

Chapter Meeting/ Assembly & Member Education

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

Upcoming Chapter Meetings

■ BELLINGHAM CHAPTER

Sat., March 3
10:00 am – Noon
Fairhaven Branch Library
1117 12th St., Bellingham

■ EASTSIDE OF SEATTLE

Sat., March 10
10:00 am – Noon
Education Center Classroom,
Rm E-208
East Shore Unitarian Church
12700 SE 32nd St., Bellevue

■ ELLENSBURG

Wed., March 21
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Hal Holmes Community Center
209 N Ruby St., Ellensburg

Upcoming Member Education

■ NORTH REGION, EVERETT

Saturday, April 28
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Details will be on the web soon!

Check inside for Committee Meet-ups!

Membership Assembly Hits the Mark

Over 80 members from all over Washington proved once again our new statewide governance model is working at our 5th Membership Assembly held at SeaTac. The twice a year Assemblies allow members to decide policies, elect leaders, meet other members and impact the direction of our Union. We continually work to enhance this democratic process and each time we make great strides!



Michelle Gentry, Carpenter's Trust Western WA, writing legislative postcards at the Membership Assembly

Here are a few highlights :

- Wrote postcards to legislators to tell them to: Save Jobs, Save Lives and Raise Revenue
- Had lively discussions over several polices on Steward Reimbursement, Guest Attendance and other matters
- Enjoyed an energized presentation from our young activists and the WA YELL (Young Emerging Labor Leaders)
- Approved our 2012 Chapter Meeting Schedule (on the web)
- Elected 13 Delegates to the Washington State Labor Council: Congratulations to **Kellie McGuire, Kathi Scott, Shaunie Saelee, Shelby Mooney, Patrick Neville, Elaine Carlson, Jan Abberger, Richard Cox, Jim O'Connor, Corinne Cosentino, Angela Boehlke, Valancy Blackwell, David Olivera, Charlie Best (A), Joan Weiss (A)**
- Reviewed and approved our 2012 Budget and Donations
- Donated men's shoes for Farmworkers and raised over \$500 for our Hardship Fund
- Raised over \$1,300 for our Political Action Fund at the Auction while enjoying our Social Hour
- Awarded Valentine's Day themed Local 8 Gift Boxes to members who completed the Labor History Crossword and won the drawing
- Planned future actions and developed strategies in our Steward, Communications, Diversity, PAC and Hardship Funds Committees



**Find us on
Facebook**

www.Facebook.com/OPEIUlocal8

The 100th member to "like" us will get a Local 8 T-shirt or cap!



Members

Local 8's 5th Membership Assembly

Check out more photos at opeiu.org!

Executive Board

Kellie McGuire
President

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Shaunie Saelee
Recording Secretary

Valancy Blackwell,
Central

Karen White,
Central

Ruthie Cuthrell,
Central

Anthony Forte,
Central

Jan Hays, *Central*

David Olivera,
Central

Janice Herrera,
North

Audrey Gunderson,
North

John O'Keefe, *North*

Jan Abberger,
South / West

Bill Messenger,
South / West

Michelle Ruiz,
South / West

Rosario Lunar, *East*

Barb Brennan, *East*

Robin Sullivan, *East*

Joan Weiss
Trustee

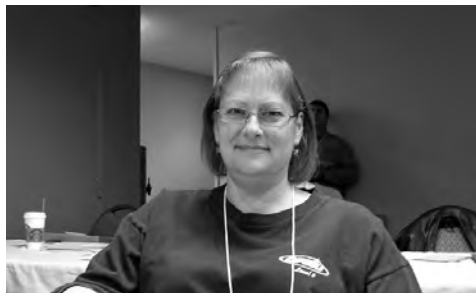
Lois Jamieson
Trustee

Heather Hanson
Trustee

Carol Rozumalski
Trustee



New Local 8 Members sworn in by President Kellie McGuire



Steward Lisa Jones (Kennewick General Hospital)



Steward Sara Andaluz (SeaMar B'Ham) and Max Brown (MLK Jr. Labor Council) at the Auction



Stewards Travis Jones (after winning the Local 8 Gift Box) and LaJeanne Jones (Low Income Housing Institute)

Local 8 Committees in Action

Committees are open to all Members.

For 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, March 29 from 6:00 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, February 13 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Room 310, Seattle Labor Temple

Daphne Becker, Chair

Political Action Committee

At the assembly the PAC committee voted to have monthly PAC meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm starting March 7. This Committee is open to all members who donate money to the PAC Fund. The Committee will be working on the 2012 election activities.

Corinne Cosentino, Chair
corinnelizabeth@hotmail.com

Diversity Committee

David Olivera, Chair
larazaak@live.com

Take Action

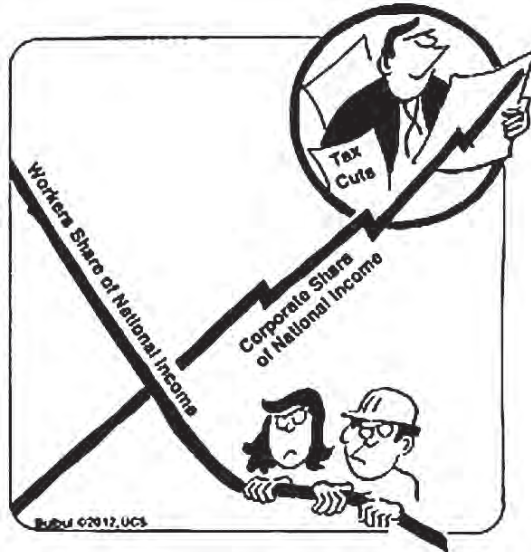
Message: Save Jobs, Save Lives and Raise Revenue!

The Governor's proposed supplemental budget will cut millions of dollars from vital health and long term care services, including community clinics and home care services. The cuts will hurt clients and cost many jobs. We cannot accept another "ALL CUTS" budget. The poor, the elderly and the disabled have already suffered too much!

Enough is enough!

**Take action today
by calling the
Legislative Hotline
at 800-562-6000**

Leave the message with the Governor, your senator and representatives. If you don't know who represents you, the hotline operator can quickly look this up for you.



Staff

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Secretary

Betty Devereaux
Secretary/Receptionist

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Bookkeeper

Mary Silver
Billing Clerk

Education Scholarships Available

Scholarship applications are now available for Union members and their families.

Call the LOCAL 8 office at
1-800-600-2433 or on line at
www.opeiu8.org



*Representing Local 8 at the annual March in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.--
Diversity Committee Chair/Executive Board Member David Olivera and
Organizing Director/Secretary-Treasurer Cindy Schu*

Two Job Openings at Local 8

Membership Support Representative (MSR) based in Seattle.

This is an entry level Union Representative position intended to provide leadership opportunities for Local 8 members interested in serving on the Union staff. The position will benefit the membership by helping with our goals to increase workplace visitations, to develop new stewards and workplace leaders, to enhance shop floor communication through regular workplace updates, and to increase union visibility. Must have a Washington driver's license and a car. Spanish fluency is highly desirable.

Union Representative based in Seattle.

Duties for the position include but are not limited to:

- Serve as chief spokesperson in labor negotiations.
- Prepare contract proposals, formulate bargaining strategies.
- Administer contracts, resolve grievances, counsel and advise members and Shop Stewards.
- Prepare and present educational or informational programs.
- Participate in legislative, political, labor and community affairs.

This position requires long hours with frequent evening and weekend work. Some travel is required within Washington State. Spanish fluency is highly desirable. Salary depends on experience.

To apply:

Job descriptions and compensation for the positions are available by contacting the Local 8 office.

To apply, please send an application letter stating your interest in this position with your resume to **OPEIU Local 8**. You can send it by fax at 206-441-0207, by email to opeiu8@opeiu8.org, or by mail to 2800 First Ave., #304, Seattle 98121. **The positions close on March 2, 2012.**



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