



OPEIU LOCAL #9 NEWSLETTER



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PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, JUNE 20, 2017
5:30 p.m.**

**Milwaukee Professional Firefighters
Local 215
5625 W. Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53213**

(Enter through door in parking lot)

Trustees

Claudia Geitz – Boilermakers, Local 107

Tamara Becker – Operating Engineers, Local 420

Cecil Cobb – SEIU HCII

Executive Board Members

Robin Lundgren- Milwaukee Area Labor Council

Tony Vanderbloemen – Greater Green Bay Labor Council

All Officers, Trustees, and Executive Board members will be sworn in at the June 20th Union Meeting.

DUES ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE

JULY 1, 2017

In accordance with the Constitution & By-Laws of Local 9, dues are adjusted annually effective July 1st of each year as directed by the International Constitution.

Dues are calculated on your hourly wage in effect on June 1st of the current year and rounded up to the next fifty cents (\$.50), multiplied times two. (Example – hourly wage is \$22.22, round up to \$22.50 times 2 equals \$45.00 per month dues).

Effective July 1, 2017 the maximum dues cap per month paid will be \$50.50.

LOCAL 9 ELECTION NEWS

At the May Union Meeting, a Special Membership Meeting was called to order for nominations and election of Officers for our Union.

The following Officers, Trustees, and Executive Board members were elected by acclamation at the meeting.

President – Candy Johnson – Milwaukee Police Association, Local 21

Vice-President – Kaitlin DeCero – SEIU HCII

Secretary-Treasurer – Jackie Podjaski – Operating Engineers, Local 139

Recording Secretary – Alice Zyniecki – Milwaukee Professional Fire Fighters Association, Local 215

UNION MEETING REMINDER

The June 20th general membership meeting is the last meeting for the summer. There will be no general membership meetings in July or August.

General Membership meetings will resume on September 19th at 5:30 pm and be held at Milwaukee Professional Firefighters, Local 215, 5625 W. Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI.

POLITICS

I'm not sure how newspaper and TV reporters can write and report everyday about the politics going on in Washington D.C. As I started to write this month's newsletter, writers block came over me and I wasn't sure what to put in the newsletter.

I get very tired of reading and watching how the current Republican Administration plays dodge ball with the American people on issues that affect us all.

The House recently passed the NEW Healthcare reform bill that will affect millions of individuals. According to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) 23 million people will be without health insurance coverage by 2026. The report predicts that there will be a grim market for older sicker individuals. Even though the Republicans added 8 billion dollars to the plan for preexisting conditions or newly acquired medical conditions, those individuals would not be able to pay for the increase in premiums. Also, there would be a standard health plan which would be ala carte coverage, and an individual wanting maternity coverage would have to pay an additional \$17,000. This is just one of the many add on coverages individuals would have to pay additional premiums for. House Speaker Ryan didn't even wait for the report and once he had the votes, pushed Trump's healthcare bill through just to say they had a win. If you don't have

coverage through your employer, I feel very sad for you, but your Republican majority in Washington D.C did a big grandstanding on how they got a win for their leader.

President Trump recently was in Kenosha, WI to promote made in America buy American at Snap On Tools. Yet, it looks like in the near future he is going to pull out of the Paris climate agreement. This was one of his campaign statements that if he won the election he would not be part of it. His supporters cheered then, but now 60% of Americans want to be part of the Paris climate agreement. If the U.S. pulls out of the agreement, thousands of jobs will be shifted to China and India to make wind turbines, electric cars, and solar power equipment. I ask the question of President Trump - Where are you now on supporting the made in America buy American?

SUMMERTIME

It looks like summer may be right around the corner even though the official date of summer isn't until June 21st. Enjoy your time with family and friends and the holidays that we will be celebrating throughout the next couple of months. Remember our service members that are defending our country and can't be home during these celebrations. Be careful, stay safe and enjoy.

People who wonder if the glass is half full or half empty, miss the point - The glass is REFILLABLE!!

The Local 9 Officers, Executive Board and Staff wish you a happy Father's Day and Fourth of July.

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

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