

## Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 10-25-11

\*\*\*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.workinprogresswm.com/downloads/WIP58.10oct11.pdf>

What	Where	When	Further Details
We Are The People in conjunction with Every Woman's Place regarding Changes in Michigan Welfare Laws	Campbell Park in Muskegon	Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2:00 p.m.	An event to draw attention to the lifetime max of 4 years for cash assistance for those on welfare that the Michigan legislature has put in place. Also Every Woman's Place will be gathering needed items.
Death of the Middle Class March “We Are the People and this is Our Funeral”	Grand Rapids starting at the corner of Ottawa and Pearl. The march will end at Rosa Parks where there will be speakers, donuts, hot cocoa, etc.	Saturday, November 5	Because of Michigan's inability to create decent jobs, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$1 Billion in cuts to k-12 education funding,</li> <li>• cuts to college level funding,</li> <li>• the new 48 month low-income assistance timeline,</li> <li>• the taxing of senior's pensions,</li> <li>• reduction of the Earned Income Tax Credit,</li> <li>• introduction of “Right to Work” bill,</li> <li>• combined with the 86% tax-cuts to corporations</li> </ul> We now have an income-gap between the rich and the poor that has effectively killed the middle class. (US income equality is now 93rd in the world, below Egypt, India, China, Iran, etc.). A New Orleans-style funeral will be conducted. That means a brass band, tombstones, caskets, balloons, face paint, dancing, and everyone is invited! Those attending should dress for a funeral. (black, grey, silver, gold, suits, ties, etc.) Feel free to bring umbrellas, sashes, your own brass instruments, and drums. Watch these videos for inspiration. <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krJW2qMVv4M">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krJW2qMVv4M</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le7_j_U3M-0&amp;feature=related">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=le7_j_U3M-0&amp;feature=related</a> <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXMI9Dj8sXc">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXMI9Dj8sXc</a>
Senator Geoff Hansen to have coffee hours in Muskegon County	Book Nook & Java Shop 8726 Ferry Street Montague  Gary's Restaurant 906 E. Colby St. Whitehall	Monday, November 7 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.  and  Monday, November 7 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.	On Monday, November 7, Senator Hansen will be in Montague from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. at The Book Nook & Java Shop, 8726 Ferry Street. He will also be available in Whitehall at Gary's Restaurant, 906 E. Colby St., from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.  Out of respect for various state related questions from individuals, larger groups wishing to have me speak on a specific topic with their members are encouraged to contact our Lansing office at (517) 373-1635, so that a separate meeting may be arranged.
Senator Geoff Hansen to have coffee hours in Muskegon County	Ravenna Roundtable 12396 Stafford St. Ravenna  Tanglewood Park 560 Seminole Rd. Norton Shores	Friday, November 11 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.  Friday, November 11 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.	On Friday, November 11, Senator Hansen will be in Ravenna at the Ravenna Roundtable, 12396 Stafford St., from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. He will also be available in Norton Shores from 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. at Tanglewood Park, 560 Seminole Rd.  Out of respect for various state related questions from individuals, larger groups wishing to have me speak on a specific topic with their members are encouraged to contact our Lansing office at (517) 373-1635, so that a separate meeting may be arranged.
Engage Michigan is a Fall Issues Campaign sponsored by the Michigan Democratic Party	The Lansing Center 333 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI 48933	Saturday, November 12 from 8:00 a.m. (registration) and will conclude at 6:00p.m.	Members of the Michigan Democratic Party will come together this fall to discuss their common values, their vision for change, and their ideas for securing a brighter future for every Michigan resident. For more information go to: <a href="http://www.engagemichigan.com">www.engagemichigan.com</a>

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Holiday Party co-hosted by the SW Michigan Building Trades & West MI Construction Alliance	IBEW LU 131 3641 E. Cork St. Kalamazoo, MI 49001	Monday, December 12 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.	The WMCA in partnership with the SW Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council, will again this year, host a December Holiday Party. This year we are conducting a Legislative Update with area state and federal elected leaders. As the economy and jobs are of the highest priority, having elected leaders briefly update their constituents and respond to questions would seem to be appropriate. As we are honored by having area elected leaders attend our event, we extend our upmost courtesy to them this Holiday season. Please RSVP your attendance to Ed Haynor at 616-837-8080 or email to <a href="mailto:wmconstructionalliance@gmail.com">wmconstructionalliance@gmail.com</a> .

FOR ADDITIONAL UPCOMING MICHIGAN RALLY INFORMATION go to:

[http://www.facebook.com/MIrallyinfo?sk=app\\_4949752878](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](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.