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***Labor to Neighbor***

*Listen to Pete, Pat and Janet  
 every Monday!*

Since April, Pat Eiding and Janet Ryder have co-hosted Labor to Neighbor, a weekly talk radio show whose primary purpose is to share information with listeners about issues affecting working families. In November, the format was expanded to add, AFSCME District Council 33 chief, Pete Matthews, to the line up. The show follows an issues driven format with top newsmakers in the community, making it three hours that you won't want to miss!



**Ask Doctor Lawyer!**

Labor to Neighbor has expanded its format to provide expert advice from both legal and medical profession to callers. Listen to our resident professional monthly. Dr. Richard Moses, an attorney and physician, will answer your questions and address current topics of interest. Email your questions ahead of time to Lawyer Doctor and have it

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The Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO family really knows how to make their careers interesting to our public school ninth graders! On November 21<sup>st</sup>, 54 ninth grade students spent the day shadowing some of our union leaders, staff representatives and union members. And boy, the experiences they had! Students sat in on Mayor Street's finance briefing, attended and were recognized at the City Council meeting, visited the Eagles and Phillies stadium construction site, attended important meetings at the School Administration building and even ate filet mignon for lunch. Based upon the comments from both adults and the kids, they all had a great learning experience. Many thanks go out to the 9 union presidents and their staff members who helped the Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO in its mission to project our Labor to Neighbor agenda. The long-term impact each of you has made upon all

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Campaign for Working Families

Volunteers needed  
*Serve as a Tax preparer*

*Training provided by IRS*  
December training dates  
For more information  
215 665 2617

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Your hosts  
Call in!  
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*Happy Holidays!*



## In the News!



### *Tax Season is coming!*

The Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO is a partner in the Campaign for Working Families which supports low-wage workers through a broad, institutionally based effort to increase the number of eligible families in Philadelphia to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other state and federal credits. In addition, the Campaign will encourage and assist eligible families to apply for public benefits (such as food stamps, Medicaid and CHIP), as well offer them programs designed to build financial literacy and assets. It is estimated that about 50,000 eligible households in Philadelphia did not file EITC claims, leaving at least \$84 million in unclaimed credits. Persons earning up to \$31,120 annually, may be eligible. **There will be 25 sites citywide for people to have their taxes prepared for free. Four sites will be housed at union these sites. The kick off date for this operation is January 28, 2003. The press conference and official kick off for the**

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preparation sites or how you can become involved, contact Janet Ryder.



*A. Philip Randolph  
1889 - 1979*

***The A. Philip Randolph Institute held its annual banquet*** and honored the outstanding leadership of three noted leaders – Lynne Fox, UNITE!, Sam Staten Jr. Laborers Local 332 and Wesley Johnson Esq. , Director of the Labor Education Institute. Mayor John F. Street was on hand to give remarks and to receive recognition for his leadership of the city. Clayola Brown, AFL-CIO vice president and UNITE! executive board member delivered the keynote address. Congratulations to Richard Womack Jr., president and the entire membership on a job well done!

**Union Leadership  
Classes to begin  
February 2003  
Labor Law**