

## Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 4-7-11

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

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

What	Where	When	Further Details
2nd Annual Labor Leaders Labor Forum featuring Richard "Rich" Trumka, President of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) presenting "The Future of Unions in America"	Wayne State University McGregor Memorial Conference Center	April 7, 2011 8:00-8:30 a.m. Registration  8:30-10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion of five academics presenting papers on the topic on "The Future of Unions in America"  10:00-11:45 a.m. Roundtable discussion, moderated by Larry Fobes, on the topic of U.S. Unions.  Noon-1 p.m. VIP Lunch  1:30-2:30 p.m. Community Arts Auditorium Richard "Rich" Trumka presenting "The Future of Unions in America"	RSVP at: <a href="http://specialevents.wayne.edu/laborleadership">specialevents.wayne.edu/laborleadership</a> For more information, contact Special Events and Services at (313)577-0300.
Annual Pancake Breakfast	3300 Leonard NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525	April 10 9:00 a.m. – noon	Tickets are \$6.00 each. Children 10 and under free. Phone 616-459-6277 for tickets.
Town Hall meeting to discuss Governor Snyder's proposed budget	Brown Hall on Western Michigan University campus, room 2028.	Monday, April 11th from 6:30-8pm.	Please join Representative Sean McCann and Senate Democratic Leader Gretchen Whitmer for a town hall event. The meeting will present details of Gov. Snyder's proposed budget, discuss its potential impact to the local community if adopted, and give area citizens an opportunity to ask questions and share their feedback. Senator Whitmer extended an invitation to Governor Snyder to either personally participate in the event or have a representative from his administration attend on his behalf so that he can hear directly from the people about his proposed budget. For further information contact: Scott A. Brown Co-Chair: South Central Community Action Team Great Lakes Region Organizing Committee Michigan Laborers' 1118 Centennial Way Suite 100 Lansing, MI 48917 ph <a href="tel:5173212349">517 321 2349</a> fx <a href="tel:5173213266">517 321 3266</a>
Stop the Lies National Day of Protest RALLY AT STATE CAPITOL ALL UNIONS & AFFILIATES	Lansing State Capitol	April 13, 2011 12 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Bring your banners and yard signs. For further information call 313-964-5193
Michigan Labor/Management Association Partners in Progress Spring Conference	Kellogg Conference Center in East Lansing	April 14 & 15	For further information contact Cynthia Corbin at (517) 347-2463 or <a href="mailto:ccorbin@mlma.org">ccorbin@mlma.org</a> or Ed Turnquist at 734-354-8736 or <a href="mailto:e.turnquist@mlma.org">e.turnquist@mlma.org</a> More information can be found at <a href="http://www.mlma.org/">www.mlma.org/</a>

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Owen Bieber Plaque Dedication	UAW Region 1-D Corner of East Beltline & Leonard Ave.	Friday, April 15	Dedication of bronze plaque & renaming of regional HQ. Reception 3:30 – 7 p.m. for further information call 616-949-4100.
Calhoun County Healthy Employer Summit	Holiday Inn 12812 Harper Village Dr. Battle Creek, MI	Tuesday, April 19 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Dr. Mark Fendrick will present Value Based Benefit Design & Dr. Ray Zastrow will present Employee Health Management Best Practices. Registration Deadline is Tuesday, April 12. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Register at <a href="http://www.regionalhealthalliance.com">www.regionalhealthalliance.com</a>
We Are One walk	Walk starts at Spirit of Solidarity Monument (Outside Ford Museum downtown Grand Rapids)	Tuesday, April 19 4:30 p.m.	Walk to commemorate the 100yr mark of the Furniture Strike of 1911 in Grand Rapids. Contact: Kent-Ionia Labor Council 918 Benjamin NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Phone <a href="tel:6164568233">(616)456-8233</a> Fax <a href="tel:6164560574">(616)456-0574</a> <a href="mailto:kiclc@sbcglobal.net">kiclc@sbcglobal.net</a> <a href="http://www.mi.aflcio.org/kentioniac">www.mi.aflcio.org/kentioniac</a>
Kalamazoo Labor Management Association Noon Luncheon	Mayor's Riverfront Park, 251 Mills St., Kalamazoo	Wednesday, April 20, 2011, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Presentation by Don Weaver, Greater Kalamazoo United Way, Labor Participation Division. RSVP to Torri Kingsley at <a href="mailto:MIWorks2@upjohn.org">MIWorks2@upjohn.org</a>
Make your Voice Heard on Governor Snyder's Budget Proposal  Sponsored by Public Sector Consultants	Detroit Public Television 1 Clover Ct., Wixom	April 20 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm	For further information: Laura Braun Public Sector Consultants Inc. <a href="mailto:lbraun@pscinc.com">lbraun@pscinc.com</a> 517 484-4954 You must register on the following website: <a href="http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e3gxjckaa9ca7d6&amp;llr=eubxs7dab">http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e3gxjckaa9ca7d6&amp;llr=eubxs7dab</a> Please note that registration is on-line, it could require payment.
Bowling for Gasoline Fundraiser	Nottke's Family Fun Center 775 w. Columbia Ave. Battle Creek, MI 49015 269-963-9121	Saturday, April 30, 2011, 1-4 p.m.	Free Gas USA, Inc. is a national religious charity established to provide gasoline grant to poor American citizens. The event is sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council. For further information and tickets contact Hugh Coward at 269-962-8511.
A Celebration of Labor/Management Achievements	The Bernhard Center at Western Michigan University	Wednesday, May 18 5:30 p.m. Social Hour 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:15 p.m. Award Presentation 7:30 p.m. Keynote speech	The event is sponsored by the Kalamazoo Area Labor Management Committee. Keynote speaker is Cindy Estrada, International Vice-President, United Auto Workers. Contact Torri Kingsley for registration information at: Ph: 269-385-0465, Fx: 269-349-5505, Email: <a href="mailto:kalm@upjohninstitute.org">kalm@upjohninstitute.org</a> .
Lansing Board of Power & Light, Ottawa Street Station power plant Appreciation Event	200 N. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI	Saturday, May 14 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception 6:30 p.m. Program 7-9:30 p.m. Strolling Dinner & Building Tours	Sponsored by Accident Fund Holdings and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan regarding the newly completed Lansing Board of Power & Light, Ottawa Street Station power plant in Lansing. Formal attire is required. If you plan on attending, please use the following website to RSVP no later than April 25. <a href="http://www.powerofpartnership.com/">http://www.powerofpartnership.com/</a>
Progressive Democratic Women's Caucus Brunch, "Across the Generations"		May 21 - Social hour starts at 11:00, luncheon served at noon.	Speaker and location to be determined.
IRONWORKERS LOCAL 340 2011 Retiree & Apprenticeship Banquet	Knights of Columbus Hall 5830 Clyde Park SW Wyoming, MI 49509	Saturday, May 21, 2011. 6:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m.	A full-course buffet style dinner will be served following a cocktail hour. After dinner there will be speakers and presentations followed by music and dancing. Advertising opportunities are available for their program album. Call Angie at 800-962-6464 or email at <a href="mailto:local340ironworker@sbcglobal.net">local340ironworker@sbcglobal.net</a> to RSVP by May 6 <sup>th</sup>
"All Trades Softball" Tournament sponsored by the Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council	Gier Park in Lansing	May 21-22	For further information and team registration, contact Maurine Homola, Michigan Building Trades, phone 517-484-8427. The Building Trades are also soliciting ads for their Program Book. Proceeds go to diabetes research.

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"Construction Golf Classic" Sponsored by the West Michigan Construction Alliance and the West Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council	Hidden Valley Golf Course in Shelbyville, MI	May 24 General Membership Meeting at 7:30 a.m. Golf Scramble starts at 9 a.m.	For further information, hole sponsorship, golf prizes and golf registration materials, contact Ed Haynor at: 616-837-8080 or <a href="mailto:wmconstructionalliance@gmail.com">wmconstructionalliance@gmail.com</a>
The "Unity Classic" sponsored by the Kalamazoo Democratic Party	Ridgeview Golf Course, 10360 W. Main, Kalamazoo	June 11	For further information contact: Dave Pawloski at 269-342-4217. For golf committee and sponsorship information contact Ron Crowell 269-381-7659 or Gary Swanson 269-998-8808. Also see <a href="http://www.kzoodems.com">www.kzoodems.com</a>
2011 International Ironworkers Festival.	Mackinaw City	August 12-14	Events are held over the weekend with the "Oldtimers" competitions conducted on Sunday. More information can be accessed at: <a href="http://www.ironfest.com/Ironfest/Home.html">http://www.ironfest.com/Ironfest/Home.html</a>

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[http://www.facebook.com/Mlrallyinfo?sk=app\\_4949752878](http://www.facebook.com/Mlrallyinfo?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](http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/1141/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=3578)

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