



OPEIU LOCAL #9 Newsletter



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PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION

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

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season with family and friends. To me it's no longer the gifts, but the time to reflect, spend time with family and friends and hope for a great 2017. As we start the New Year, I would like to share with everyone something I found.

THE FOUR AGREEMENTS

By Don Miguel Ruiz

1. **Be Impeccable With Your Word**
 - a. Speak with integrity.
 - b. Say only what you mean.
 - c. Avoid using the Word to speak against yourself or to gossip about others.
2. **Don't Take Anything Personally**
 - a. Nothing others do is because of you.

- b. What others say and do is a projection of their own reality, their own dream.
- c. When you are immune to the opinions and actions of others, you won't be the victim of needless suffering.

3. Don't Make Assumptions

- a. Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want.
- b. Communicate with others as clearly as you can to avoid misunderstandings, sadness and drama.
- c. With just this one agreement, you can completely transform your life.

4. Always Do Your Best

- a. Your best is going to change from moment to moment; it will be different when you are healthy as opposed to sick.
- b. Under any circumstance, simply do your best and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret.

LABOR HISTORY ESSAY CONTEST

Wisconsin Labor History has announced its Essay Contest for the 2016-2017 School Year for Wisconsin high school students (Grades 9-12).

Up to eight students could win cash prizes. First place \$500, second place \$300, third place \$200, and five honorable mentions with a \$100 cash prize each. Write an essay of about 750 words on the topic: **"Unions have been important to my family and my community because..."**

Submission must be postmarked no later than February 15, 2017. Please visit www.wisconsinlaborhistory.org for further information concerning the contest.

CONTRACTS NEGOTIATED/RATIFIED

Listed below are contracts that were negotiated and ratified since September 2016:

Sheet Metal Health and Welfare Fund
Chicago Carpenters Health & Welfare Fund
Sheet Metal Apprenticeship Fund
Heat & Frost, Local 19
United Steelworkers 1011
Sheet Metal Workers, Local 18
UFCW, Local 1473
GESB Federal Credit Union
Workers Organizing Committee of Chicago
Milwaukee Professional Fire Fighters, Local 215

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 in April 2017.

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.

POLITICS

Now that the election is over and Donald Trump will be sworn in on January 20th, just a little thought for both sides of the political arena:

Long after this election is over Trump and Hillary will still be rich. Half of us will be able to claim we “won”. The other half will have 4 years to say “that’s why I didn’t vote for___”. Just remember we live in a different America than they do. We have to live, work, and eat with each other in OUR America. We don’t get to hop on a private jet and fly away from our community problems. We are what make this country what it is, not the President. He/she will not stop crime in our neighborhoods, he won’t stop people from stealing your identity, and she will not stop anyone from shooting up our local night clubs. Hillary will not come teach your child right from wrong, but you can. Trump will not come to your home and teach math, but you can. WE as a UNITED people with sound morals, values, and ethics can make this country whatever we want. You voted for whom ever you wanted, but remember WE are the ones that shape our future children not Trump or Hillary.

ADDRESS UPDATE

Throughout the year the Union office receives on a regular basis returned mail from members that have moved and never informed the Union that they have moved. It is very important to let your Union know that you have moved so you can receive the latest news from the Union. Please contact Gail at 414-771-9730 or local9gail@sbcglobal.net to inform her of your address change.

HAVE A GREAT NEW YEAR!!

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

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