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Good Things Happen When Union Members Vote

[A message from The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO President Angela Ferritto regarding the 2022 Midterm Election. November 9, 2022]

When union members, women and young people vote, this is what happens – principled candidates focused on strengthening public education, health care, job security, and rights of working people win. Why? Because the priorities of the candidates endorsed by the PA AFL CIO reflect the values of the people who are the backbone of our state. Pennsylvania’s union families have been the bedrock of powerful political movements since the first days of organizing around the rights of working people – particularly women and children – and as is the case now, these are issues that our families care about.

This year’s AFL-

CIO program was unlike any in history. Since last night, 98 of PA AFL-CIO endorsed candidates have been elected to public office — and we are still waiting on more as votes are still being counted. The victories across Pennsylvania were fueled by the grassroots campaign of tens of thousands of union volunteers who knocked doors and made worksite visits.

Those conversations led working people to turn out and vote in waves, defying the odds and denying political extremists the power to further erode our freedoms. And those conversations don’t end today; we will keep fighting to build worker power in every corner of the Commonwealth.

At a time when big corporations and the wealthiest among us are doing better than ever, working families are facing steep challenges to

just make ends meet. Those challenges will only be exacerbated if the hard-earned protections and rights workers have won over generations are not preserved through the perseverance and unwavering commitment of people like Governor-elect Josh Shapiro and Senator-elect John Fetterman.

Soon, the 2022 election will be in the rear-view mirror, but we are just getting started. Pennsylvania’s working people aren’t heading home. The foundation that unions built through our new 365-day-a-year political organizing campaign will engage voters every day through 2024 – we’re staying in the fight to rebuild our economy and protect the rights of all working people until the promise of equity and prosperity for all is returned to the people. #PowerToThePeople

President's Report

By Rick Galiano
Labor Council President

* Thank you to all those Labor Council members who worked for the PA AFL-CIO's endorsed candidates in the November 7th general election.

* PA AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer George Piasecki has confirmed that he will attend the Labor Council's November Executive Board and Membership meetings on November 21st. Please note that the meetings will be held at the PSEA Building in New Castle. The Labor Council will sponsor the food and refreshments that will be served after the meetings.

* PA AFL-CIO Organizing Specialist Jim DePoe has been assigned by the PA AFL-CIO to work with the Beaver-Lawrence CLC for at least the next two years. Jim began his assignment on October 31st. He will work from an office in the IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex. The office is adjacent to the Labor Council office. You can contact Jim by stopping in his office or email-

ing him at jdepoe@paaficio.org. Jim also serves as a Beaver-Lawrence CLC delegate representing IBEW Local 29 and as Local 29's political director. He previously served five terms as Local 29's vice-president. He has worked at the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Station and most recently at the Cheswick Power Station. Jim will attend the November Labor Council meeting with Chuck Green, PA AFL-CIO state director.



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Key Labor Endorsed Candidates Win

Editor's Note: John Fetterman, Josh Shapiro, Austin Davis and Chris DeLuzio were elected to serve as Pennsylvania's governor, lieutenant governor and U.S. House 17th District Rep., respectively, in the November 8th general election. Endorsed candidate Dan Pastore lost the election for the U.S. House 16th District seat.



Pre-election rally on November 1st at IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex in Vanport.



Austin Davis addressing attendees at November 1st rally.



Josh Shapiro and Frank Telesz, IBEW Local 712 Business Manager, at the November 1st rally.



Chris DeLuzio election night watch party at EAS Carpenters Training Center: From left: Beaver-Lawrence CLC Vice-President Joe Tesone, Beaver County Democratic Chairperson Erin Gabriel, Shal Hall, Dan Madgar, Beaver-Lawrence CLC Vice-President Jan Carpenter, Eileen Madgar and Beaver County Prothonotary Mike Rossi.



Overhead view of the crowd at the November 1st rally at IBEW 712.

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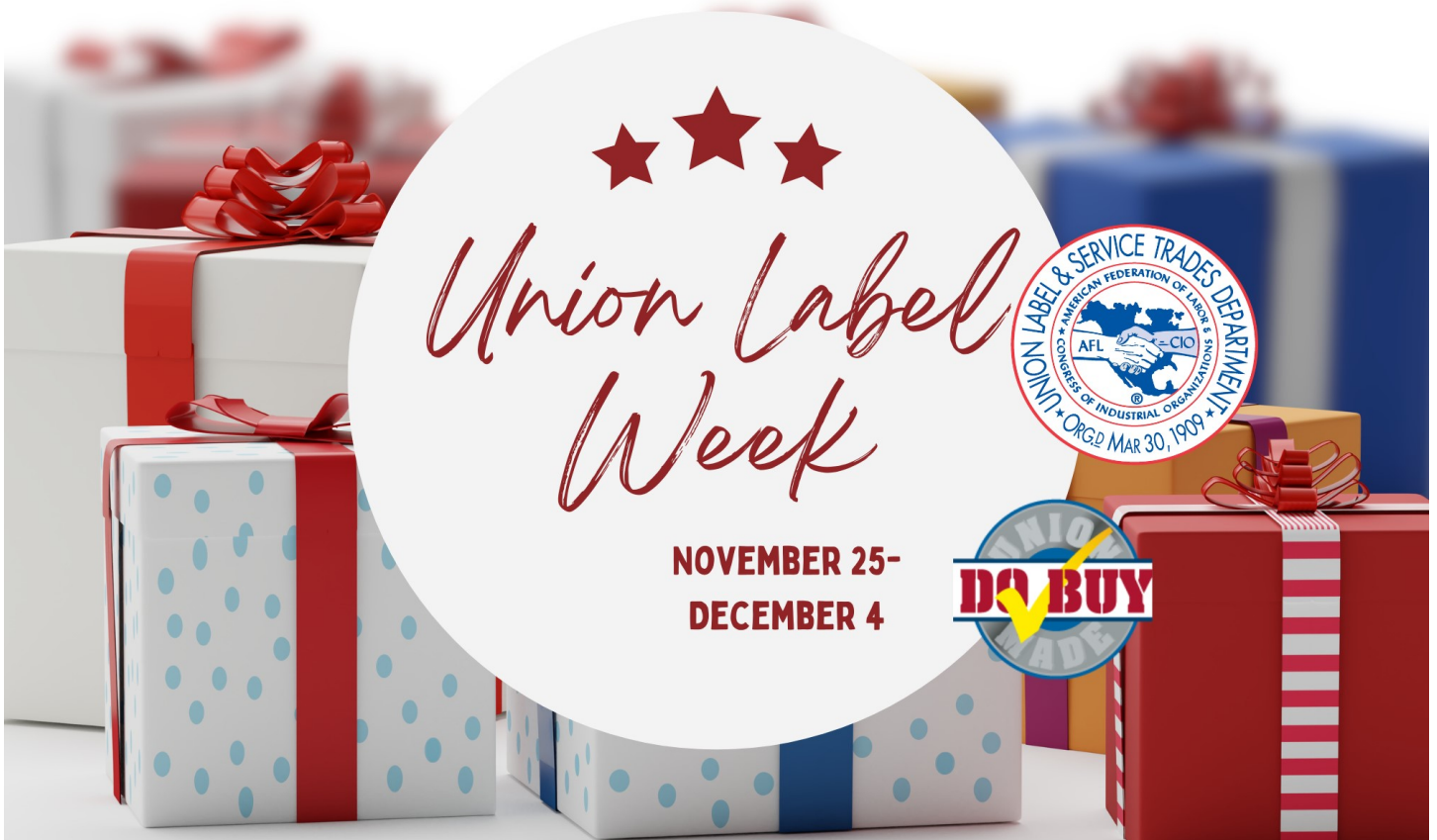
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Calendar of Events

- 11/21 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and Membership meetings. Executive Board – 6:30 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM. PSEA Building, New Castle, PA; AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Piasecki will address the meeting.
- 11/25-12/4 Buy Union Week. See flyer attached to the end of this issue of the UNION BUG for details.
- 12/14 NWPA ALF Executive Board and Delegates meetings. Executive Board – 6:00 PM; Delegates – 7:00 PM. AFSCME DC 85 Hall, 1276 Liberty St., Franklin 16232. Attendees may join in person or via ZOOM. RSVP to 814-360-8336 or nwpaalf@gmail.com.
- 12/19 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and Membership meetings. Executive Board – 6:30 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM. IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 12/25 Christmas Dinner and Toy Giveaway hosted by Christian Assembly CARE Ministry. 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Beaver Falls High School, 1701 8th Ave., Beaver Falls. Please contact Darcey Casey at 724-622-3128 if you would like to help. See flyers attached to October issue of the UNION BUG for additional details. Also see September UNION BUG, Page 3, President's Report for information on Labor Council donation to the Dinner and Toy Giveaway.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at jkohser@verizon.net, by 6:00 p.m. on December 13th to be considered for publication in the December 2022 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.



The 10 days following Thanksgiving are designated by the AFL-CIO as “Buy Union” week to encourage all union members to look for union-made goods and services when they buy for the Holiday Season. This year, Buy Union Week is **November 25-December 4**.

To find a union made gift or service, go to our Buy Union Database at <https://unionlabel.org/database-of-union-products-and-services/>. You can also find a curated do-buy product list on our Do Buy page at <https://unionlabel.org/do-buy/>.

When you buy union, you’re supporting good jobs in American communities, jobs that provide living wages and benefits, safe working conditions and dignity and respect for work.

Holiday shopping traditionally kicks off on “Black Friday” — designated as such because it’s the timeframe when many retailers move from red ink to black on their balance sheets. Shoppers will find plenty of “bargains,” but union family shoppers will want to look beyond foreign-made electronics, trendy toys and gadgets to find enduring goods that are union made, or perhaps gift cards for union-productions, such as movies or sporting events, or union made food stuff — there are still many union-made candies, baked goods, spirits and specialty items.

Buy Union!