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PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, November 18, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

**MILWAUKEE PROFESSIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 215
5625 W. WISCONSIN AVE.
MILWAUKEE, WI
(Enter through door in parking lot)**

No December Membership Meeting

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

Election season is upon us in full force. You see the ads on TV, hear them on the radio, receive flyers in the mail, read about the candidates in your local newspaper, and receive the phone calls. You scream enough is enough, but it will end very soon or will it. If you don't get out and vote on Election Day, November 4th it could have a very negative impact on your wages, benefits and the labor movement in either Wisconsin or Illinois.

Just like you, I struggle at times deciding who and what platform of the candidate is right for my family and me. Although there are many issues to consider when voting for a candidate, I look to

the candidate that supports the labor movement, supports better wages for individuals, and most importantly protects the rights of workers so that management can't suspend or terminate an employee at will.

In Wisconsin there is currently a Governor that has hurt the labor movement more than any other Governor in Wisconsin history. Scott Walker's record speaks for itself:

- Took away collective bargaining rights for public sector workers.
- Opposes a minimum wage increase.
- Supports a so-called right-to-work law.
- Killed the high speed rail and hasn't made a decision on the Kenosha Casino for political reasons, resulting in loss of jobs or delaying new jobs.
- Raised taxes on senior citizens and working families while lowering taxes for corporations.
- Made huge cuts to Wisconsin's health care programs.

Candidate, Mary Burke supports labor and brings leadership and business experience that Wisconsin so badly needs. She believes in:

- Increasing the minimum wage thus assisting unions in negotiating higher wages for its members.
- Restore collective bargaining rights for public workers so union members have a voice.

- Improving education and making college more affordable.
- Opposes right-to-work laws.

For further information and Union supported candidates in Wisconsin visit Wisconsin AFL-CIO website. www.wisafclcio.org

In Illinois the race for Governor is very close. Governor Quinn supports the working men and women. Under his leadership the state of Illinois has improved greatly.

- Added 257,000 private sector jobs since January 2010.
- Strong advocate for increasing the minimum wage.
- Believes health care is a basic human right.
- Enacted pension reform.
- Cut wasteful spending.

Candidate Bruce Rauner is not labor friendly to say the least. He would like to:

- Reduce the minimum wage.
- Believes union contracts are corrupt.
- Eliminate collective bargaining for public employees.
- Move towards becoming a right-to-work state. This would lower wages for private sector workers.

Visit www.ilafcl-cio.org for union friendly endorsed candidates.

I encourage you to vote in the upcoming election. So many times I hear I don't like this person or that, but when asked did you vote the answer almost always is no. Don't be that no person, exercise your right and vote for the candidate that is best suited for you and your family.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Treat people the way you want to be treated.
Talk to people the way you want to be talked to.
Respect is earned not given.

If you are moving or have moved, please remember to contact Gail at the union office 414-771-9730 or email local9gail@sbcglobal.net to ensure the union has all the proper information for mailings.

As we move past the election season, I look forward to members emailing me at local9dave@sbcglobal.net and let me know what information they would like to see in the future monthly newsletter.

The Officers, Board members and Gail and I wish each and every member and their family a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

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

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