



# OPEIU LOCAL #9 Newsletter



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## PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION

**General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, March 15, 2016  
4:30 p.m.**

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

## ELECTION SEASON 2016 – IT'S HERE

Since mid-summer 2015, almost every month there has been a Republican or Democratic Debate. I have watched most of the debates and wonder when the candidates are going to address the issues of the working women and men of this country. They would rather waste precious time cutting one another down than looking at ways to help the hard working middle class person.

As of this writing, four States have held an election or caucus for President of the United States. Super Tuesday is right around the corner for those individuals living in the States of Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Virginia.

For the Republicans there is 25% or 595 Delegate's up for grabs. A candidate must have 1,237 Delegates to win the election. On the Democratic side there is 1,004 Delegates up for

grabs of which 130 are the Super Delegates. Most of the Super Delegates have already pledged their support to Clinton.

On Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, Illinois members will go to the polls for the primary for President.

As we move forward in the election year, Wisconsin members will go to the polls on April 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a lot at stake in Wisconsin besides the primary for President. The Wisconsin Supreme Court election is also on the ballot. There are two individuals on the ballot, one supported by the Republicans and one supported by the union members as well as the Democratic Party. Just a reminder that election rules have changed in the State of Wisconsin and now you must show a Wisconsin Driver's license or State ID. You can get more information at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov)

Indiana members have to wait a little longer for their primary election which will be held on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are several contested races in both parties.

For all States the major election is in November when the Presidential election as well as several Senate and Representative Races are up for election. This is a crucial time for the labor movement. If the Republicans control the House, Senate, and White House I can surely bet you that the labor movement will take years to recover from the anti-union laws that will be pushed through. Just look at what happened in Wisconsin with a Governor that hates the unions in the short time he has been in office.

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

ROMEO/CORBEIL/GILLES BEAUREGARD  
Scholarship Fund **"SUMMER CAMP"**

This scholarship will be awarded to twenty children between the ages of 13 and 16 that are related to an OPEIU member or associate member. There will be at least one award per region. Each scholarship has a total maximum value of \$2,000.00.

The "Summer Camp" will take place at the University of Missouri Campus, Columbia, Mo. The dates are July 24<sup>th</sup> through July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

The deadline to apply is May 16<sup>th</sup>, and winners will be notified by email by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

For more information and application forms visit [www.opeiu.org](http://www.opeiu.org)

## ST. PATTY'S DAY HISTORY

St. Patrick's Day was first celebrated in America in 1737. This first celebration in the colonies was to honor the Irish culture that so many colonists had been separated from.

On March 17<sup>th</sup> 461, St. Patrick died. He was the patron saint of Ireland, but wasn't even Irish. Patrick's birth name was Maewyn and was born in Roman Britain. He was kidnapped into slavery and brought to Ireland. After escaping slavery, he returned to Ireland in 432 as a missionary and then became a bishop. Legend has it that St. Patrick used the three leaf clover (or shamrock) to explain the Trinity. Another popular legend is that St. Patrick was fasting when snakes attacked him, so he chased all the snakes into the ocean, and today there are no snakes in Ireland.

Dyeing the river green first took place in Chicago in 1962 when city officials decided to dye a portion of the Chicago River green. Corn beef and cabbage became the staple on St. Patrick's Day as many Irish Americans were poor and could not afford certain meals, and the best meal they could have was corn beef and cabbage.

Today Boston brings in over 600,000 visitors for their parade and other festivities. Other major cities in America that celebrate by parades and parties are; New York (first ever St. Patty's Day parade), Scranton, Pennsylvania, Buffalo, New York, New Orleans, and closer to home, Chicago, which holds the downtown parade as well as the Southside Parade.

## HUMOR FOR THE MONTH

Don't be afraid of Growing Older,  
You'll still do stupid things.....  
Only Slower!

## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Don't get mad. Don't get even.  
Do better, much better.  
Rise above  
Become so engulfed in your own success that you forget it ever happened.

## ADDRESS CHANGE

Please contact the Union if you are planning on moving or if you have a name change so that our records are up-to-date and you will continue to receive important information about your Union.

**As always, if you have a concern or issue, please contact Business Manager, Dave Rehberg at [local9dave@sbcglobal.net](mailto:local9dave@sbcglobal.net)**

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