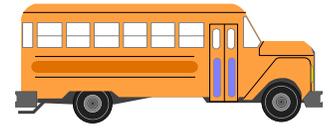




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**PLEASE NOTE
MEETING LOCATION
General Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 20, 2011
6:00 p.m.**

**Ironworker's Local 8 Hall
12034 West Adler Lane
Milwaukee, WI**

LABOR DAY PARADE

OPEIU Local 9 will be marching in the Milwaukee Labor Day parade. The parade begins at 11am. If you are interested in joining your union brothers and sisters please call the Local 9 office and let Gail know that you will be participating. Whatever your plans are that day please remember that the origin of Labor Day is from the Industrial Revolution era in American history when workers worked in deplorable conditions and virtually had no say in the work place. When labor organizations started popping up they lobbied for a holiday for workers in between Independence Day and Thanksgiving.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11TH

The September 11, 2001 attacks were a series of coordinated suicide attacks by al-Qaeda upon the United States. Nearly 3,000 victims and the 19 hijackers died in the attacks. Among the 2,753 victims who died in the attacks on the World Trade Center were 343 firefighters and 60 police officers from New York City and the Port Authority, and 8 private emergency medical technicians and paramedics. Another 184 people were killed in the attack on the Pentagon. The overwhelming majority of casualties were civilians, including nationals of over 70 countries. During the 9/11 rescue efforts, workers, represented by different unions, worked as EMTs,

paramedics, dispatch operators, janitors, police officers and firefighters. They helped clean up Ground Zero, raised money and donated blood. Unions in New York City, Virginia and Washington DC played a big role in bringing the community together and rebuilding in the aftermath of 9/11.

Unions from everywhere raised money for New York City relief in the hours, days and weeks after the attacks. The AFL-CIO Executive Council and individual unions urged Congress to act immediately to address the pressing health needs of workers exposed to Ground Zero toxic substances.

On this 10th anniversary of 9/11, let's remember all that lost their lives and their families. Let us not forget the over 600 union members that died because of the attacks. Many union brothers and sisters risked their lives and died at the frontlines of rescue missions to help victims and survivors. Many union members lost their livelihoods. For example, over 6,000 SEIU members lost their jobs, leaving them without resources to support their families

Years later, many members continue to suffer from depression, respiratory problems, insomnia and other illnesses linked to what they witnessed and inhaled during the 9/11 aftermath. The quote heard so many times should be with every American – WE WILL NOT FORGET.

THANK YOU FOR RECALL SUPPORT

Thanks to all that became involved in the recent recalls in Wisconsin. Although we did not have the exact results we wanted, we showed that labor is still strong turning out far more supporters in some districts than had ever been turned out before.

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**As always if you have any problems do not
hesitate to call or email the office.**