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PA AFL-CIO MAKES PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS

By Rick Galiano
Labor Council President

The PA AFL-CIO Executive Council has announced its endorsements of candidates running in the May 17th primary election. The endorsements were announced by a press release issued on April 19th. General election endorsements will be made after the primary elections.

The Executive Council's announcement states that its endorsed candidates "show dedication to fight for justice and a better life for Pennsylvania's working people."

The endorsed candidates whose voting districts include all or parts of Beaver and Lawrence Counties are:

Governor:
Josh Shapiro

Lt. Governor:
Austin Davis
U.S. House District 16:
Rick Telesz
U.S. House District 17:
Chris DeLuzio

The PA AFL-CIO Strategic Campaigns department is developing an ambitious plan to help elect candidates who support unions. The Labor 2022 Electoral Campaign will dominate the PA AFL-CIO's work in 2022.

The endorsement of Rick Telesz for the U.S. House District 16 (which stretches from Lawrence County to Erie County) was reported to the Beaver-Lawrence CLC at its March Membership meeting by his brother, IBEW Local 712 Business Manager Frank Telesz.

Frank also reported that Rick's candidacy has been endorsed by the PA State Building & Con-

struction Trades Council. The Council represents more than 130,000 members.

Rick has issued statements on his campaign Facebook page thanking the PA AFL-CIO and the PaBCTC for their endorsements. The statement thanking the PA AFL-CIO reads in part: "The PA AFL-CIO represents more than 600,000 hardworking men and women. The Union values they stand for: fair wages, equality, affordable healthcare, job safety and education are important to myself as well, and I know how important they are to the hardworking people in our district."

Please visit Rick's campaign website at RickTelesz.com and Facebook page at RTForCongress for additional information about Rick's campaign.

Don't Forget To Vote
Tuesday, May 17th

USW TO HOLD “2022 YOUR UNION, YOUR VOICE” TOWN HALL IN BEAVER COUNTY

By Christ Atsidis
USW Local 1211 retired

The USW will hold a **2022 Your Union, Your Voice** town hall meeting in Beaver County. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19th, at the USW Local 8183 union hall. The union hall is located at 1445 Market Street in Bridgewater.

The meeting will address the work that remains to be done on USW core issues: retirement security, workers' rights, health care, trade and job security, domestic economic issues and workplace safety. Attendees will be asked to state their priorities.

All USW members, retirees and families are welcome to attend. Please register at: uswvoices.org.

The USW has scheduled more than 150 town hall meetings as part of the 2022 Your Un-

ion, Your Voice program. The program began in 2019 as part of the USW International's desire to make sure that local priorities are reflected at every level of the USW's work. Feedback from the program has help shape the work that the USW has taken since 2019.

The USW is also collecting stories from its health care members and members of their families who have been impacted by short staffing or staff turnover in long-term care facilities. The USW will use the stories to compile a formal submission to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services as they work to establish minimum staffing requirements that nursing homes will need to meet to ensure all residents are provided safe, high-quality care. Please bring your stories to the May 19th town hall meeting or submit them directly to the International.

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President's Report

By Rick Galiano
Labor Council President

* Fourteen 2022-2023 Beaver-Lawrence CLC Executive Board members were installed at the April Membership meeting. The Executive Board members were elected at the December Membership meeting. Their installation was delayed to the April Membership meeting as a result of the cancellation of the January meeting due to a snowstorm and lack of quorums at the February and March Membership meetings. The remaining three Executive Board members elected at the December Membership meeting will be installed at a later Labor Council Membership meeting. Thank you to NWPALF Director Rosann Barker for administering the oath of office to the elected Executive

Board members.

* NWPALF Director Rosann Barker gave an update on preparations for the June 28th



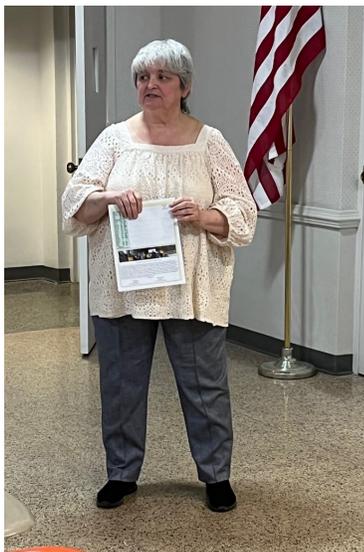
Frank Telesz, IBEW Local 712 Business Manager, at March Labor Council Membership meeting. Frank gave an update on the campaign of his brother, Rick Telesz, for the Democratic Party nomination for the 16th PA Congressional District seat. Rick's candidacy has been endorsed by the PA AFL-CIO and the PA State Building and Construction Trades Council.



NWPALF Director Rosann Barker administering oath of office to new Labor Council delegates at April Membership meeting: (L-R) Joseph DeAngelis, IBEW Local 29; T Berry, IBEW Local 201; and Dennis Alvarena, IUPAT Local 530. Observing the administration are (L-R) Labor Council executive vice-president Dan Onuska, President Rick Galiano and Treasurer Mel Ice.

NWPALF Annual Meeting/Convention. The keynote speaker will be Ironworkers International President Eric Deane. The

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NWPALF Director Rosann Barker at March Labor Council Membership meeting. Rosann encouraged NWPALF affiliates, including local unions, to register delegates to attend the NWPALF's June 28th annual meeting/convention. The keynote speaker will be Ironworkers international president Eric Deane. The NAPA AFL's support of striking members of Ironworkers Local 851 in Erie was instrumental in helping Local 851 settle a fair contract. The annual meeting /convention will be held at the VFW in Franklin and begin at 6:00 PM.



Rosann Barker (front left), NWPALF Director, administering oath of office to Labor Council delegates elected to serve as Executive Board members for the 2022-2023 term. The new Executive Board was installed at the April Membership meeting: (L-R) Rick Galiano, president, USW 9305; Alicia Craig, trustee, AFSCME 2902; Dan Onuska, executive vice-president, IBEW 29; Tom Flook, trustee, IUPAT 530; Jan Carpenter, vice-president, SEIU 668; Mark Benkart, vice-president, IBEW Local 29; John Howard Thompson, vice-president, AFSCME2902; Linwood Alford, vice-president, LIUNA 833; Lisa Alexander, AFSCME 2902, trustee; Laurie Fisher, AFSCME 2902, trustee; Joe Tesone, UBC 420, vice-president; Mel Ice, SOAR, treasurer; and Rev. Kevin Lee, IBEW 29, trustee. Elected 2022-2023 executive board members Kerri Theuerl, Phil Lasky, Jody Kohser and Sara Dudash will be installed at a later Labor Council Membership meeting.

President's Report

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foundation of President Deane's participation in the Annual Meeting/Convention was the support given by the NWPA ALF to Ironworkers Local 851 during its recent strike in Erie.

The Ironworkers International made a charitable donation of \$20,000 to the NWPA ALF after the strike was settled. Additionally, CWA Local 880 recently affiliated with the NWPA ALF after the NWPA ALF and its Greater Westmoreland Labor Council affiliate supported Local 880 efforts to settle a fair contract. Rossann is encouraging each NWPA

ALF affiliated organization to contact her about sending delegates to the Annual Meeting/Convention.

The Beaver-Lawrence CLC will send two delegates to the Annual Meeting/Convention. The location of the Annual Meeting/Convention has been moved from the AFSCME hall in Franklin to the Franklin VFW to accommodate the expected larger attendance arising from the NWALF's solidarity efforts.

* The food and refreshments at the April Membership meeting was sponsored by the Labor Council. The food and refreshments at the May Member-

ship meeting will be sponsored by IBEW Local 712.



In Brief



IUPAT District Council 57 demonstrating solidarity with AFL-CIO Reserve Fund's proposal at 2022 PPG annual meeting on April 21st.. The proposal calls for PPG to take into consideration the compensation of its work force and other workers necessary for its operations when setting target amounts for its CEO compensation. District Council's demonstration flyer states that "PPG CEO Michael McGarry makes 354 x more than the average PPG employee, and while PPG employees salaries have remained flat, the salaries of top executives have increased." The demonstration was held in downtown Pittsburgh's Market Square, located near PPG's corporate headquarters." IUPAT District 57's Local 530 is a member of the Beaver-Lawrence CLC.

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pa.aflcio.org/349

Calendar of Events

- 05/16 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.
- 05/17 **Pennsylvania General Primary Election.**
- 05/19 USW 2022 Your Union Your Voice Town Hall meeting. 6:00 PM, USW Local 8183, 1445 Market St., Bridgewater. See Page 2 article for additional information.
- 05/20 2022 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Scholarship and Donald McNutt Memorial Scholarship application and essay submission deadline. See information flyer with application attached to end of February issue of the UNION BUG.
- 06/20 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.
- 06/28 NWPA ALF 16th Annual Meeting/Convention. 7:00 PM; VFW Hall, 411 Ninth Street, Franklin 15323. See article on Page 3 of March issue of the UNION BUG for additional information.

Calendar of Events submissions must be emailed to Jody Kohser, Calendar of Events Coordinator, at jkohser@verizon.net, by 6:00 p.m. on May 10th to be considered for publication in the May 2022 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.