



# OPEIU LOCAL #9

## Newsletter



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### PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION

**General Membership Meeting  
Tuesday, April 19, 2011  
6:00 p.m.**

**Iron Workers Local 8  
12034 West Adler Lane  
Milwaukee, WI**

### Nominations in April

Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Recording Secretary, three (3) Trustees and seven (7) Executive Board members will be held at the April 19<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting. If necessary, a mail ballot election will be held in May. Anyone who is interested in having their name placed in nomination for a position but is unable to attend the meeting should send a notice to the Local office that they want their name placed on the ballot and that they will accept the nomination.

### This Attack on Middle-Class Jobs/Workers is Nationwide

The incredible response and mobilizations against the coordinated attacks on workers' rights and middle-class jobs in Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Iowa have grabbed the media spotlight for weeks now. There are other serious assaults under way in dozens of other states also which are being pushed by corporate CEO's and their Republican puppets in power. Some of these attacks are "running under the radar" so we must be vigilant to what is happening across this country in order to protect jobs and workers.

We are right in the middle of a campaign to destroy the labor movement and the middle class it created in America. This is part of a Republican strategy of destruction-- to split the vast middle and working class—pitting unionized workers against non-unionized, public-sector against non-public sector, older workers within sight of Medicare and Social Security against younger workers who don't believe these programs will be there for them, and the poor against the working middle class. We must not be fooled but rather remember that an attack on one is an attack on all and we must remain solidly united.

### Remember a Fallen Leader

In 1968, 1,300 sanitation workers in Memphis went on strike. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. came to Memphis to march with and support them. This is also where he lost his life on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1968. Because Dr. King was willing to stand up for what was just and right, Memphis eventually heard the grievances of its sanitation workers. And, in subsequent years millions of public employees across the nation have benefited from the job protections they earned. Thank you Dr. King for your courage. You were always willing to speak out for the workers and under-classed citizens of our country. Your memory lives on!

### Email Addresses Please

Please give your personal email address to your steward so we can contact you, or email us directly--remember to do personal email on personal, not work time.

Please look at reverse side for information on free training being offered by your Local.

**As always, please call me with any problems you are having.**