

OPEIU LOCAL #9

Newsletter



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PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 19, 2010
6:00 p.m.
Ironworker's Local 8 Hall
12034 West Adler Lane
Milwaukee, WI**

**November meeting is at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 16th in Illinois
Site to be determined**

**NO DECEMBER
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Vacancy on the Executive Board

Due to job eliminations we have lost one Executive Board member and anticipate additional losses due to retirement(s). It is necessary to fill the existing vacancy and to know of individuals interested in serving in the future as opportunities arise.

Local 9 needs members to step up and volunteer to serve on the Executive Board. Anyone interested should email their intent to President Candy Johnson at local9candy@sbcglobal.net by Monday, October 18th. Please include information about yourself, where you work, etc. and your desire to fill the unexpired term. Appointees will serve until the next election in June of 2011. President Johnson will make the appointment.

Members of the Board are paid for lost time in order to attend the meetings in addition to mileage for their travel. Two meetings a year are held in Chicago the other meetings that are held in conjunction with the General Membership meetings are held in Milwaukee. Please consider serving your Local Union in this capacity.

New Towing/Service Call Benefits from your International Union

All OPEIU members will be receiving information in the mail shortly that will include a wallet-sized card and a key chain for use with the new towing/service calls benefit, effective October 1, 2010. For the month of October 2010 only, to access service through Nation Safe Drivers, the following information will be needed:

Telephone 1-800-617-2677

Producer Code: #7404C

Plan Letter: C

When you call NSD for service you will need to use this information in order to obtain service. You will not need to provide any other information at this time.

Effective November 1, 2010, you will also need to provide your individual membership number which will be provided to you in the materials that you will be receiving in the mail this month.

American Income Life Offer

Each member will be receiving a mailing from American Income Life (AIL), a 100% union insurance company. They provide an accidental death and dismemberment benefit to all union members. When you return the response card you will be contacted by a company representative to get your

policy implemented. That agent will also discuss with you other plans that they have available. You are under no obligation to enroll in these and should not be pressured into enrolling. If you have any problems with the agent please get their name and inform the office so we can follow up with the company.

Make It Happen November 2nd

(based on remarks by AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka to the Battleground States Conference)

When labor talks about union power, about people power, about boots on the ground, they are talking about you, the members. You're the power. Each and every member working together can make the difference that is needed this November 2nd.

The Party of No doesn't want the union vote, the working family vote. They want us all to stay at home out of frustration. They figure that if they can mobilize the rightwing radicals, the corporate conservatives, the Tea Party fanatics and the talk show fans, and if they can thoroughly disgust the rest of us, then they can win this election in a walk.

President Obama has had a challenging first year and a half in office. He has had to dig the economy out of a deep hole. He had to face down determined opponents. In fact, every time he told the American people, "Yes, we can", the other party told him, "No, you can't." But, against these odds, our President saved the economy from a second Great Depression and got it growing again. After losing 700,000 jobs a month under President Bush, the economy has been gaining jobs. Not enough, true, but gaining none the less.

That is progress and we have to keep it going.

On Election Day we need to tell President Obama and his congressional allies to keep up—to step up—the good work. We need to keep the pressure on, and we will.

We need to tell our union brothers and sisters: We know you're angry. We know you're frustrated. We know we haven't achieved everything we worked for. But, we have made progress—and we have to keep it going. We must save our anger for the

corporate lapdogs who made this mess and the Republicans in the Senate who are determined to keep us in it.

The choice this November is whether or not we want leaders who fight for a lifeline for the unemployed; who will hold corporate CEO's accountable; who will fight to raise the minimum wage; who will fight for jobs; who are fighting to restore the economy; who care about the working men and women of this great nation.

The choice on November 2nd is between going backwards and moving forward; between running this country for the richest top one percent and the American promise of "liberty and justice for all."

If you want an America where work is rewarded; if you want an America where we make things happen again; if you want an America with a strong and growing middle class' if you want an America where we understand that good public schools and college opportunities are our moral responsibility to our children and grandchildren and if you believe the American Dream is for everyone willing to work for it, and not just for a privileged few, MAKE IT HAPPEN ON NOVEMBER 2ND. Go out and vote and support the labor-endorsed candidates on your ballot

As always, if you have any questions or problems do not hesitate to call or email our office.

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