

Local 8
Shop
Steward
Trainings—
Open to All
Members!

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Thanks to all the activists who attended May's training. Besides our New Stewards Training, our Social Work Intern, **Heather Golden**, and Local 8 Organizer, **Shelby Mooney**, led a session on Building an Active Workplace. Participants came up with great ideas and worked through challenging scenarios. Local 8 members also participated on a Community Resources panel.

Many thanks to **Wendy Wilson** from the Low Income Housing Institute, **Pat Hutto** and **Joanne Kaye** from Olympic Community Action in Port Angeles, **Louis Villa** from Consejo Counseling Services and special guest, **Nancy Young**, director of the King County Labor Agency. The lunchtime afternoon session was conducted by attorney **Steve Frank**, who took us step by step through investigating a grievance.

The next Shop Steward Training will be on **Wednesday, July 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Seattle Labor Temple**. Two trainings will be offered at the same time: *"The Steward's Role in the Weingarten Meeting"* and *"Conflict Resolution"*. Remember, you don't have to be a Shop Steward to attend! Call the Local 8 office at one of the numbers below to reserve your spot.

**OPEIU Contact Numbers: Tel: 206 441 8880
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Meetings are at the Seattle Labor Temple:
2800 First Ave. (between Clay & Broad Streets). Free parking (for Membership Meeting only) under the new Ellington Condos. On the monitor by the garage door, punch in: *011213#.

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WED., JUNE 25

- **Membership Meeting,**
6:15 p.m., Hall 6.
- **Political Action Committee,**
5:30 p.m., Hall 6.
- **New Member Orientation,**
5:30 p.m., Rm. 236.

Sea Mar Workers need YOUR help!

Our members at Sea Mar Community Health Centers are under attack. After months of negotiations, management still insists on proposals to erode our grievance procedure, limit our right to picket or not cross a sanctioned picket line and has made a monetary proposal that is half of what we currently enjoy. In response to this attack, Sea Mar workers have come together as a united force to say: *"Ya basta!"* (Enough!).

Workers demonstrated their strong unity by wearing buttons to support their bargaining team, and signing a petition within a period of 48 hours asking Sea Mar's CEO to respect the bargaining process and negotiate a fair contract. Nearly every worker signed the petition! Over 25 workers marched into the administration offices to deliver them and when the CEO, Rogelio Riojas, was not there to accept them, they regrouped, formed a new delegation of another 25 employees and stormed the offices again.

Over 50 employees attended the kick-off for the Immigrant Worker's Freedom Ride Community Campaign on May 22nd with a historic visit with **Linda Chavez-Thompson**, Executive Vice President of the AFL-CIO. Linda met with the bargaining team and employees to hear of the struggle and lend us her support.

We now ask for your support in our struggle for a fair contract. Sea Mar employees work hard to provide quality services to the community, they deserve to be treated with honor and respect.

Please call CEO Rogelio Riojas at 206-763-5277 and ask him to negotiate a fair contract.



Executive Vice President of the AFL-CIO, Linda Chavez-Thompson, with Sea Mar workers.

Watch for an expanded edition of the newsletter for July/August, arriving in mid-August.