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Meetings & Events

July 2018

7/12	3:30 pm	Committeeperson Mtg. E-Board Mtg.
7/16	6 pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25
7/17	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20am	" " "
	3:20pm	" " "
	6:20pm	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
7/18	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
	3 pm	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
7/19	12 noon	Local 105 Retirees Potluck

All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall
Unless designated otherwise

Unions give workers a voice

By Dino Leone – President of the Q-C Fed of Labor
 Reprinted from the 7/6/2018 Q-C Times

The U.S. Supreme Court recently sided with powerful corporate-funded interests over working people in the Janus v. AFSCME case. It's political attack fueled by billionaires, including Gov. Bruce Rauner who first brought the case and anti-union forces such as the Illinois Policy Institute, which litigated it.

These rich and powerful forces want even more wealth and influence for themselves, at the expense of everyone else. They're rigging the American economy and our democracy for their own benefit, using the courts to achieve their aims.

But readers of the Quad City Times didn't hear what the case was really about, or who was behind it, in Sunday's misleading editorial. Ignoring that Janus is just the latest tactic in a decades-long, big money assault on the freedom of working people to have a voice on the job, the Times editorial board echoed right-wing talking points in trying to blame unions.

The truth is that where unions are strong, all working people are lifted up by higher wages, affordable health care and secure retirement. Workplaces are safer, child poverty is lower, and the pay gap for women and people of color is minimized.

When public service workers have a voice through their union, they speak up not only for themselves, but for the communities they serve: Teachers fight alongside parents to improve school funding, firefighters push for faster response times, nurses for better care. AFSCME represents city workers who maintain our streets, prison employees who keep us safe and child-protection workers who both rescue and advocate for at-risk kids.

When working people have a voice through their union, they have a fighting chance to level the playing field against a billionaire like Bruce Rauner, who spends more wealth to influence a single political campaign than most working families earn in a lifetime.

Now the Illinois Policy Institute's national parent, the State Policy Network, is about to launch an \$80 million campaign to convince workers to drop their union membership. If those anti-union attacks prevail, we'll all suffer. As Times editorial noted, after private-sector union density was eroded by anti-union laws and outsourcing, "wages stagnated, and pensions went the way of the dodo." The Times may wish for all workers to join this race to the bottom, but the labor movement is the rising time that lifts all boats.

That's why recent polling shows that more Americans – especially young people – view unions favorably now more than at any time in the last decade and a half. The wave of teacher strikes that succeeded in raising wages and school funding alike in West Virginia, Oklahoma and Arizona reflect that trend. The challenges may be grave, but I'm confident that, standing together in our unions, working people will rise to meet them.

2018 Charity Golf Tournament

This year's charity golf tournament which was held on June 2 rose over \$2700 for local charities. Transitions Mental Health and local school supply drives will be receiving the money raised this year.

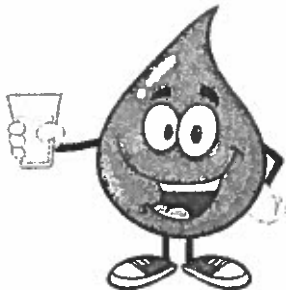
Thank you to all that supported this year's tournament. Special thanks to our sponsors:

- IBEW Local 1379
- LawnWorks
- Capron & Avgerinos, P.C. Attorneys at Law
- IAFF Local 26
- Headlinez
- Vans Pizza Pub and Grill
- IBEW 145
- Arconic
- Operating Engineers Local 150
- USW Local 105 Women of Steel
- USW Local 105

Thanks Received:

"Thank you for the cap, watch, & hoodie and for the 40 years of representation. A special thank you to Clayton Steines for the work he does for us in the plate mill. He goes above and beyond. To our non-union members – think again about the next time you get overtime pay or paid holidays and the work that goes into obtaining those things to make your life better! Thanks again!

Chuck Burg (Plate Mill Retiree)



Hydrate Often – 8 oz every 30 minutes

105 Contest Continues

This week's and last week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 33. If the sum totals 105 you win a free T-shirt.

School Supply Drive



When:
Monday, July 16th
5am-9am / 2pm-6:30pm

Tuesday, July 17th
5am-9am / 2pm-6:30pm

Where:
Northwest Parking Lot of Arconic



Save our Labor Center!

University of Iowa administrators have announced their intent to close the University of Iowa Labor Center – the **only** unit in the entire state university system that specializes in research and education for and about Iowa workers.

This decision was made with NO prior discussion with the Labor Center, university faculty, faith leaders, community organizations or working people who rely on the educational programs, research and outreach of the Labor Center.

The Labor Center belongs to Iowans – it was established in 1951 and built by the contributions of generations of Iowans for nearly 70 years. It provides direct education for over 2,500 Iowa workers from across the state each year and impacts many thousands more as workers bring their knowledge of health and safety laws, anti-discrimination rights, and leadership skills back to their workplaces and communities to grow Iowa's economy. Its specialized knowledge is an essential resource for students and faculty who study topics related to labor, immigration, public policy, Iowa history, and the economy. And it is a model public-private partnership, sustained by funds from educational program fees, competitive grants, and a small but essential university funding commitment. Now the university is trying to hijack the only university funds across the state that have been committed to serving Iowa's workers.

You Can Help Save our Labor Center:

Join workers, unions, faith leaders, faculty, and students from across the state in sending a strong message to University administrators. Let them know that:

- The Labor Center serves a unique and irreplaceable function in our state, providing education for thousands of Iowa workers each year, promoting good jobs and a stronger economy.
- Stealing the money that has been committed to research and education on issues that matter to Iowa workers for generations is an unforgivable breach of public trust.
- The consequences of closing the Labor Center would be extremely destructive. It would destroy the commitment generations of administrators have made to Iowa workers.

We invite you to contact UI College of Law Dean Washburn and UI President Bruce Harreld to insist that they change course and initiate a genuine dialogue about the Labor Center's future.

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President Bruce Harreld: 319-335-3549 (office) / bruce-harreld@uiowa.edu

Another thing you can do to help save the Labor Center is to submit a letter to the editor of your local newspaper. People from all over the State of Iowa benefit from the Labor Center and support for the Labor Center should be evident in newspapers all over the state.