

Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 8-22-11

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.grandvalleylabornews.com/downloads/GV58.08aug11.pdf>

What	Where	When	Further Details
Petition Signing opposed to Public Act 4 (Emergency Financial Manager law)	Muskegon Farmer's Market, 700 Yuba St., Muskegon, MI 49442 (231) 722-3251 Muskegon's Secretary of State's office 1485 E Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442	Wednesdays & Saturdays, 9 a.m. until noon Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm	If you have not signed the petition to repeal Public Act 4 (Emergency Financial Manager law).
WE ARE THE PEOPLE - Kalamazoo Local Action Workshop	KCDP Headquarters, 3254 S. Westnedge Ave., Kalamazoo, MI	Thursday, August 25 7:00pm	Working and middle class families are under attack. Governor Snyder and Lansing politicians are exploiting the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression to give perks to rich CEOs on the backs of vulnerable seniors, students, young families and dedicated workers. We Are The People — a diverse coalition of parents, students, seniors, workers and organizations fighting to protect Michigan's middle class — is bringing together Kalamazoo leaders and activists like you for a one-day Action Workshop. To RSVP, for a local action workshop in your area, please visit: www.wearethepeoplemichigan.com/register or email register@wearethepeoplemichigan.com . Questions? Contact Adam Knott at 734-646-7299 or adam.j.knott@gmail.com
Working: Searching for the Dignity and Meaning of Labor – Panel Discussion	Grand Rapids Public Library, 111 Library St., NE, 2 nd Floor	Monday, August 29 starting at 7 p.m.	Free Admission - In the past, work was the measure of worth. How do workers today assert dignity, find meaning in their work and gain mastery over the conditions of their labor? How is the work experience portrayed in the written word? Three Michigan authors, M.L Liebler, Lolita Hernandez and Gregg Shotwell, who have all written about work experiences, will attempt to answer these questions based on their work and research. The panel will be moderated by local labor historian Michael Johnston.
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MI State AFL-CIO Community Services Fall Seminar	Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center MSU 55 South Harrison Ave. East Lansing, MI 48824-1022	Tuesday, August 30, 2011	Mobilize Your Community Service Network Strengthen Partnerships Get prepared for the Upcoming United Way Campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote speaker Will Fischer, Community Services Coordinator, National AFL-CIO • United Way Community Impact Panel • Workshops featuring innovative, replicable community service project ideas For further information contact MI AFL-CIO Community Services eluchenbill@uwmich.org , stanaszek5@aol.com , kiclcsbcglobal.net , or phone (616)456-8233
WEST MICHIGAN LABORFEST	Ah-Nab-Awen Park & Ford Museum	Monday, Labor Day, September 5, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.	All day free attendance at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum. Music, Arts & Crafts booths, Food vendors, Beer tent, Children's rides, Exhibits, Classic Cars and more. See Ben Franklin's "In Search of a Better World" Exhibit at www.benfranklinexhibit.org . LABORFEST IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS. Please contact Scott Barton at 616-862-0772 or s.a.barton@att.net .

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Mid & West MI Construction Alliances Annual Joint Meeting	Wagon Wheel American Grill-Oak Room 7888 E. Grand River Ave. Portland, MI 48875	Thursday, September 1, 2011 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Anticipated topics and updates include: * Various Political Updates * Building Code Cycle Changes * Lobbying New Legislators * Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) * Power Plants * and More A detailed agenda will be send via email as we get closer to the event. Please RSVP to Ed Haynor, Consultant, WMCA at wmconstructionalliance@gmail.com or call 616-837-8080.
Progressive Democratic Women's Caucus Meeting	Muskegon Holiday Inn	Tuesday, Sept. 6 th at 11:30 a.m.	For more information, contact Mary Valentine at: maryvalentine08@gmail.com
"RENEW AMERICA"	Marriott Renaissance Center Detroit MI. Registration is \$75.00 which includes lunch and materials.	Sunday October 2, 2011 in conjunction with the Biennial Convention of the Michigan State AFL-CIO	Exhibitors are permitted to display and sell their Union-Made merchandise and services <i>ONLY</i> . We're excited to house exhibitors with exposure to the State Convention. We anticipate hundreds of delegates for this convention. Overnight accommodations at the Marriott are \$117.00 per night plus tax, which includes <i>wifi</i> and free parking. For room reservations please call 800 352-0831 and reserve under the code "AFL" group code. If interested in exhibitor's space is, it's \$325.00 per site for a skirted 6 foot table with two chairs for the three day event. Extra space is available with same criteria. Hotel special service assistance information is separate. Please contact the Union Label and Service Trades Council if you have any questions, need more information, or for Registration forms at 800 684-1256 (Patty) or 616 293-2823 (Jenni).

FOR ADDITIONAL UPCOMING MICHIGAN RALLY INFORMATION go to:

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

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.