

Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 8-8-11

Please refer to the following website for more detailed information throughout the State

<http://local.we-r-1.org/weareone/events/search/state/MI>

Watch Highlights of the "Rebuild the Dream" at:

<http://www.rebuildthedream.com/launch-highlights.php>

What	Where	When	Further Details
Representative Marcia Hovey-Wright's coffee hours	Laketon Township Hall	Tuesday, August 9, 7:00 - 8:00	
We Are the People Meeting	St. Pauls Episcopal Church	6 pm on Tuesday, Aug. 9	
Representative Marcia Hovey-Wright's coffee hours	Carmen's Café	Wednesday, August 10, 7:00 - 8:00	
2011 - International Ironworkers Festival	Mackinaw City	Friday-Sunday August 12-14	Events are held over the weekend with the "Oldtimers" competitions conducted on Sunday. More information can be accessed at: http://www.ironfest.com/Ironfest/Home.html
Democratic State Reps. Roy Schmidt and Brandon Dillon 2 for 1 Coffee Hours	Fat Boy Burgers, 2450 Plainfield Ave. NE, Grand Rapids	8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 15	Democratic State Reps. Roy Schmidt and Brandon Dillon will begin offering their Grand Rapids constituents 2-for-1 specials when they hold informal coffee hours together on the first and third Monday of each month.
The Michigan State AFL CIO and Michigan HRDI Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program Town Hall Meeting	UAW Region 1 27800 George Merrelli Drive, Warren, MI 48092	Wednesday - August 17, 2011, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (lunch provided)	The Michigan State AFL CIO and Michigan HRDI are working with union representatives, employers, Federal, State and local entities, elected officials, and workers to help them better understand the necessity for the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program. This includes educating trade-affected dislocated workers who may not understand the TAA petition and what it means to be covered by a TAA certification. Keynote speaker, Rep. Sander Levin, the Ranking Member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over all tax, trade and economic growth policies and entitlement spending, including Social Security, Medicare, welfare and unemployment compensation. Town Hall Meetings are scheduled in Southeast Michigan and in Lansing. Mark your calendar today and plan on attending the meeting that fits your schedule. There is no cost to attend and invitees can bring up to three (3) guests. Seating will be limited so register early! Registration info to: taa@mhrdi.org
Town Hall Meeting with Representative Marcia Hovey-Wright	Stephenson Center Room 1100 at Muskegon Community College	Wednesday, Aug. 17, 7pm	Representative Marcia Hovey-Wright will also host a Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 17 at 7:00 at MCC -- Stephenson Center, room 1100. The topic is school funding. Superintendents from her district will be discussing how the cuts to school funding will impact our schools. Everyone is encouraged to attend -- as well as spread the word about this event. If we do not let our leaders know how important education is, they could continue to make massive cuts. It is critical for us to get educated on this issue and to make a statement to our leaders.
The Michigan State AFL CIO and Michigan HRDI Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Program Town Hall Meeting	U.A. Local 333, 5405 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Lansing, MI 48911	Thursday - August 18, 2011 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (lunch provided)	The Michigan State AFL CIO and Michigan HRDI are working with union representatives, employers, Federal, State and local entities, elected officials, and workers to help them better understand the necessity for the Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) program. This includes educating trade-affected dislocated workers who may not understand the TAA petition and what it means to be covered by a TAA certification. Invited speaker, Senator Carl Levin, whose top priority has been the economic well-being of Michigan families.

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			<p>He has been a consistent voice for support of American manufacturing, the backbone of Michigan's economy and the nation's.</p> <p>Town Hall Meetings are scheduled in Southeast Michigan and in Lansing. Mark your calendar today and plan on attending the meeting that fits your schedule. There is no cost to attend and invitees can bring up to three (3) guests. Seating will be limited so register early! Registration info to: taa@mhrdi.org</p>
MI State AFL-CIO Community Services Fall Seminar	Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center MSU 55 South Harrison Ave. East Lansing, MI 48824-1022	Tuesday, August 30, 2011	<p>Mobilize Your Community Service Network Strengthen Partnerships Get prepared for the Upcoming United Way Campaign</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote speaker Will Fischer, Community Services Coordinator, National AFL-CIO • United Way Community Impact Panel • Workshops featuring innovative, replicable community service project ideas <p>For further information contact MI AFL-CIO Community Services eluchenbill@uwmich.org, stanaszek5@aol.com, kiclc@sbcglobal.net, or phone (616)456-8233</p>
Mid & West MI Construction Alliances Annual Joint Meeting	Wagon Wheel American Grill-Oak Room 7888 E. Grand River Ave. Portland, MI 48875	Thursday, September 1, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	<p>Anticipated topics and updates include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Various Political Updates * Building Code Cycle Changes * Lobbying New Legislators * Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) * and More <p>A detailed agenda will be send via email as we get closer to the event. Please RSVP to Ed Haynor, Consultant, WMCA at wmconstructionalliance@gmail.com or call 616-837-8080.</p>
Progressive Democratic Women's Caucus Meeting "RENEW AMERICA"	Muskegon Holiday Inn Marriott Renaissance Center Detroit MI. Registration is \$75.00 which includes lunch and materials.	Tuesday, Sept. 6 th at 11:30 a.m. Sunday October 2, 2011 in conjunction with the Biennial Convention of the Michigan State AFL-CIO	<p>For more information, contact Mary Valentine at: maryvalentine08@gmail.com</p> <p>Exhibitors are permitted to display and sell their Union-Made merchandise and services <i>ONLY</i>. We're excited to house exhibitors with exposure to the State Convention. We anticipate hundreds of delegates for this convention. Overnight accommodations at the Marriott are \$117.00 per night plus tax, which includes <i>wifi</i> and free parking. For room reservations please call 800 352-0831 and reserve under the code "AFL" group code.</p> <p>If interested in exhibitor's space is, it's \$325.00 per site for a skirted 6 foot table with two chairs for the three day event. Extra space is available with same criteria. Hotel special service assistance information is separate.</p> <p>Please contact the Union Label and Service Trades Council if you have any questions, need more information, or for Registration forms at 800 684-1256 (Patty) or 616 293-2823 (Jenni).</p>

FOR ADDITIONAL UPCOMING MICHIGAN RALLY INFORMATION go to:

http://www.facebook.com/MIrallyinfo?sk=app_4949752878

For up-to-date news on anti labor legislation, go to: <http://www.miaflcio.org/legislative-action/legislative-report.html>

If you wish to participate in a Community Action Team in your area, please click below:

<http://www.miaflcio.org/component/content/article/298.html>

On-Line Petition opposed to Governor Snyder's budget at:

http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/1141/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=3578

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