



SEIU News

UPDATE

Walk a Day In My Shoes : (from www.seiu.org)

On August 8th, **Senator Barack Obama** spent time with home-care worker **Pauline Beck** and assisted her as she cared for her 86-year old client in his home.

Senator Hillary Clinton on August 13th, joined Las Vegas nurse **Michelle Estrada** during her shift in a medical/surgical unit. She then had dinner at Estrada's home with her family.

And on Thursday, 23rd August, **Senator Joe Biden** became the sixth Presidential candidate to "Walk a Day in the Shoes" of an SEIU member. He joined Cedar Rapids building engineer **Marshall Clemons** on the job completing some ongoing school repairs before joining Clemons and his family for dinner.

SEIU members are urging all the presidential candidates, Democrats and Republicans, to experience firsthand what their lives are like. To date, **Sens. John Edwards, Chris Dodd**, and **Gov. Richardson** have also walked in the shoes of SEIU members, and **Gov. Huckabee** has agreed to participate by the end of the summer.

Check out www.WalkADayInMyShoes2008.com for photos and more. You can also link to a YouTube video at www/seiu.org.

High Quality Health Care : (from www.aflcio.org/issues/healthcare)

On Labor Day, the AFL-CIO launched a nationwide drive to put the full force of its 10 million members and nearly 3 million retirees Behind winning secure, high-quality health care for all by 2009.

The fact is, America isn't working the way it should. Rising, irrational health costs are crippling families, companies, and communities, while drug and insurance company CEO's are raking in money as never before.

The fight for secure, high quality health care continues when Congress returns to work after Labor Day. The House and Senate are working to expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to cover millions of uninsured children.

By logging on to www.aflcio.org, you can watch videos, get the latest health care news from the AFL-CIO Now blog and learn more about the key principles that will fix our health care system.

Scholarships : (www.unionplus.org)

Since 1992, the Union Plus Scholarship Program has awarded more than 2.4 million to students of working families who want to begin or continue their secondary education. Over 1,700 families have benefited from our commitment to higher education. The Union Plus Scholarship Program is offered through the Union Plus Education Foundation.

Beginning 1 September, the 2008 Scholarship application is available for download at www.UnionPlus.org/scholarship.

Eligibility for Scholarships: Current and retired members of unions participating in any Union Plus . . . (Continued next column)

Quote of the Month

"Liberty lies in the hearts of men and women; when it dies there, no constitution, no law . . . No court can save it . . . The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right; the spirit of liberty is the spirit which seeks to understand the minds of other men and women."

- Learned Hand, speech (1944)

(UPDATE Continued) . . . program, their spouses and their dependent children (including foster children, step children, and any other child for whom the individual member provides greater than 50% of his or her support) can apply for a Union Plus Scholarship. (Participating union members from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Guam and the U.S. Virgin Islands and Canada are eligible.) Members do not have to purchase any Union Plus program product or participate in any Union Plus programs to apply for the scholarships and scholarship awards are not based upon participation in a Union Plus program.

The Union Leaders of the Future Scholarship 29 Sept. deadline is fast approaching. This Union Privilege program is to help more women and people of color become union leaders. It provides up to \$3,000 to help with the cost of continuing education or training in order to pursue their union career goals and leadership skills.

Current union members from the U.S., Puerto Rico, Canada, Guam, and the Virgin Islands; participating in a Union Plus program are eligible.

This application is also available for download at www.UnionPlus.org

SEIU Local 668 (PSSU) :

Our eastern sisters and brothers need someone with spirit and ideas to help them. A Business Agent position vacancy in Philadelphia has been posted.

Those wishing to apply to this vacancy should read the posting and send resume to SEIU Local 668 PSSU.

The deadline for resumes is Friday, 21 September. (Continued next page)

Local 668 (PSSU) Leadership

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- Alt. **Tom Zullo**—Dom. Rel.
 Alt. **Roberta Strezlecki**—DJ Sec.

Save These Dates ! :

- **Sept 13 & 14** — District 1199P Leadership Assembly 2007—at Hershey Convention Center, Hershey, PA.
- **Sept. 14 & 16** - Local 668 Leadership Training AND
- **Sept. 16** - Local 668 SWEB Meeting, both at Hershey, PA.
- **Sept. 17** —Westmoreland Labor Council.
- **Oct. 15**—Westmoreland Labor Council.
- **Dec. 8** - Local 668 SWEB Meeting in Hershey.

Important Notice!

If you transfer from the Manor to another job with the County, or vice-versa, you should notify the Union & Payroll as you may be changing your local.

Please sign a new Union application to retain your right to Union benefits. ###



> Our 2007 UNION HOLIDAYS are : New Year's Day (1/1); Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/15); President's Day (2/19); Good Friday (4/6); Memorial Day (5/28); Flag Day (6/14); Independence Day (7/4); Labor Day (9/3); Columbus Day (10/8); Veterans Day (11/12); Thanksgiving Day (11/22) & day after (11/23); Christmas Day (12/25); and your Personal Days.

Other Days to Remember

Fist Day/Rosh Hashanah—9/13
 Yom Kippur—9/22
 Autumnal Equinox—9/23
 First Day / Sukkot—9/27

Pennsylvania Labor History

1918 , National War Labor Board created by President Wilson; and Women in Industry division of the Department of Labor established.

1919 , United Mine Workers struck and earn a 27% wage increase during arbitration with a presidential commission. They were denied the 6 hour day and 5 day week.

1920 , The Women in Industry division of the Department of Labor became the Women's Bureau, as part of the Department of Labor by an act of Congress. The women's suffrage amendment was ratified. The Transportation Act established the Railroad Labor Board.

1924 , An amendment to the Constitution is proposed restricting child labor but not enough States passed the measure.

1926 , The Railway Labor Act required employers to bargain collectively and not discriminate against employees who wanted to join a union. The act also provided for mediation and voluntary arbitration in labor disputes.

1927 , The Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Compensation Act was passed. ###

Get the Facts !

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www.seiu1199P.org ;
www.seiu668.org ;
 & www.seiu668ch4.org

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UPDATE continued . . .

Court-Related & Court Appointed:

The formal Interest Arbitration Hearings for the separately bargaining Court-Related / Court-Appointed Units have ended. The last hearing was held on Wednesday, 25 July and all the testimony and exhibits must now be considered

Though we might hope to get it sooner, please don't expect the arbitrator's written decision and award till the end of October.

The CR/CA Negotiation Team members championing the cause and representing the members are listed at left. ###

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