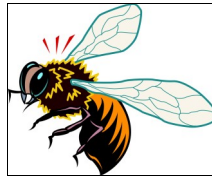


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Primary Election County Officer Candidate Interviews Set For March 16th

By Jan Carpenter
Labor Council Trustee

The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board will conduct 2019 Primary Election interviews on March 16th. The interviews will be held at IBEW Local 712 beginning at 9:00 AM and continue until all candidates seeking primary election endorsement by the Labor Council have been interviewed.

The County Offices for which the Labor Council will consider endorsements include the Office of County Commissioners and all Row Offices: Clerk of Courts, Controller, Coroner, District Attorney, Prothonotary, Recorder of Deeds, Register of Wills, Sheriff and Treasurer. Interviews will be conducted for candidates running for office in Beaver and Lawrence Counties.

Each County Commissioner and Row Office candidate will be questioned on issues such as Right to Work,

Paycheck Deception, Section 1620 of the Pennsylvania County Code, and other issues deemed appropriate.

During the 2014 candidate interviews, each candidate was asked about Section 1620 of the Pennsylvania County Code. Section 1620 allows an elected county row officer to ignore contracts negotiated between their employees' union and the County Commissioners. Candidates considering or invoking Section 1620 did not receive Labor Council endorsement.

The Executive Board will decide after interviewing all candidates for each office whether to recom-

mend an endorsement to Labor Council delegates attending the March 18th monthly meeting.

All candidates interviewed on March 16th will be invited to the March 18th meeting to give a three minute presentation of their candidacies before the delegates vote on endorsements.

As a central labor council we are a non-partisan organization and are not affiliated with any party. We support candidates that we believe will fight for public policy that is favorable to working families at all levels of government regardless of their political affiliation.

2019 PA Primary Election Important Dates

First day to circulate and file nomination petitions ..	02/19
Last day to circulate and file nomination petitions ..	03/12
First day to circulate and file nomination papers ...	03/13
Last day for withdrawal by candidates who filed nomination petitions	03/27
Last day to register before the primary	04/22
Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot	05/14
Last day for County Board of Elections to receive voted Civilian absentee ballots	05/17
PRIMARY ELECTION	05/21

For The Record

By Lisa Alexander
Labor Council Recording Secretary

From the December Labor Council Executive Board and Delegates' meetings –

Correspondences:

- * Received a thank you card from Amy Fazio, Democratic candidate for 14th Pa. House seat, for support given her campaign by Council members in the November General Election.
- * Received a Merry Christmas/ Happy New Year card from IBEW Local 29.
- * Received a notice of Pa. AFL-CIO Biennial Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Harrisburg on January 28-29.
- * Received a thank you card from United Way of Lawrence County for Labor Council support of its 15th annual Taste of the Town.
- * Received a Christmas card from Pa. AFL-CIO President Rick Bloomingdale and Secretary-Treasurer Frank Snyder.

Discussion:

- * The Labor Council will work on rebuilding its Legislative Committee in 2019.

* The Labor Council will revamp its Facebook page in 2019.

* Non-delegates who are not members of affiliated unions must request permission from the Executive Board to speak at a meeting at least 30 days before the meeting.

* Delegate meetings will be closed to non-delegates until after the financial report is given.



Labor Council Recording Secretary Lisa Alexander (left) with Council of Labor Union Women representative Janet Hill at the Labor Council's December meeting/Christmas Party. The Labor Council welcomed Lisa back after an absence of several months due to illness. The Christmas party was attended by Council delegates, members of affiliated organizations and friends of the Labor Movement.

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President's Report

By Rick Galiano
Labor Council President

* Forty-nine Labor organizations were affiliated with the Labor Council as of December, the same number that were affiliated in December, 2017. These organizations are listed in the box to the right.

* The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO will hold its Biennial Legislative Conference on January 28-29. The conference will explore the Labor Movement's agenda in the new state and federal legislative sessions. Labor Council Executive Vice-President Dan Onuska will attend the conference.

* Thank you to the supporters and friends of the Labor Council who joined us at our annual Christmas party after the December meeting. Also thank you to Labor Council Vice-President Mark Benkart for making the arrangements for the food and refreshments at the meeting.

Labor Council Affiliated Labor Organizations

AFSCME 248	IUOE 66
AFSCME 1483	IUPAT 530
AFSCME 1816	LIUNA 833
AFSCME 2105	LIUNA 964
AFSCME 2353	NALC 84
AFSCME 2367	OPCMIA 31
AFSCME 2602	OPEIU 277
AFSCME 2902	ROOFERS 37
AFT 3975	SEIU HC PA
AWIU 2	SEIU 668
BAC 9	SMART 12
CWA 13000	TWU 2035
AFF 160	UA 449
IAFF 3539	UBC 268
IAM 1976	UBC 922
IBB 154	UFCW 23
IBB 173	USW 623
IBEW 29	USW 1211
IBEW 201	USW 1212
IBEW 272	USW 8183
IBEW 459	USW 9305
IBEW 712	USW 256L
IBT 205	Beaver Co. Building Trades
IBT 261	Lawrence Co. Building Trades
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New Year's Resolution To Speak Out

By Mike Cicconi
IAMAW L.L. 1976 Grievance
Committee Chairman

January brings after Christmas sales, NFL playoffs and of course, more snow, but it also brings the opening of the next legislative class. While we all want to save money, cheer on the Penguins and shovel snow (NOT!), we should also mark this as a time to contact our incoming legislators.

The 116th US Congress (2019-2021) and the General

Assembly of Pennsylvania (2019-2020) are mixes of newly elected and incumbent representatives voted into office by Pennsylvania residents. They have been elected to fulfill their constituents' wishes, but when we remain quiet, it's the lobbyists who are heard. Silence equals consent, so when our elected officials only hear the opinions of big business through their highly paid lobbyists, the assumption is voters agree. Our union has representatives that try to educate officials on issues that matter to

us, but they can't do it alone. We'll never compete with the interests of the rich in dollars, but we can promote the interests of working people with our voices.

Election results prove that many of the pro-business candidates in the PA General Assembly were re-elected. We can expect anti-labor battles at the state level, but not everyone is anti-worker and Governor Wolfe has shown he's on our side.

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“Off The Table” Filmmakers And PNHP Physician To Attend Screening

By Jan Carpenter
Labor Council Healthcare
Committee Chairperson

Tony Buba and John Rice, the producers of the film “Off the Table: The Case for H.R. 676 Expanded and Improved Medicare for All” will attend the screening of the film at the Edwin D. Hill Complex of IBEW Local 712 following the Labor Council meeting on January 21st.

The twenty-three minute film shows how Canadian style Medicare could cover everyone in the U.S. without co-pays, deductibles or premiums, and remove one of the biggest obstacles U.S. labor negotiators face in contract negotiations.

John and Tony have worked together on numerous

films including “Struggles in Steel”, and “Ghosts of Armistad - In the Footsteps of Rebels”.

John is a member of Pittsburgh CWA Local 30861 and was on the negotiating committee that won a first contract for full time faculty members at Point Park University where he teaches Cinema Arts.

Many Labor Council delegates met Tony when he screened “Struggles in Steel” as part of USW Local 1211’s rededication of the NLRB v. J&L historical marker on September 27th of last year. He is currently working on a sequel, “Struggles in Steel – Still Struggling”, which will include interviews with retired members of Local 1211 who worked at J&L’s Aliquippa Works.

Anthony B. Fiorillo, MD, a

member of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP), also will attend the screening. PNHP is an advocacy group of more than 20,000 American physicians, medical students and health professionals that supports a universal, comprehensive, single-payer health insurance program.

The January 21st screening will be the first presentation of the film to an organized labor group in western Pennsylvania. John, Tony and Dr. Fiorillo are looking forward to your comments and questions after the screening.

The battle for Medicare for All is on the front burner of the political process. Please attend the screening and learn more about this important issue.

New Years Resolution

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The 116th Congress is the most diverse Congress in our country’s history. This is a sign that the American voters want an end to partisan bickering. We want differing views and opinions so we can return to the art of compromise, the key to effective legislating. But without us voicing an opinion, our views won’t be part of the discussion.

So as we make New Year’s resolutions to save money

and lose weight, let’s also resolve to be more politically vocal. Send emails, make phone calls or even visit representative’s offices. Tell them how you feel and how proposed legislation will impact you and your families. Most importantly, tell them you are a union member from your local union!

Also, on another note, congratulations go out to Congressman Conor Lamb, our friend, and his wife. Wishing them much happiness.

To find your legislator,

follow these links. When you get to your legislator’s web page, place that link in your browser’s bookmarks for easy access in future:

U.S. Senate:
www.senate.gov

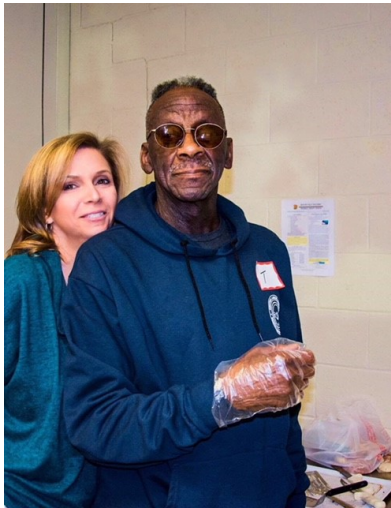
U.S. House of Representatives:
www.house.gov

General Assembly of PA:
www.legis.state.pa.us

Community Services Report

By Mark Benkart
Community Services Chairman

Another Christmas was blessed with the effort by the Beaver Falls Christian Assembly Church. On December 25th,



Council Vice President Kerri Theuerl and delegate T Berry at the Christmas event. Kerri helped coordinate the Council volunteers while T Berry circulated through registration, toys & clothes & the pastry station

they put together another Christmas dinner, toy, and clothing giveaway at Beaver Falls High school. This event serves over 1100 people.

The dinner consisted of ham, kielbasa, sweet potatoes, and regular potatoes, green beans, rolls, salad, and of course many wonderful desserts. The Church prepares for the dinner all year long. They receive toys from various department stores and the U. S. Marines Toys for Tots program.

Collecting toys must have been more challenging this year due to recent closing of stores such as Toys R Us, Macys, and Sears. Each child could pick four toys. Without the dinner, many families would not have had a nice dinner and Christmas presents.

Labor also participates in in the dinner each

year. The Labor Council officers who helped this year were President Rick Galiano, and Vice-Presidents Linwood Alford, Mark Benkart, Kerri Theuerl and Howard Thompson.



Frank Snyder Secretary/Treasurer PA AFL-CIO kept everyone lively while serving ice cream to the attendees .



A view of the Christmas event in full swing.



Rick Galiano USW & President of BLCLC surprised Rebecca Salopek with a BLCLC sweatshirt in appreciation for assisting our Union Members to find stations to volunteer at each year. Steve & Rebecca have managed the annual dinner for 25 years in order to help those in our Community. Rick & his wife ,Maryann, assist in the program each year.



A view of the volunteers as they assembled before the Christmas event was opened to the families.

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Calendar of Events

- 01/20 Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Committee banquet: 5:00 PM, Center Stage Banquet Hall, 1495 Old Brodhead Road, Monaca. See article on Page 7 of December, 2018 issue of the UNION BUG.
- 01/21 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings: Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; screening of “Off the Table: The Case for H.R. 676 Expanded and Improved Medicare for All” to follow (see article on Page 4 of this issue of the UNION BUG); IBEW 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 01/28 2019 Pa. AFL-CIO Legislative Conference: Crown Plaza, Harrisburg.
- 02/12 Community Services/Moral Monday Meeting: 7:00 PM; IBEW 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 02/18 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings: Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; PSEA Bldg., New Castle.



Delegates in attendance at the December 2019 CLC meeting/Christmas party.

Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at jkohser@verizon.net, by 6:00 p.m. on February 11th to be considered for publication in the February 2019 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.