



REMINDER: There won't be newsletters or Membership Meetings in July and August. Be sure to stay connected by checking Local 8's website at www.opeiu8.org. (Upcoming events and recent news is now conveniently found in one place: the *What's Happening* page.)

Wed., June 23

- **MEMBERSHIP MEETING**, 6:15 p.m., Hall 6. *Agenda: Nominations and Election of Ten Delegates and Ten Alternates to the Washington State Labor Council Convention (Monday, August 23 to Thursday, August 26 in Tacoma).* Details inside.
- **POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE**, 5:30 p.m., Hall 6.
- **NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION**, 5:30 p.m., Rm. 236.

Sat., June 26

- **WORK IT!** We recommend these free labor films: documentaries on the lives of **Harry Hay** ("Hope Along the Wind," at 1:00 p.m.) and **Annemarie Schwarzenbach** ("A Swiss Rebel," 2:15 p.m.), plus "From Bedside to Bargaining Table" (at 3:20 p.m.), a film about the health care crisis and worker rights. The program is presented by the Out Front Labor Coalition (the local chapter of Pride At Work) at the beautiful Seattle Asian Art Museum, Volunteer Park, 1400 E. Prospect Street. Afterwards, enjoy the park with its Space Needle view. Did we mention it was free?

Wed., July 28

- **SHOP STEWARD TRAINING**, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., Seattle Labor Temple. *Substance Abuse Issues: Where to Turn.*



OPEIU Local 8, 2800 First Ave., Rm. 304, Seattle, WA 98121-1114

Address Service Requested

Office & Professional Employees International Union Local 8's Meetings are held at the Seattle Labor Temple at 2800 First Ave. (between Clay & Broad Sts.)

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CALL TO ACTION

By *Suzanne Mode, Business Manager and Cindy Schu, Organizing Director/Secretary-Treasurer*

This may be one of the most important election years of our lives. We can't just sit back and hope for the best, we must take action.

Washington State Labor Council President **Rick Bender** predicted that if George Bush wins the November election, union membership will fall by 50% in the next generation. We have 900 labor organizations in our state, and we need to have labor coordinators designated in every one, he said. "The investment you make in this election will be the best spent in your life." The goal for Washington state this year is to turn out 10,000 volunteers to distribute fliers and talk to union brothers and sisters. The WSLC is challenging all of its affiliate union locals to turn out 3% of their members to volunteer for **Labor Neighbor 2004**. For Local 8, that's 120 volunteers!

Labor Neighbor volunteers will be asked to spend at least one 4 hour shift walking neighborhoods to distribute literature to fellow union members about Labor's endorsed candidates, including President, Governor and state legislative priorities. It's a fun, positive way to put the grassroots back into politics.

Will you help meet this challenge?

Please call either of us or **Shelby Mooney** at 206-441-8880 or 1-800-600-2433 or go to the Local 8 website at www.opeiu8.org and drop us an email.

Wouldn't you like to be our Labor-Neighbor?

Hi, Neighbor!

Why don't you put on those walking shoes & come out with us to get some **exercise** while we **socialize** to help us all **realize** a better future! It's easy & it's **FUN!**



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King County Housing Authority Workers Fight for their First Contract

Workers at the King County Housing Authority voted to have a union last April to win standards that other union housing authority workers enjoy, for example a fair wage scale that recognizes years of service.



But it's been almost a year in negotiations and we're having trouble convincing KCHA management to step up to the plate. So workers are taking their concerns to the community.

Loren Sisley (at center) and Vicki Jordan (right) met with King County Council Member Dow Constantine (on the left) to gather support for their contract fight.

Be a Delegate to the Washington State Labor Council Convention!

Every two years, Local 8 elects new delegates to the Washington State Labor Council convention. The WSLC is considered to be the "voice" of labor in our state. This year Local 8 has 10 delegate positions open.

The Convention is an exciting event where decisions are made about labor movement policy and direction as well as important political endorsement decisions. It's also a great way to socialize and meet other union activists.

The convention this year is being held in Tacoma from Monday, August 23 to Thursday,

August 26.

Local 8 will pay for the registration, transportation and a per diem but can't reimburse for any time loss. Members will need to use personal leave time.

Come to the next Local 8 membership meeting on Wednesday, June 23 for the nominations and election of the delegate positions. If you'd like to be nominated but can't attend the meeting, you can have someone nominate you, but you'll need to submit a letter to the Local 8 office saying you accept the nomination.

VOTER REGISTRATION

is coming to your workplace

But to make it happen we need your help!

Registering voters is fun, easy, and important work that needs to be done. We will supply you with everything you need for your workplace Voter Registration drive.

Don't wait, please call Shelby Mooney today at **1-800-600-2433** or **206-441-8880** (shelby@opeiu8.org) to find out how to make this happen.



We may not have the financial resources to compete with corporate America, but by registering and mobilizing our 4,000 members to vote, we can have an impact on the upcoming election.

Election trivia: the 15th amendment (1870) gave men of all races and former slaves the right to vote, but only the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (105 years later) ensured that right.

It took women 72 years to get the vote.

So register and vote!