

OPEIU LOCAL #9 Newsletter



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PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 17, 2017
5:30 p.m.**

**SEIU HCII
2229 South Halsted Street
Chicago, IL 60608**

PIN CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE AT OCTOBER MEETING TO HONOR LONG- TIME MEMBERS

At the October 17th meeting in Illinois, we will be honoring members who celebrate this year either their 20th, 25th or 30th anniversary as an OPEIU member. These members are being sent an invitation to attend the meeting and receive an OPEIU pin to commemorate this special milestone. Please plan on attending the meeting to congratulate the individuals receiving their pins. The members receiving their pins are:

FROM ILLINOIS

30 years – Olivia Diaz
Allonda Jackson
Jacqueline Petrovich
25 years – Tina Edmondson
20 years – Karla Andersen
Carla Lebre
Anthony Manno
Patti Purri

Indiana and Iowa did not have any members celebrating distinguished years of service this year.

NAME CHANGE/ADDRESS CHANGE

As a reminder, if you get married or divorced and have a name change, please notify the union office. Also, it is very important to update your beneficiary for the Life Insurance through the International and also for those members that partake in the OPEIU, Local 9 Retirement Plan per their Collective Bargaining Agreement. A beneficiary on Life Insurance and Local 9 Retirement Plan supersedes what is stated in your Will so make sure that your beneficiary is who you want the payout to go to.

If you move, please also notify the union with your new address so we can update our records and keep you informed of any changes or important information from the union.

Excerpt of the Nonpartisan Economic Policy Institute (EPI)

Union workers are diverse, just like America

The typical union member is often thought to be a worker on a manufacturing line in the Midwest. Manufacturing does have a strong union tradition, but people join unions in many industries and occupations. Union members include dental hygienists in Wisconsin, graduate students in Massachusetts, firefighters in Illinois, television writers and scientists in California, security guards in Washington D.C., digital journalists in New York, and major league baseball players in Georgia and other states.

It is also true that, in the past, union workers were predominantly white men. But as of 2016, roughly 10.6 million of the 16.3 million workers covered by a union contract are women and/or people of color.

- About two-thirds (65.4%) of workers age 18 to 64 and covered by a union contract are women and/or people of color.
- Almost half (46.3%) are women
- More than a third (35.8%) are black, Hispanic, Asian, or other nonwhite workers.
- Black workers are the most likely to be represented by unions: 14.5% of black workers age 18 to 64 are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, compared with 12.5% of white workers and 10.1% of Hispanic workers.

Unions represent workers of all levels of education

- More than half (54.5%) of workers age 18 to 64 and covered by a union contract have an associate degree or more education.
- Two out of five (42.4%) have a bachelor's degree or more education.

Union workers hail from a variety of sectors, but the biggest share work in education or health services

- Nearly two in five workers (39.8%) age 18 to 64 and covered by a union contract work in education and health services.
- One in seven workers (13.9%) covered by a union contract work in the public administration.
- One in eight workers (12.2%) covered by a union contract work in transportation and utilities.
- One in 11 workers (9.1%) covered by a union contract work in manufacturing.

Unions are most widespread in public administration and transportation industries

Because industries vary in size, industries with highest numbers of union workers aren't always the industries with the highest union coverage rate. The five industries with the highest shares of 18- to 64- year-old workers covered by a union contract (the "union coverage rate") are:

- Public administration (33.2%)
- Transportation and utilities (27.3%)
- Education and health services (20.0%)
- Construction (15.7%)
- Information (10.6%), which includes publishing, motion pictures, broadcasting, telecommunications, data processing, and other communications services.

OPEIU MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- \$2,000 death benefit
- \$2,000 accidental death and dismemberment benefit
- OPEIU Student Debt Reduction Program
- OPEIU Free College
- Free hook up and tow up to 25 miles 2x per year
- 24-hour emergency roadside assistance
- Travel discounts and much more

PROTECTION RIGHTS

If this discussion could in any way lead to my being disciplined or terminated, or affect my personal working conditions, I respectfully request that my union representative, officer, or steward be present at the meeting. Without representation, I choose not to answer any questions.

As always, if you have any concerns or issues, please contact the union office at 414-771-9730 or by email at local9dave@sbcglobal.net.