

Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 4-29-11

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
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.
Stand with Working Families & Education Rally sponsored by the University of Michigan worker and student associations and AFL-CIO & affiliated unions	Pioneer High School Football Field, Ann Arbor, MI. Free rally parking at South 7th St & Pioneer High School Rd (next to PiHi stadium.) Look for the "Rally Parking" sign and marshalls will guide you to a parking spot. Once the free lot is full, you can enter the PiHi lots from Main St, but there will be a \$5 payment to support the PiHi Booster Club.	Saturday, April 30 at 8 a.m.	The We Are the People coalition is joining students, university workers, and the Ann Arbor and Washtenaw communities in protesting Governor Snyder's higher education budget cuts. There will be a rally across the street from the University of Michigan, where Governor Snyder attends to give the U of M commencement speech. THEY ARE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL MARSHALLS TO HELP WITH THE RALLY, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP - PLEASE CALL/E-MAIL BRENT GILLETTE FOR MORE INFORMATION AT BGillette@miaflcio.org OR 517-203-9068
Walk for Dr. Monica Randles and Raynard Ross for Grand Rapids School Board and Fred Sebulske for Grand Rapids Community College Board of Trustees	Grand Rapids Education Association Offices 3205 Eaglecrest Dr. NE Suite 100 Grand Rapids, MI 49525 Ph: (616) 957-4732.	Saturday April 30 starting at 11am	The Rapid YES canvas will be taking place the same day Saturday April 30 out of the Kent-Ionia Labor Center at 10am, 918 Benjamin NE Grand Rapids, MI 49503.
Hot Dog Bar Bonanza with the Calhoun County Democratic Party	Laborers Local 355 1500 E. Columbia Battle Creek, MI	Sunday, May 1 1 - 4 p.m.	Games for kids – Music – Network – Michigan made food & drinks
Sen. Goeff Hansen Coffee Hours	9-10:15 a.m. at the Tanglewod Cafe, 560 Seminole, Norton Shores AND 10:45 until noon at Hackley Public Library, 316 W. Webster.	Monday, May 2	State Sen. Goeff Hansen, R-Hart, has scheduled two "coffee hours" for May 2 in the Muskegon area. Hansen said in a news release the purpose of the "coffee" is to "talk things over" with people who "have a concern about state government or seek to share comments about an important issue," according to a news release.
Green Technology Industry Week	West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local Union No. 174 1008 O'Malley Dr. Coopersville, MI 49404	Tuesday, May 3- Saturday May 7 9 am to 5:00 pm	Seven mobile classrooms and a rigging trainer will be available to demonstrate the various technologies of the piping industry. These state-of- the-art classrooms provide workstations demonstrating industrial instruction, welding, medical gas, residential and commercial plumbing devices, green technologies, steam and hydronic technologies, HVACR equipment and more! For further information contact Nate Phillips at 616-837-0222.
Kate Segal Town Hall Meeting	Kendall Center in Battle Creek located at 50 W. Jackson Street.	May 5 6:00P.M. until 7:30P.M.	This is not a rally, but a town hall format.
Panel Discussion on School Funding	Forest Hills Northern High School (Grand Rapids area) in the Cafeteria	Saturday, May 7 9:00 – 12 noon	They will have experts from the administration and MEA side and then meeting with state representatives who attend for a dialog and questions about the subject.
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: kalm@upjohninstitute.org .

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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. <u>Formal attire is required.</u> If you plan on attending, please use the following website to RSVP no later than April 25. http://www.powerofpartnership.com/
Progressive Democratic Women's Caucus Brunch, "Across the Generations"	Masonic Temple 396 W. Clay, Muskegon	Saturday, May 21 - Social hour starts at 11:00, luncheon served at noon.	The Guest Speaker is Councilwoman Kimberly D. Sims.
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 local340ironworker@sbcglobal.net to RSVP by May 6 th
"All Trades Softball" Tournament sponsored by the Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council	Gier Park in Lansing	Saturday-Sunday 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.
"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	Tuesday, 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 wmconstructionalliance@gmail.com
The "Unity Classic" sponsored by the Kalamazoo Democratic Party	Ridgeview Golf Course, 10360 W. Main, Kalamazoo	Saturday, 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 www.kzoodems.com
2011 International Ironworkers Festival.	Mackinaw City	Friday-Sunday August 12-14	Events are held over the weekend with the "Oldtimers" competitions conducted on Sunday. More information can be accessed at: http://www.ironfest.com/ironfest/Home.html

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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

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