Members must be in continuous good standing for at least six (6) months prior to an election for delegate positions.

Nomination Process: Nominees must be in attendance at the meeting where they are nominated or declare in writing their willingness to accept the nomination. Written declaration must be presented before the close of nominations.