

Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 9-30-11

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

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

Current Edition of the "Grand Valley Labor News," is available at:

<http://www.grandvalleylabornews.com/downloads/WIP58.09sep11.pdf>

What	Where	When	Further Details
We Are the People "Pitch" Training Workshop	Muskegon Community College room 1200 of the Stephenson Center	Saturday, October 1 st from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	The Sept. 6 "pitch meeting" went great. There are many wonderful people out there who have had enough and want to pitch in to help put our government back in the hands of the people. We will be having additional pitch meetings as well, time and place to be determined. Please let me know if you are interested so I can get back with you about it. They last about an hour to an hour and a half. We talk about our organization and the upcoming workshop. Call Mary Valentine at 231-736-4827 for further information.
WE ARE THE PEOPLE KALAMAZOO AREA "ACTION TEAM WORKSHOP"	IBEW 131 3641 East Cork, Kalamazoo, MI	Saturday, October 1 at 9:00 am	You are Invited to attend this special workshop. We Are the People is a diverse coalition of students, seniors and workers fighting to protect Michigan's working and middle-class families. Workers are under attack, and we believe it's time for Gov. Snyder and state politicians to stop the power struggles and start working together to create quality jobs and get our economy moving again. Join us for an upcoming Action Team workshop to fight back. Topics will include: Amplifying our message, Using the power of 1-on-1 conversations to organize people and build movements, Creating a local action plan together to fight back, and Holding Lansing politicians accountable. If you have questions, please contact: Adam Knott, Organizer 734-646-7299
Kalamazoo County Democratic Party Brown-Todd-Wolpe Dinner and Award Presentation	Kalamazoo Room of the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center in beautiful downtown Kalamazoo.	Saturday, October 1st at 5:30pm	We will hear from our leaders in Lansing, including Senator Gretchen Whitmer, the first woman to be elected leader for the Michigan Senate Democrats and Fred Durhal Jr. Chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus as we celebrate the life of the late Honorable Robert B. Jones. As former Mayor of Kalamazoo and State Representative for the 60th District, Bob dedicated his life to the people of Kalamazoo and will always be remembered for his passion for progress and his ability to bring people together to build consensus. His tireless efforts allowed Kalamazoo to grow and avoid the fate of many other mid-western cities. Tickets are \$50 each, you can also purchase a table of 10 for \$500. Click here to RSVP and purchase your ticket(s) online today! Seating is limited, purchase your tickets early. For further information contact, David C. Pawloski, Chair, Kalamazoo County Democratic Party, Ph: 269.342.4217. Fx: 269.342.4757 or www.kzoodems.com
"RENEW AMERICA"	Marriott Renaissance Center Detroit MI. Registration is \$75.00 which includes lunch and materials.	Sunday October 2, 2011 in conjunction with the Biennial Convention of the Michigan State AFL-CIO	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. 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. 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).

What	Where	When	Further Details
Kalamazoo Town Hall Meeting to discuss the future of education funding in Michigan	Linden Grove Middle School, 4242 Arboretum Parkway, Kalamazoo	Monday, October 3rd, 7pm	Democratic State Senator Bert Johnson is co-hosting this event with Mark Totten to discuss the impact and future of school funding in the district. Area superintendents, Senator Schuitmaker, Speaker Bolger, Representative McCann and Representative O'Brien have been invited to join the panel as well. If you have any questions contact Valerie Keefe at valerie.keefe1@gmail.com

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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

Watch Highlights of the "Rebuild the Dream" at:

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

Visit former MI House of Representative Mary Valentine's blog at: <http://politicsforabetteramerica.blogspot.com>. She has a very unique view of issues after having been in the legislature.