



# OPEIU LOCAL #9 Newsletter



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## PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION

**General Membership Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 18, 2017**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**United Food & Commercial Workers  
Benefit Fund**  
**9801 W. Higgins Road, Suite 500**  
**Rosemont, IL 60018**

## LOCAL 9 ELECTIONS

Nomination for President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Recording Secretary, three Trustees, and six Executive Board members will take place at the regular membership meeting on April 18, 2017. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at United Food & Commercial Workers Benefit Fund, 9801 W. Higgins Road, Suite 500, Rosemont, IL. If anyone is interested in running for a position, but is not able to attend the meeting, please send a notice of intent to run and specify the position via letter or email to President Candy Johnson at [local9candy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:local9candy@sbcglobal.net) by noon on April 18<sup>th</sup> so your name can be placed in nomination.

No person shall be elected or appointed to an office of this Union unless she/he has been a member in continuous good standing for at

least the proceeding twelve months prior to the election or appointment. If there is but one candidate for each office, the election shall be dispensed with. Any candidate that is unopposed shall be declared the winner and their name shall not be placed on the ballot. In the event there are positions with more than one person nominated per position there will be a mail ballot election in May, per the Constitution.

## OPEIU STUDENT DEBT REDUCTION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

OPEIU is happy to announce the Student Debt Reduction Program. This program provides five awards of \$2,500 each year to a **member** who has completed an associate or undergraduate degree and who can demonstrate they have at least \$10,000 in student debt and their account is current.

The application deadline is June 30<sup>th</sup>. All applications must be signed by the Local Union President or Secretary Treasurer **before** submission to the International Union.

Please visit [www.opeiu.org](http://www.opeiu.org) and click on member resources for further information.

## BAY VIEW TRAGEDY

The 131<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Bay View Tragedy remembering those workers that marched peacefully as a nationwide effort

to bring about the 8-hour workday. Seven workers in Milwaukee were killed that day.

The event will take place on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the State Historical Marker, E. Russell Ave. at Superior St., Milwaukee. Visit Wisconsin Labor History Society for further information.

## POLITICS

It's only been seventy days since the new President of the United States was sworn in to office, and boy has there been a lot going on and none of it good for the American people. Let's see what President Trump has said and where he is at today. The first thing that comes to mind is President Trump stated time and time again during his campaign "We're going to win and win and you're going to get sick of us winning." President Trump I ask you a question: What have you won so far?

You tried to push through an Executive order banning Muslims (twice) from entering the United States and it has failed. Yes, I agree we have to make sure terrorists are not coming into this country, but banning Muslims must be an election campaign you promised to the Christian base so they would vote for you.

You stated that you were going to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA). You stated you know how to negotiate the best deals (I'm glad you're not negotiating for my membership). After your own party couldn't get on the same page, you pulled the bill and didn't have a vote. If this would have passed the way the Republicans wanted it, 14 million people would have lost health insurance coverage by 2025. The cost of premiums for people age 55-64 would have gone through the roof to the point that between the premiums and deductibles people wouldn't have been able to afford any health insurance coverage at all. The ACA is not perfect and needs some fine tuning but to repeal and replace was just insane. Now the President is hinting at talking to the Democrat's to assist in getting a better healthcare bill. The ACA is very important to many of our members that work for small organizations that don't provide healthcare and with the Republicans wanting to cut subsidies; it would greatly affect their income and way of life.

You send out tweets stating that President Obama had your Trump Tower wiretapped. Why do you continue such a lie when the FBI, Justice Department, Republicans and Democrats all say that it never happened. Then your campaign and Michel Flynn are under investigation for ties to the Russian government. If I'm not mistaken, they're our adversaries not our allies.

The wall between Mexico and the United States is going to be built and paid for by the Mexican government you stated time and time again- WRONG, now you're looking for the taxpayers to spend over 1.5 billion dollars up front and the total cost to build this wall exceeds 15 billion dollars. Spend the money on healthcare.

Next up is Tax Reform. With President Trump lashing out at his own party and threatening them next year in their elections for not passing the Healthcare Bill it will be very interesting to see what can get accomplished. Based upon what I have read, it will do little for the middle class hard working Americans, but help corporate America reduce their taxes and the wealthy taxes. So much for working for all of the people.

## CONTRACTS NEGOTIATED/ RATIFIED

Listed below are contracts that were negotiated and ratified since January 1, 2017:

Previant Law Firm  
SEIU Healthcare Fund  
UFCW Benefit Fund  
Wellpoint Inc.  
Bakery, CT Workers & Grain Millers, Local 300

The Local 9 Officers, Executive Board and Staff wish you a Happy Easter!

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

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