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## Beaver-Lawrence Union Leaders and Activists Mobilize for November Election

By Jan Carpenter  
Labor Council Trustee

Conor Lamb to the 17<sup>th</sup>  
Congressional District  
seat.

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO's 2018 general election campaign strategy was presented to Beaver County and Lawrence County union leaders and activists at a meeting held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting was held at the IBEW Local 712 Hall in Vanport.

Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Frank Snyder was the keynote presenter. Pa. Labor 2018 Campaign Director Michael Fedor and Pa. AFL-CIO Data Director Mike Johnson also presented.

Attendees were given the pamphlet "Labor 2018: What's at Stake" at the beginning of the meeting. Secretary-Treasurer Snyder emphasized the importance of reelecting Governor Wolf and electing U.S. Rep.

The following press release that was issued by the Pa. AFL-CIO on August 31st gives additional information about the Labor

*"We are talking about running the strongest, most effective program we have planned to run since our big wins for Obama and congressional candidates across the state in 2008,"*

2018 program:  
*"Union leaders and activists across Pennsylvania showed they were ready to mobilize for the Labor 2018 political program when hundreds attended kickoff briefings with Pennsylvania AFL-CIO President Rick Bloomingdale and Secretary-Treasurer Frank Snyder*

*at union halls across the state.*

*"We are going back to what works. This is a member-to-member program, designed to talk exclusively to union households about the issues that matter,"* said President Bloomingdale. *"If we talk with our members, our endorsed candidates stand a greater shot of winning these competitive races, and in the process we build our movement and make it stronger."*

At each Labor 2018 Kickoff, Rick and Frank outlined the plan for local union and central labor council leadership. They walked through the targeted races, polling data, and provided a clear layout of the staffing and volunteer plan it will take to mobilize union members and get them

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# Unions Mobilize for Elections

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to the polls for union-endorsed candidates on November 6.

"We are talking about running the strongest, most effective program we have planned to run since our big wins for Obama and congressional candidates across the state in 2008," said Frank.

With large congressional maps projected brightly onto screens and walls at the union halls, Frank and Rick walked attendees carefully through a plan they believe puts substantial pro-union gains within reach in Congress as well as the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

"Make no mistake about it, the number one priority is to re-elect Tom Wolf as our governor," said Frank. "To lose the governor race could put everything we have fought and won for decades at risk."

The leaders also emphasized the need to re-elect a strong and dependable ally in Bob Casey, Jr., back to the United States Senate. His race is as important from a federal standpoint for

many reasons.

The leaders outlined the four-pillar program of local union mail, worksite conversations, phone banks, and canvasses. They asked each local union in the state to get a local union mail piece in the mail to members before September 14 for at least the governor's race if not also down ballot races.

Rick and Frank are also urging unions to conduct their first worksite leaflets through stewards and local union leadership right away, also before September 14.

"We can do many amazing things in this movement, but one thing we can't do is add more time to the clock," said Frank to the members in attendance. "We need you all to mobilize now in support of this program."

If your local union would like worksite leaflets, local union mail drafts, or even have members or retirees who want to help the program, please reach out to Assistant State Director Mike Johnson at the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO at: [mjohnson@paafclio.org](mailto:mjohnson@paafclio.org)

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# President's Report

By Rick Galiano  
Labor Council President

\*Pa. AFL-CIO President Rick Bloomingdale attended the Labor Council's September meeting. He spoke about the Pa. AFL-CIO's general election strategy and urged delegates to begin neighborhood walks,



Ron DiNicola, Democratic candidate for the Pa. 16<sup>th</sup> District Congressional seat, addressing the August Labor Council meeting. The 16<sup>th</sup> District includes the northern municipalities of Lawrence County. Ron's candidacy has been endorsed by the Pa. AFL-CIO. His campaign website states that "Ron will fight to protect the rights of workers to organize and join a union so that they can collectively bargain for better wages, benefits, and working conditions."

phone banks, canvassing of work sites and other election activities. He said that there is a good chance for an increase of between four and

seven pro-Labor Pennsylvania US House of Representatives members if Labor's campaign strategy is successful. President Bloomingdale also administered the oath of office to new Labor Council delegates Maria Delgado, Wilber Meyers, Pat McConnell and Joe Tesone.

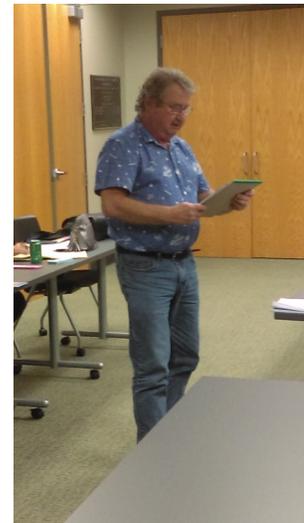
\*The Labor Council voted at the August meeting to recommend that the Pa. AFL-CIO endorse the candidacy of Green Party candidate Darcelle Slappy for the Pa. House of Representatives 10<sup>th</sup> District seat. The Republican incumbent won both the Republican and Democratic primaries. The Council has not yet received any word on whether the Pa. AFL-CIO has or will endorse Darcelle's candidacy.

\*USW Local 9305 sponsored the

food and refreshments at the August meeting. The food and refreshments at the September meeting will be sponsored by IAMAW Local 1976.



Left: Darcelle Slappy addressing August Labor Council meeting. Darcelle is the Green Party candidate for the Pa. 10<sup>th</sup> House of Representatives District. The Labor Council voted at the meeting to recommend that the State AFL-CIO endorse her candidacy.



Labor Council Community Services Committee Chairperson Mark Benkart reporting at August Labor Council meeting on planning for the Labor Council's October 5<sup>th</sup> Beer and Wing Night to raise funds for the Council's COPE fund (See article on Page 6 of this issue of the UNION BUG).



Left: Pa. AFL-CIO President Rick Bloomingdale addressing August Labor meeting about the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Labor 2018 meeting (See Page One article of this issue of the UNION BUG).



Pa. AFL-CIO President Rick Bloomingdale administering oath of office to new delegates at August Labor Council meeting: (R-L) Rick Bloomingdale, Maria Delgado, SEIU Local 668; Wilber Meyers, SEIU Local 668; Pat McConnell, USW, and Joe Tesone, Carpenter Local 420.

# Labor Day 2018 Pittsburgh



IAMAW Lodge 1976 contingent at Allegheny/Fayette Central Labor Council parade in Pittsburgh on Labor Day.



Michael Ciccone, IAMAW Local 1976 Legislative Chairperson and Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council delegate (L) and John Werkmeister, IAMAW Grand Lodge Representative, at IAMAW picnic after the Labor Day Parade. Many unions sponsor picnics for their participating members each year after the Labor Day Parade.



Denise Cox, SEIU Healthcare Pa. Administrative organizer (L) and Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Vice-President Kerri Theuerl, SEIU Healthcare Pa. Administrative organizer (R) with Conor Lamb, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Pa. 17<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat, at the Pittsburgh Labor Day parade.



Left and above: Resistance to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Janus v. AFSCME Council 31 shown at the Labor Day parade.



LIUNA contingent at Labor Day parade.

## Erie



AFSCME Retired Public Employees of Pennsylvania Chapter 13 float at Labor Day parade in Erie. RPEP has more than 11,000 members.



AFSCME District 85 contingent at Labor Day Parade in Erie. Second from left (holding flag) is Howard Thompson, Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Vice-President

## NLRB v. J&L Historical Marker Rededication Agenda Set

By Christ Atsidis  
Vice-President, USW Local 1211

The program agenda for the September 27<sup>th</sup> USW Local 1211 rededication of the Pennsylvania State Historical Marker commemorating the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *NLRB v. J&L* has been set. The rededication will be held at the Broadcast Street Café, 464 Franklin Ave., Aliquippa. Snacks and refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM and the program will begin at 7:00 PM.

The program will begin with Local 1211's unveiling of the replication of the marker dedicated in 2000 and a brief explanation of the significance of the Supreme Court decision that it commemorates. The Local will then thank those persons and labor organizations whose contributions made the replication

and program agenda possible.

Next, Mayor Dwan Walker will welcome attendees to the City of Aliquippa. An interview with Charles Gilbert, Mayor Walker's uncle, appears in the documentary "Struggles in Steel: A Story of African-American Steelworkers" that will be shown as part of the program.

Howard I Scott, Jr., Pennsylvania Labor History Society Vice-President, will then provide a brief explanation of the efforts, beginning with *NLRB v. J&L* and ending with the 1974 agreement between the USW and most major steel companies, to extend the rights and opportunities created by *NLRB v. J&L* to all workers in the steel industry. The agreement was subsequently approved by a federal court and became known as the "Consent Decree."

Tony Buba, director and

co-producer of "Struggles in Steel," will then introduce the PBS awarding documentary, which focuses on the central role of Black steelworkers, revolving around the issue of departmental seniority vs. plantwide seniority, to win a just agreement.

After the showing, Tony will lead a panel discussion of the impact of the Consent Decree in Aliquippa and throughout American industry. Panelists will include Joan Duvall-Flynn, Ed.D., President, Pennsylvania NAACP State Conference and Black steelworkers who worked in J&L's Aliquippa Works and experienced the impact of the Consent Decree.

Please join us for what we believe will be an informative and historically significant event. For additional information please call me at 724-407-3392.

## In Brief



(L-R) Labor Council Vice-Presidents Howard Thompson and Mark Benkart, and President Rick Galiano, at the 2018 COPE Institute at Shippensburg University. The Institute was held on August 17-19.



USW Local 1211 officers attend annual USW District 10 Conference; left, Rick Galiano, Treasurer; second from left, Bart Carr, Treasurer; second from right, Christ Atsidis, Vice-President; right, Mike Sparacino, financial secretary. Also in the picture are Rick Galiano, Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council President and USW International Staff Representative, third from left; and Bobby McAuliffe, District 10 Director, third from right. The Conference was held on August 13-16 in Atlantic City. State House of Representatives candidates Amy Fazio (14<sup>th</sup> District) and Terri Mitko (15<sup>th</sup> District) spoke to the Conference Delegates. The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council stands behind both candidacies (See Page 3 of the August UNION BUG).

# Council To Host Beer And Wing Night To Benefit COPE Fund

The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council will host a Beer and Wing Night on Friday, October 5 at Robert's Roadside Inn, 1020 Sharon Road, Beaver, Pa. 15009. The proceeds will benefit the Labor Council COPE fund and will be used primarily to support Pa. AFL-CIO endorsed candidates in the November general election.

The Beer and Wing Night will begin at 5:30 PM with an open bar for beer and soft drinks that will continue until 7:30 PM. After that, it will be a cash bar. The buffet that Robert's will provide is much more than wings. There will be rotisserie chicken, French fries, and macaroni salad.

We would like to have a Chinese Auction. If someone would like to donate a basket, please let us know.

A few weeks ago, we attended the annual Pa. AFL-CIO COPE Conference at Shippensburg University. The opening theme was Elections Have Consequences. We certainly should have learned that with the past few elections. Your attendance at the Beer and Wing Night is a way to make a statement that you support the Pa. AFL-CIO's election agenda.

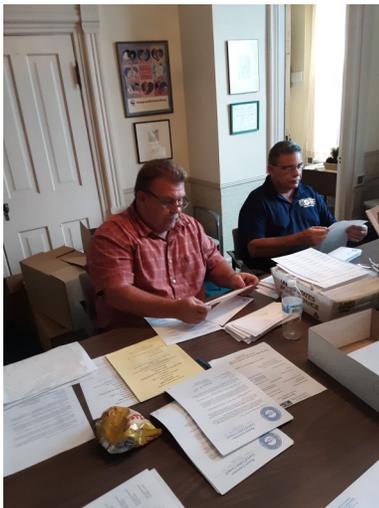
It is important that you RSVP at least one week before the Beer and Wing Night. Robert's needs a count to know how much food to prepare.

Please RSVP by mailing the reservation form appearing at the end of this issue of the Union Bug United Way of Lawrence County, 223 North Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101 or by e-mailing the form to Mark Benkart at [benkarthouse100@comcast.net](mailto:benkarthouse100@comcast.net). Please call Mark at 724-312-4387 if you have any questions.

In Solidarity,

Rick Galiano,  
Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor  
Council President

Mark Benkart,  
Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor  
Council Community Services



Vice-President Howard Thompson (L) and President Rick Galiano (R) preparing Beer and Wing Night COPE Benefit announcements for mailing on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Support Labor Endorsed Candidates

**Governor:** Tom Wolf (D)

**U.S. Senate:** Bob Casey (D)

**U.S. Congress:**

16<sup>th</sup> District - Ronald DiNicola (D)

17<sup>th</sup> District - Conor J. Lamb (D.)

**Pa. House of Reps:**

9<sup>th</sup> District - Chris Sainato (D.)

15<sup>th</sup> District - Terri Mitko (D.)

16<sup>th</sup> District - Robert Matzie (D.)

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

## Calendar of Events

- 09/17 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings: Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; IBEW 712, Vanport.
- 09/27 USW Local 1211 NLRB v. J&L Historical Marker Rededication Program; 6:30 PM, light refreshments, 7:00 PM rededication program. (See article on Page 5 of this issue of the UNION BUG for additional details.)
- 09/29 Gun Raffle; USW District 10 PAC North; noon; Transfer Harvest Homes Fairground; Transfer, PA (See flyer at the end of this issue of the UNION BUG for additional information.)
- 10/05 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Beer & Wing Night; benefits COPE fund; 5:30-7:30 PM; Robert's Roadside, Bridgewater (See article on page 3 of this issue of the UNION BUG for further details.)
- 10/06 Beaver County NAACP 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Human Rights Banquet: 5:30 PM; The Club at Shadow Lakes, 2000 Beaver Lakes Boulevard, Aliquippa. Call BCNAACP office at 724-378-2882 for tickets and additional information.
- 10/13 New Castle NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet; 6:00 PM; Villa Banquet Center, 2500 New Butler Road, New Castle. Call Evelyn Ward, 724-654-0559 for tickets and additional information.
- 10/15 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings: Executive Board - 6:00 PM; Membership – 7:30 PM; IBEW 712, Vanport.

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 9th to be considered for publication in the October 2018 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.

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**> Saturday, September 29, 2018 <**

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Invites you to attend**

**Beer and Wings**  
(and more)  
**Night**

**Robert's Roadside  
1020 Sharon Rd, Beaver, PA 15009**

**October 5th**

**Open Bar from 5:30 till 7:30. (Beer and Soft drinks)  
Buffet included.  
\$25.00 per person**

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**Proceeds to benefit: Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Committee on Political Education**

**Please RSVP Mark Benkart at 724-312-4387  
or  
[benkarthouse100@comcast.net](mailto:benkarthouse100@comcast.net)**

**Beaver-Lawrence CLC is hosting:**

**Beer and Wings Night  
(and more)**

**Robert's Roadside**

**1020 Sharon Road, Beaver, PA 15009**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Open Bar from 5:30 till 7:30 (Beer & Soft Drinks)**

**Buffet included.**

**\$25.00 per person**

**A wrist band will be handed out at the door.**

**Please make checks payable to the Beaver-Lawrence CLC. All  
proceeds will benefit the Beaver-Lawrence CLC COPE Fund.**

**Any questions you can contact Mark Benkart at 724-312-4387**

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**Name of Organization\_\_\_\_\_**

**Contact Number\_\_\_\_\_**

**Number attending\_\_\_\_\_**

**Will be donating a basket for Chinese Auction-Yes\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_**

**Mail to: United Way of Lawrence County**

**223 N. Mercer Street, New Castle, PA 16101**

**Attn: Sara Dudash**