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## PA AFL-CIO ANNOUNCES GENERAL ELECTION ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Press Release

HARRISBURG, PA

(August 22, 2022) – On behalf of 700,000 working men and women in Pennsylvania, represented by 51 International Unions and 1,422 Locals, the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Executive Council endorsed 178 candidates in the Pennsylvania 2022 General Election.

“These endorsements represent a meaningful affirmation of each candidate’s values and recognize that they care about Pennsylvania’s working families,” said Angela Ferritto, President PA AFL-CIO.

“We encourage voters to get to know our endorsed candidates and the issues our members care about – better pay and benefits, secure retirements, gender equality, workplace health and safety, high quality public education, and civil rights among others.”

“These candidates have demonstrated their strong commitment to union ideals and the issues that we care about. The PA AFL-CIO is proud to support candidates that will advocate and fight on behalf of working people across the commonwealth.”

Endorsed candidates for offices serving Beaver and Lawrence Counties are as follows:

**Governor**  
Josh Shapiro

**Lt. Governor**  
Austin Davis

**U.S. Senate**  
John Fetterman

**PA Senate District 46**  
Camera Bartolotta

**U.S. House District 16**  
Dan Pastore

**U.S. House District 17**  
Chris DeLuzio

**PA House District 9**  
Chris Sainato

**PA House District 14**  
Jim Marshall

**PA House District 16**  
Robert Matzie

### 2022 General Election Calendar

Last day to register before the November election	Oct 24
Last day to apply for a mail-in or civilian absentee ballot	Nov 01
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted mail-in and civilian absentee ballots (8 PM)	Nov 8
<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b>	Nov 8
First day to register after November election	Nov 9
Last day for County Boards of Elections to receive voted military and overseas absentee ballots (submitted for delivery no later than 11:59 P.M. on November 2)	Nov 15

## UNION BUG Milestone Reached

The September 2022 issue of the UNION BUG marks the beginning of our ninth year of publication.

We at the UNION BUG firmly believe that the Labor Movement's successes and on-going challenges need to be presented to the public. Our goal is to report the successes and challenges in the context of the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council and its affiliated labor organizations and community partners.

During the latest publication year, we have continued to publish our Solidarity Calendar that reports on strikes, lockouts and requests for solidarity from unions negotiating contracts. Through the Solidarity Calendar, we reported on the activities of the Beaver-Lawrence CLC to support striking labor unions and also on the requests of other unions for attendance at contract

demonstrations.

We hope that union organizations seeking solidarity with their efforts to settle fair contracts or to build support for the Labor Movement's agenda will contact us and provide us with information that we can present to our readership. Your input will make the UNION BUG more precise, interesting and unique.

The BUG wants to deliver labor's message to as large an audience in the Beaver-Lawrence counties, as well as the state, that we can possibly reach. At the present time we have an email mailing list of approximately 400 people. In addition, many of the recipients forward the BUG on to other local members or interested persons.

We look forward to your input in the coming publication year.

# Don't Forget to Register to Vote

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# President's Report

By Rick Galiano  
Labor Council President

\* Welcome to Matthew Cowie as a Labor Council Executive Board member. Matt was appointed by the Executive Board to fill the vacancy in the recording secretary position when Kerri Theuerl resigned. He was administered the oath of office by NWPA ALF Director Rosann Barker at the August Labor Council meeting. Matt is the IBEW Local 712 Vice President/Business Representative. He also serves on the Local's negotiating committee and as a trustee for its benefit funds.

\* The Labor Council did not conduct official meetings in July and August because of a lack of quorums. We did attain a quorum at the September meeting



Shapiro - Davis yard signs in IBEW Local 712 Edmund D. Hill Complex.

and were able to conduct official business.

\*The Labor Council adopted a resolution at the September meeting authorizing a \$500.00 donation to the Beaver Falls

Christian Assembly Care Outreach Ministry for the free Christmas Day Dinner and Toy Giveaway that it holds each year. The Dinner and Giveaway were scaled

back for the last two years because of the Covid pandemic. Labor Council members volunteered as helpers in prior years and we hope to resume helping this year.

\*Labor phone banking for PA AFL-CIO candidates running for

office in the November general election will be held in the IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex. We expect that the state AFL-CIO will assign a full time representative to lead its campaign efforts in Beaver and Lawrence Counties.



Matthew Cowie reciting Labor Council Executive Board oath of office at August meeting. The oath was administered by NWPA ALF Director Rosann Barker.

## LABOR 411—Our Union-Made Oktoberfest Shopping List

### Seasonal Biers

- Dundee Oktoberfest (IBT)
- Goose Island Oktoberfest (IBT)
- Leinenkugel's Oktoberfest (UAW, IUOE, IBT)
- Mad River Brewer's Secret (IAM)
- Mendocino Brewing Engine 45 Pumpkin Ale (IBT)
- Samuel Adams Octoberfest (IBT, IUOE, SEIU)
- Schell's Oktoberfest (USW)
- Shock Top Pumpkin Wheat (IAM, IUOE, IBT)
- Shock Top Twister Pretzel Wheat (IAM, IUOE, IBT)
- Stegmaier Pumpkin Ale (IUOE)
- Stegmaier Oktoberfest (IUOE)

### Bratwurst

- Boar's Head (UFCW, IBT)

- Koegel's (IBT)
- Wenzel's (IBT)

### Sauerkraut

- Thumann's (UFCW)
- Claussen (UFCW)
- Vlasic (IBT)

### Pretzels

- Rold Gold (BCTGM, IBT)
- Snyder of Berlin (UFCW, IBT)
- Mustard
- French's (IBT)
- Gulden's (UFCW)
- Heinz (IBT, UFCW)
- Thumann's (UFCW)

# COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

By Mark Benkart  
Community Services Committee  
Chairperson

This summer went by fast. I believe that Covid, being basically under control, had the most to do with that, but we must be diligent in getting our booster shots.

The one thing that I enjoyed this summer was attending the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO's annual Community Services/COPE



PA AFL-CIO President Angela Ferritto at 2022 Community Services/COPE Institute.

Institute. It was held in State College on August 26-28 at the Penn Stater Hotel. What was unique about this year's Institute was the fact that it was organized by the new PA AFL-CIO leadership: President Angela Ferritto and Secretary Treasurer George Piasceki. Also helping to organize the Institute were new legislative director, Sarah Hammond and

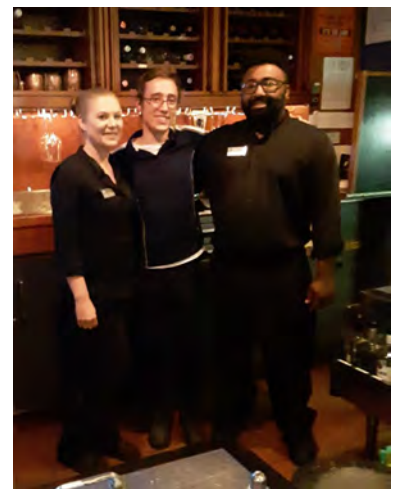


SEPA ALF Director Kate Martucci, PA AFL-CIO Legislative Director Sara Hammond, Philadelphia CLC Mobilization Coordinator Jana Korn and PA AFL-CIO Executive Assistance Gina Lemmon at Community Services/COPE Institute.

new executive assistant, Gina Lemmon. Gina is the daughter of

longtime UMWA activist Don Lemmon. I can honestly say that they did an outstanding job of planning and presenting this year's event.

Lastly, I would like to inform everyone that Penn State rank and file are now represented by the Teamsters Local 8.



Newly organized bartenders at Penn Stater Lounge: Amanda Peters, Hayden Phillips and Eric Lee. The bartenders are members of Teamster Local 8.

## SEIU Healthcare PA members Fight for Contract.



SEIU Healthcare PA members employed by The Grove at New Castle during strike held over Labor Day weekend. The Grove at New Castle employees were part of the 2,000 SEIU Healthcare PA represented nursing home employees fighting for fair contracts. New contracts with significant wage increases were signed after the strike. The Grove at New Castle strike was organized by SEIU Healthcare PA administrative organizer Denise Cox (front row, second from right), a Beaver-Lawrence CLC delegate. Also appearing in the picture is 1199 Healthcare Workers East administrator John Carter (back row, right).



Labor Council President Rick Galiano (front row, center) and PA State Rep. Chris Sainato (red shirt to left of President Galiano) with striking The Grove at New Castle workers on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

BEAVER/LAWRENCE  
CENTRAL LABOR  
COUNCIL



We're on the Web:  
[pa.aflcio.org/349](http://pa.aflcio.org/349)

## Calendar of Events

- 10/18 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and Membership meetings. Executive Board – 6:30 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM. IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 11/08 2022 General Election. See article on Page 1 of this issue of the UNION BUG for a list of PA AFL-CIO endorsed candidates.
- 11/21 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and Membership meetings. Executive Board – 6:30 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM. IBEW Local 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.

# Register and Vote For Our Labor Endorsed Candidates

Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at [jkohser@verizon.net](mailto:jkohser@verizon.net), by 6:00 p.m. on October 11th to be considered for publication in the October 2022 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.