



United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Community Services Report

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Reaching out to the community

The Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO and United Way partnership is making progress by educating families about important issues affecting them in southeastern PA. We invite you to get involved in any of our sponsored activities and encourage your input. Information meetings in both the Philadelphia and Montgomery County Central Labor Councils are being conducted and community activists network committees are being revived for both active and retired people.

Community Activist Network Meets

On August 29th, the first Community Activist Network community meeting was held in Philadelphia. Jim Cummins, co-chair, welcomed everyone and expressed ardent support of the Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO leadership team and offered his full support for the success of this group. They represent a cross section of unions, community organizations and government representatives. One of their main goals is planning a spring '03 training program targeting community and union activists. Stay tuned for great things!

Community Services

Assisting transitional workers

One important phase of the work performed, requires us to assist workers in transition due to economic downturns or plant shutdowns. The United Way, in partnership with the PA Department of Labor and Industry Rapid Response Team, visits those work sites with larger numbers of affected workers to provide information about unemployment compensation benefits, employment services and community resources. Janet Ryder serves as a team member where she addresses workers about how to avail all types of social services to benefit families.

We're on the Web!

www.uwsepa.org

Go to the special information section to find information on resources for families and transition workers.

And visit the AFL-CIO website
www.LaidOffWorkers.org

Where are we losing workers in this region?

Phila & Montgomery Counties
(May – Sept, 2002)

Name of Company (union) # affected
Budd Co.(UAW) 600+
General Electric (IAM) 170
Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.* 140
Phar-Mor Pharmacy 125
Consolidated Freight Co.(Teamsters) 100
Methodist Hospital 100
Bala Nursing Home (1199C) 77
RMH Teleservices* 75
AeroFlex RDL * 68
Central Sprinkler* (sprinkler fitters) 64+
Aviation Safeguards 57
Ames* 50

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Day of Caring SAT. SEPT 28th

Volunteers needed

No experience necessary

Diversified Services

1222 S. Broad St.

Sign up!

215 665 2617

BLOOD DRIVE

Red Cross &

Philadelphia AFL-CIO

Give me your blood!

3 dates! 3 places!

Wed, Oct. 9th

AFL-CIO Delegates' Night

5 – 9 PM

Philadelphia AFL-CIO

22 S. 22nd St. PHL

Sat., Oct. 19th

9AM – 3PM

SEIU Local 1201 Union

Hall 455 N. 5th St. PHL

Thurs., Oct. 24th

3 – 7 PM Painters Dist.

Council 21

2980 Southampton Rd.

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In the News!

What do all these people have in common? Bill George, Pete Matthews, Jerry Jordan, Johnny Butler, Paul Lemon, Mike DiBernardinis, Linda Butler, Lew Fitzgerald, Harriet Smith, Evon Tisdale, George DiPilato, Jim Moran, Bobby Davis, Ted Kirsch, Sue Clements, Juan Ramos, Don Jose Stovall, Rep. Frank Oliver, Rep. Ron Waters, Katy Sipp, Jerry Roseman, Evon Sutton, Van Cooper, Johnny Pierce, Mark Bostic, Sara Ortiz, Ron Ellis, Ann Cohen, Bill Peebles, Cheryl Feldman, Wil Duncan, Gabe White, TJ Bonner, Tony Lewis, Chris James Brown, Henry Nicholas, Maida Odom, John Walker, Gary Gilfilan, Shelly Yanoff, Eric Braxton, Dr. Cheryl Oakman, Marlene Weinstein, Camara Jordan, Joe Lurie, Stephen Rockwell, Sen. Vincent Hughes, Tom Doyle, Paul Lemon, Richard Womack Jr., Sam Staten Jr., John Lavin, Marlene Santoyo, John Dodd, Jean Alexander, Leon Shore, Rev. William Moore, Laurie Rosard, City Year, PUP, Laura Townsend, Dorothea Bell, Herman Wooden, Stuart Eimer, Pat Smith, Macqueline Sparkman, Youth Services Inc. Red Cross, and Jean Alexander...**They've all been Labor to Neighbor guests! Listen to our own labor oriented weekly show. The AFL-CIO is reaching out to the community to educate and mobilize working families and we welcome your suggestions for interesting topics. Starting October 7th, Labor to Neighbor expands its programming! The time changes to 1 – 4 PM. DC 33 president, Pete Matthews, will host the first hour of the show and focus on public sector worker issues. (list may be incomplete due to space limitations and press deadlines)*

September – The month to celebrate a workers' right to organize and the working men and women in this city. Thirty (30) places of worship participated in the fifth Annual Labor in the Pulpits. With greater participation than last year, the Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO, Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice and Jobs for Justice recruited and trained 30 religious leaders and union members to share firsthand events and to offer prayers to workers and to acknowledge their right to organize in the workplace. Congratulations to **Kati Sipp** for taking the lead after the departure of Rev. James Ratner. Most denominations were represented and participants look forward to even greater participation next year.

Labor Day parade a huge success!
Thanks go out to the 40 unions and 9 community organizations that came out to celebrate working men and women and to commemorate the tragic 911

event. Floats, drill teams and unions decked in their colors lined the Parkway.

Congratulations to co-chairs **Jim Moran** and **Bobby Davis** and the entire committee on a job well done!