

# OPEIU LOCAL #9

## Newsletter

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### PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION

**General Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 19, 2016**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Milwaukee Professional Firefighters**  
**Local 215**  
**5625 W. Wisconsin Avenue**  
**Milwaukee, WI 53213**  
**(Enter through door in parking lot)**

### BEREAVEMENT NOTIFICATION

Sadly, recently a Local 9 member passed away. We were notified by the employer and investigated his beneficiary card. The member had no beneficiary listed, nor any immediate family member listed or known.

Local 9 provides a \$500.00 Death Benefit to the beneficiary of a member and the International provides a \$2,000.00 benefit. If the beneficiary card is not up to date, it is very difficult for either the International or Local 9 to disburse the benefit money.

Please go on line at [www.opeiu9.org](http://www.opeiu9.org) click on membership benefits and fill out the form, then either fax it to our office at 414-771-9732 or scan it an email it to Gail at the office to ensure your benefit card is up to date. Her email address is [local9gail@sbcglobal.net](mailto:local9gail@sbcglobal.net).

If you need a form sent to you, please contact Gail.

### MEMBER HONORED

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, Tony Vanderbloemen, an Executive Board Member of Local 9 was honored at the Greater Green Bay Labor Council Legislative Breakfast for his fifty years of dedicated service to the labor movement and his active involvement in the NEW Retirees group, as well as volunteering for numerous political and charitable organizations.

We at OPEIU, Local 9 would like to thank Tony for his efforts and direction he has given us as a President, Business Manager, and Executive Board Member over the years. The members are fortunate to have such a dedicated individual that cares so much for the labor movement.



## **FOR THE OLDER MEMBERS**

**(received from a member)**

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too, do humans take longer to access information when their brains are full.

Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem; it is nature's way of making sure older people do more exercise.

SO THERE.

Now when you reach for a word or a name, you won't excuse yourself by saying "You're having a senior moment". Now, You will say, "My disk is full".

I have more friends I should tell this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

So, please inform your friends; they may be my friend, too.

## **POLITICAL NEWS**

Well Super Tuesday is over with and as of this writing Wisconsin Primary is right around the corner. The back stabbing has gotten so out of control on the Republican side that it isn't even

focused on the issue surrounding our country but who can be dirtier towards the other candidate. We all have different view points on who we support, and I apologize up front if my political views aren't the same as yours, BUT I support a candidate that helps the labor movement move forward not some candidate saying he's going to expose dirty things about the other candidate's wife or putting pictures of one of the candidates wives out in the internet from years ago. I mean really are we back in grade school days. What about the issues of the middle class that continues to diminish as the rich get richer. What about the cost of college, and health insurance for all Americans. These are just a few things that the Democratic Candidates are concerned about and not the mud-slinging political antics the Republicans continue to do. Maybe some of you enjoy the antics, BUT I'm more concerned about is there going to be Social Security, Medicare, are my children and grandchildren going to be able to find a job. Let's start focusing on the real issues and if you can't then go back to grade school and let someone run for President that really cares about this Country.

## **CONTRACTS NEGOTIATED/ RATIFIED**

Listed below are contracts that were negotiated and ratified since January 1, 2016:

**UAW 1268**  
**Citizens Action of WI**  
**Wisconsin Jobs Now**  
**Wellpoint**  
**UFCW Benefit Fund**  
**Benefit Plan Administration of WI**  
**Milwaukee Area Labor Council**  
**Valucare Pharmacy**  
**Milwaukee Building Construction Trades Council**

**As always, if you have any concerns or issues, please call or email the office.**

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