

## Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 5-10-11

\*\*\*Please refer to the following website for more detailed information throughout the State\*\*\*

<http://local.we-r-1.org/weareone/events/search/state/MI>

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| Medical Marijuana Use by Employees with Disabilities   | Spartan Hall of Fame Café (just east of U.S 127 on Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing)  | Tuesday, May 10th, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  | Stacy Hickox, Esq., an Assistant Professor in Michigan State University's School of Human Resources & Labor Relations will lead the discussion. Stacy has recently presented at the American Occupational Health Conference and written a law review article on this topic. The cost for lunch and the program is \$20 for members of the Mid-Michigan & Detroit chapters of LERA and \$25 for non-members. Visit their web page for the 2010-11 <a href="#">LERA membership application</a> . Make reservations by 9 am on Mon., May 9th by contacting us at 517-432-9896 (voice mail), or by e-mail to <a href="mailto:LERA@msu.edu">LERA@msu.edu</a> .  |
| Online chat with state Rep. Jase Bolger  | 11 a.m. to noon<br>Wednesday at <a href="http://battlecreekenquirer.com">battlecreekenquirer.com</a> .   | 11 a.m. to noon<br>Wednesday at <a href="http://battlecreekenquirer.com">battlecreekenquirer.com</a> .                 | The Battle Creek Enquirer invites its readers to participate in a live online chat with state Rep. Jase Bolger, R-Marshall, from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday at <a href="http://battlecreekenquirer.com">battlecreekenquirer.com</a> . The Enquirer will moderate an online conversation with Bolger, who is speaker of the House, on the topics of proposed cuts for K-12 schools, issues with teacher and other public employee unions and more. It's simple and free to log in to the chat at any time during that hour and anyone with Internet access and a computer can participate. From 11 a.m. to noon May 18, the Enquirer will host a second chat on the same issues with a representative of the Michigan <a href="#">Education</a> Association, the state's largest teachers union. Visit <a href="http://battlecreekenquirer.com">battlecreekenquirer.com</a> Wednesday to ask your questions of Bolger and read answers directly from the lawmaker. |
| Rally in Support of School Funding and the Middle Class<br><b>KEEP THE AMERICAN DREAM ALIVE!</b> | County Courthouses in Barry (117 South Broadway St., Hastings, MI 49058), Ionia (100 W. Main St., Ionia, MI 48846) and Montcalm (Court Complex 617 N. State St., Stanton, MI 48888) Counties | Wednesday, May 11 from 5-6 p.m.  | Refreshments and signs will be provided at all sites.  |
| Lansing Board of Power & Light, Ottawa Street Station power plant Appreciation Event             | 200 N. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI   | Saturday, May 14<br>5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception<br>6:30 p.m. Program<br>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. <a href="http://www.powerofpartnership.com/">http://www.powerofpartnership.com/</a>  |
| Ottawa County Democratic Party Fundraiser  | Grand Haven Community Center Escanaba Room 421 Columbus Ave. Grand Haven   | Saturday, May 14 from 6-8 pm   | Tickets, \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Speakers, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beer & wine, plus silent auction. For details contact Sheila Nichols at 616-786-2643.  |

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| A Celebration of Labor/Management Achievements  | The Bernhard Center at Western Michigan University   | Wednesday, May 18<br>5:30 p.m. Social Hour<br>6:30 p.m. Dinner<br>7:15 p.m. Award Presentation<br>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: <a href="mailto:kalm@upjohninstitute.org">kalm@upjohninstitute.org</a> .   |
| Muskegon Dems Spring Gala   | Above & Beyond (Oakridge Golf Course)  | Friday, May 20; Social time: 5:30 cash bar, Dinner: 7pm  | Tickets are as follows: \$40/person; \$70 sponsor; \$400 table of 10; \$430 sponsor a table of 10. For further information contact: Dan Kosheba, cell 616-443-0609; work 616-949-4100; <a href="mailto:dlksoheba@yahoo.com">dlksoheba@yahoo.com</a> or <a href="mailto:mcdp.2ndvicechair@gmail.com">mcdp.2ndvicechair@gmail.com</a>   |
| Progressive Democratic Women's Caucus Brunch, "Across the Generations"  | Masonic Temple<br>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<br>5830 Clyde Park SW<br>Wyoming, MI 49509                                    | Saturday, May 21, 2011.<br>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 <a href="mailto:local340ironworker@sbcglobal.net">local340ironworker@sbcglobal.net</a> to RSVP by May 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| "All Trades Softball" Tournament sponsored by the Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council   | Gier Park in Lansing   | Saturday-Sunday<br>May 21-22   | For further information and team registration, contact Maurine Homola, Michigan Building Trades at 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<br>General Membership Meeting at 7:30 a.m.<br>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 <a href="mailto:wmconstructionalliance@gmail.com">wmconstructionalliance@gmail.com</a>  |
| The "Unity Classic" sponsored by the Kalamazoo Democratic Party   | Ridgeview Golf Course,<br>10360 W. Main,<br>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 <a href="http://www.kzoodems.com">www.kzoodems.com</a>   |
| 2011 International Ironworkers Festival.  | Mackinaw City  | Friday-Sunday<br>August 12-14  | Events are held over the weekend with the "Oldtimers" competitions conducted on Sunday. More information can be accessed at: <a href="http://www.ironfest.com/ironfest/Home.html">http://www.ironfest.com/ironfest/Home.html</a>  |

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[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)

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.