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Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017

Membership Assembly

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Seattle, WA

(see details to the right)

M.L. King County

Labor Council

Labor Day Cookout

Monday, Sept. 4, 2017

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tukwila Community Center

12424 42nd Ave. S., Tukwila

Chapter Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017

10:00 a.m.

IBEW Local 46

19802 62nd Ave. S., Kent



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Nominations and Election of Trustee Position at Next Assembly

This is notification that nominations and election for one Trustee position will be held at the September 23, 2017 Membership Assembly in Seattle. This position is a three-year term. The Local 8 Constitution and Bylaws describes the duties and responsibilities of each position and can be found at www.opeiu8.org under "About Us," or call the Local 8 office at 1-800-600-2433 to request a copy. Nominees must be in attendance at the Assembly where they are nominated or declare in writing their willingness to accept the nomination. Written declaration must be presented before the close of nominations.

The Trustees meet at the Seattle Labor Temple quarterly (in the evening) to review all union disbursements and audit financial records. Trustees provide an important role in ensuring Local 8's financial transactions are carried out in accordance with policies and member mandates.

Membership Assembly

Saturday, September 23, 2017

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Assembly (coffee/sign-in at 9:30 am)

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Social Hour/Auction, followed by Bingo for the Hardship Fund

Best Western Executive Inn

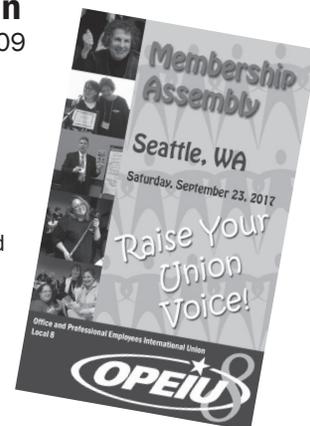
200 Taylor Ave North, Seattle, WA 98109

Lunch Provided

Assembly Highlights

- ◆ Special Guest Speaker during lunch: Kelly Coogan-Gehr of WA LERC, *Right to Work and Why Unions are Relevant*
- ◆ Nominations and Election for Trustee to Serve a 3-Year Term and vacant CLC positions
- ◆ Committee Meetings for Shop Steward/Education; Political Action; Hardship Fundraising; Diversity; and Assembly/Chapter Meeting
- ◆ Review and Approval of any New Union Business
- ◆ Review and Approval of the Year-to-Date August Financial Report
- ◆ Immediately following the Social Hour you're invited to stay and play Bingo. Proceeds to benefit the Hardship Fund.

Register with Mike at mike@opeiu8.org or 1-800-600-2433 (ext. 118) as soon as possible. Travel stipends may be available.



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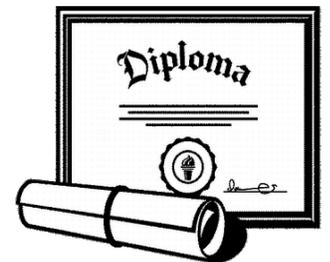
Trustee

Plymouth Housing Group Workers Win Activist Award



The Plymouth Housing Group Bargaining Team — Kerriann Egan, Housing Case Manager at Plymouth on Stewart; JJ Stein, Housing Case Manager at the St. Charles Apartments; Clemon “Smitty” Smith, Maintenance Tech II; Matthew Forsberg, Building Coordinator at Humphrey Apartments — will receive the Tommy McLean Workplace Activist Award at the upcoming OPEIU Local 8 Assembly on September 23 for their outstanding organizing effort during their 2-year contract campaign and their persistence at the bargaining table to win a fair contract.

Announcing the OPEIU Free College Benefit



The OPEIU has partnered with Higher Education Partners (HEP) and Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC) to provide OPEIU members and their families with the opportunity to earn an associate degree on line for **free** — no out-of-pocket costs for tuition, fees or e-books. Students study online and can earn an Associate of Arts, an Associate of Business Management, an Associate in Early Childhood Education or an Associate in Criminal Justice. The OPEIU Free College Benefit is open to members in good standing, who are full-dues-paying members and their families. Family is defined as spouse, children, stepchildren,

children-in-law, dependents and grandchildren. Potential students' membership will be verified by OPEIU.

The next 2017 semester begins October 16, 2017, with enrollment ending October 13. For more information call 1-888-590-9009 or go to <https://freecollege.opeiu.org/>.

OPEIU App

Check out the new OPEIU App! Offered in Apple and Android formats, it's available for free at your favorite app store. Download it today!



Be a Champion! Help Local 8 Members in Need

The OPEIU Local 8 Hardship Fund was established in 2011. We are the only OPEIU local in the nation with a fund to help its union members in need. Since the fund was created, it has issued more than 200 awards to members in need who have suffered an emergency or catastrophe, such as a fire, a death in the family, or a loss of work income due to their own or a dependent's serious health condition.

Originally seeded by our International and Local 8, the Hardship Fund is now solely financed through Assembly fundraisers and the individual contributions of Local 8 members. Regrettably, the need is greater than the donations received from the 30 individuals who have made financial contributions to the fund this year. Our Hardship Fund is currently at a critically low balance.

Local 8 continues to negotiate in its union contracts the option for members to donate to the fund through payroll deduction by their employers. To find out if you are able to give via payroll deduction, check your contract and fill out the Payroll Deduction Authorization form, which can be found on the "Hardship Fund and Resources" page under "Member Support & Action" on the Local 8 website and then send it back to the Union. Our office will process the paperwork.

Another way to donate to the Hardship Fund is directly through your own checking account. Why not sign up for automatic bill pay on a monthly basis to support the fund? Authorize a check made payable to the "OPEIU Local 8 Hardship Fund," at an amount which fits your budget, to be mailed to: 2800 First Ave #304, Seattle, WA, 98121.

If you prefer to help your Local 8 sisters and brothers in need through a one-time donation, that would be wonderful as well! You can use the Hardship Fund Donation Form on the "Hardship Fund and Resources" page on our website. Please send contributions via check or money order, made payable to the "OPEIU Local 8 Hardship Fund," to the above address.

Please note that at this time donations to the Hardship Fund are *not* tax deductible, although we hope to change this in the near future.

Donations Needed for Consejo Counseling and Referral Service

Consejo runs a transitional housing program that assists clients in crisis situations (i.e., women/children fleeing domestic violence, undocumented immigrants, etc). These vulnerable populations often arrive without any possessions, including even the most basic necessities for hygiene. For the September Membership Assembly, OPEIU 8 will be collecting the following donations to help Consejo fulfill this need:

- Socks for children and adults
- bars of soap
- deoderant
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- shampoo
- conditioner
- diapers (any size)
- baby wipes

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Membership Support Representative (MSR) Job Opening

Local 8 is hiring for the position of Membership Support Representative (MSR). This is an entry level Union Representative position intended to provide leadership opportunities for Local 8 members interested in serving on the staff of the Union. The position will benefit the membership by helping Local 8 with goals to increase workplace visitations, develop new Shop Stewards and workplace leaders, enhance shop floor communication through regular workplace updates, increase union visibility and access to Union Reps, approach grievance handling and other workplace issues from an “organizing model” and have a greater presence in the community

The successful candidate **SHOULD HAVE THESE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS:**

- Should be a Local 8 member in good standing or a former Local 8 member within the last 12 months.
- Experience assisting members in resolving disputes, grievances, and other workplace issues.
- An understanding of how the collective bargaining process works.
- Ability to write clearly and speak effectively and persuasively.
- Computer literacy.
- Knowledge of issues affecting working people.
- Ability to work well under pressure and interact with a wide variety of people in situations that are often adversarial.
- A Washington driver’s license and a car.
- Willingness to work long hours, including some weekends and evenings.
- Spanish fluency is highly desirable.

To apply, please send an application letter stating your interest in this position and resume to OPEIU Local 8 by email at opeiu8@opeiu8.org or by mail: OPEIU Local 8, 2800 First Avenue #304, Seattle, WA 98121.

Position closes on **Friday, September 15, 2017.**