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Brothers and Sisters, we are nearing the end of another year and another election cycle.

As most of you have heard me say working people are under attack from every angle, from Washington DC to the Judiciary, to the County Boards and the City Halls across our country.

When people first stood up and told the company they wanted better conditions, they wanted better pay and wanted some sort of retirement for when their career was over, if

they were lucky enough to live through it. The companies fought back by hiring thugs to lock them out, to beat them into submission, to burn their houses, and for some, to kill them. The workers' perseverance was mightier than the almighty dollar. With community and spiritual support they finally won the right to bargain for a contract. At first baby steps and then through the years with the influence and respect they had gained while demanding that their children be educated and not have to work beside them. Working people, who were already the salt of the earth, became the pillars of the community. The school teachers, the clergy, the Mayors, the City Council and County Board members. Everyday workers began to run for State Houses and Governorships and they began winning. Laws were passed to protect workers such as the National Labor Relations Act, or also called the Wagner act, which gave Unions a way to fight companies for unfair labor practices. The Government also formed OSHA, the EPA, and other arms of Government to make sure that companies and their owners did not kill their employees to make that almighty dollar.

Then the unthinkable happened. Those offspring of the people that fought and died became complacent and lost some of that fighting spirit. That's when that evil almighty dollar started showing its ugly head again and in different ways such as the so called "right to work" laws that were used to stop the funding of Unions and limit how much Unions could do for the members that made up that Union. Workers were pitted against each other and they used race, gender and the worker's nationality against them, telling them that some other race or women were going to take their jobs if the Union was allowed to get too strong. Voters started to vote for politicians that wanted to do away with Unions because they were either from big money or bought by big money to try and crush the movement. These politicians passed the Taft Hartley act to limit what Unions could do and in most cases tie their hands behind their back and not be able to stop the companies from tearing down what their forefathers had built. These politicians passed laws to give tax relief to those companies that wanted to shut down and move outside our country's borders. They were successful in pitting non-Union workers against Union workers even though it is a proven fact that in areas that are heavily unionized, wages and benefits are better for all workers than in areas where Unions are weak or non-existent. To put it in the right terms a rising tide raises all ships. This spread of hatred of workers has been used by big money and companies even up through today; more anti-worker politicians being elected, more states being made right to work and lowering the standard of living for all workers in those states. Children not getting as good of an education, health care suffers for all except those who have pitted worker against worker and have the money to access the best for their own and leave the crumbs for us.

I ask you all Brothers and Sisters, is it not time for us to follow in our fore father's footsteps and stand up to the robber barons of today? Is it not time that we say enough is enough and to accept people for what they are? When your neighbors prosper you prosper. It is time we vote the people out of office that would vote in right to work and try to take away your Unions rights to defend you. It is time for us to stand up to the people that want to take this country back to the time when your eight-year-old son or daughter would be working beside you in the factory or the field instead of being in school to get an education; to move this nation forward for the whole and not just the few.

This election holds in it the future of our country, do we want companies to be people, do we want the few to be so filthy rich they can't spend it all and we the workers of this country barely get by because we vote for the Billionaires or their candidates that use fear and hatred? Do we just get disgusted and stay home?

I say, Hell no we won't go away; we will stand up again and fight the people who will try to stand on our backs to get ahead. I say we vote for the people who are going to stand up for ALL OF US.

I ASK THAT YOU STAND UP WITH ME AND FIGHT FOR ALL OF US. VOTE FOR WORKING FAMILIES AND CANDIDATES, WHO SUPPORT THEM; TAKE YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATES THAT WILL HELP US ALL. DO NOT LISTEN TO THE LIARS ABOUT WHAT SOMEONE WANTS TO TAKE AWAY FROM YOU THAT IS YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT WHICH THEY CAN NOT DO IN THE FIRST PLACE. VOTE FOR YOUR UNION'S ENDORSED CANDIDATES SO THEY CAN WORK FOR YOU.

Fraternally Yours,

Kevin L. Starr  
Business Manager  
Laborers' Local 773

## Put Illinois' Transportation Money in a Lock Box and Keep Illinois Safe.



For years, Illinois has underinvested in its roads, bridges and other critical infrastructure. That's put public safety at risk and cost us thousands of jobs. It's all because state government refuses to invest responsibly.

The Safe Roads Amendment is the solution. The Amendment constitutionally protects money collected for transportation so it is spent on transportation.

It is critical to pass the Safe Roads Amendment:



### SAFETY

Half of Illinois' roads and 4,200 of our bridges are in poor condition. It's unsafe and puts Illinois at risk for tragedies like the bridge collapses that occurred in Minnesota and Indiana. The danger is real, and it's unacceptable.



### ACCOUNTABILITY

Our state of disrepair isn't because we lack money. It's because the politicians have used the Road Fund as a slush fund. Over the last decade, \$4.3 billion has been swept out of the Road Fund. Our roads and our safety shouldn't pay the price for Springfield dysfunction. It's time to hold state government accountable and ensure money collected for transportation is spent on transportation.



### JOBS

Aging infrastructure isn't just unsafe, it hurts our economy, makes it more difficult to keep and grow jobs and is costing you money. Roadway transportation funding has cost Illinois nearly 5,000 jobs over the last decade and has increased the average motorist's costs by \$441 every year due to congestion and extra vehicle repairs.

Photos by Thomas C. Frohlich for 24/7 Wall St.

On November 8, 2016, we have a chance to protect transportation funding once and for all.

There will be a Constitutional Amendment on the ballot that would require all transportation-related revenue to be dedicated solely to public highways, roads, streets, bridges, and mass transit. If the Amendment passes, transportation funding will be secured, and we will have the chance to make long overdue investments in our infrastructure.

If the Amendment fails, money for transportation will continue to be at risk of mismanagement and abuse by Springfield.

We have one chance at this.  
We can't waste it.

### FOR THE PROPOSED ADDITION OF SECTION 11 TO ARTICLE IX OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION

The proposed amendment adds a new section to the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution. The proposed amendment provides that no money derived from taxes, fees, excises or license taxes, relating to roads, streets, bridges, mass transit, intercity passenger rail, ports, or other than costs of administering laws related to vehicles and transportations, costs for construction, reconstruction, maintenance repair, and betterment of public highways, roads streets, bridges, mass transportation, and other statutory highway purposes, including the State or local share to match federal aid highway funds. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become part of the Illinois Constitution.

For the proposed addition of Section 11 to Ar



### James Shovlin named Laborers' Local 773 Assistant Business Manager

Business Manager Kevin Starr, along with the officers and staff are pleased to announce that Field Rep/organizer Jim Shovlin has been appointed as the Assistant Business Manager

at Local 773. Jim is a third generation laborer and is committed to serving his Country and Community. Jim Served 11 years in the United States Navy as an Electronics Technician. After being Honorably Discharged, Jim attended law school at Southern Illinois University where he began volunteering at Local 773. Upon earning his law license, Jim joined Local 773 full-time as a Field Representative and Organizer.

### Local 773 Supporting the Poshard Foundation for Abused Children

The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children is an all-volunteer organization with donations coming from individuals and businesses. The foundation's mission is to heal abused children physically and emotionally and to stop the abuse of children. They provide a foundation for funding for children in crisis situations such as counseling and the special needs to care for children who have been abused. The Foundation has completed several large projects to date, such as building a new shelter in 2003 for women and children in Cairo, IL. The 6000 sq. ft. shelter is valued at \$600,000 and was primarily completed with the donations of local labor unions including Laborers' Local 773. In 2007 the Foundation donated a building in West Frankfort, IL to the Night's Shield/Roan Center and then contributed \$125,000 toward its renovation, creating an emergency shelter for children rescued from abusive home situations. In 2008, the Foundation pledged \$50,000 to The H Group, to help build the third floor children's wing of their future facility. Much has been accomplished for children through your generous donations of time and money. Laborers' Local 773 is a proud supporter of the Poshard Foundation with donations throughout the year. During the Annual Children's Christmas Party, Local 773 purchases 20 Teddy Bears from "Bears for Humanity" We understand that a teddy bear can make all the difference in the world to a child in difficult circumstances. For each bear that is purchased through Bears for Humanity, an identical bear is donated and sent to a child in need at the Poshard Foundation. All bears are made right here in the USA in partnership with the CalWorks employment program that puts at-risk Mothers to work.



### USA Today and 24/7 Wall St Ranks Southern Illinois #5 in the Nation for Areas with the Strongest Unions

24/7 Wall St. reviewed the percentage of workers who belong to a union in U.S. areas from the online database Unionstats.com. At least 25% of workers in 14 U.S. metro areas are members of unions. The Springfield, Ill., area leads the nation by a large margin with a union membership rate of 37.1%. These are the cities with the strongest unions:

1. Springfield, Illinois
  2. Saginaw Michigan
  3. Colorado Springs, Colorado
  4. Albany, New York
  5. Carbondale-Marion, IL
- Southern Illinois statistics are:  
Pct. of workers in unions: 30.5%  
Union workers: 22,815  
Unemployment rate: 6.0%

Most metropolitan areas with relatively high union representation are located in union friendly states — as is Carbondale. Illinois is one of the most friendly to organized labor in the country. More than 15% of state workers are union members, one of the highest shares in the country. Carbondale's workforce is even more unionized. Slightly more than 30% of the metro area's 75,000 workers belong to a union, including 73.4% of the area's public sector workers. This is likely, at least partially, due to the extremely high 40% share of area workers employed in education and public health. Both industries tend to be heavily unionized.

Thomas C. Frohlich, 24/7 Wall St. 1 p.m. EDT September 5, 2016 and USA Today





# Unions Rally in DuQuoin



A coalition of union members gathered at the DuQuoin State Fairgrounds on August 26th to march in the Labor Walk Parade and to endorse the candidates that support the working families of Illinois. From downtown DuQuoin, to the lawn of the fairgrounds, Unions were on a mission to send a clear message once again to the Governor-

**"YOU WILL NOT DESTROY OUR MIDDLE-CLASS"**

Those who joined Laborers in the march included Plumbers and Pipefitters Union, SEIU, IBEW, Carpenters, AFSCME, IUOE, AFT, and Teamsters as well as other workers whose livelihoods are under attack by Rauner's malicious agenda and those that have been attacked by Rauner's disputed budget crisis including seniors, students and people with disabilities. Motivating the troops in the march were Local 773's President Emeritus Edward M. Smith, 773 Business Manager Kevin L. Starr, and Illinois AFL-CIO President Michael Carrigan along with:

\*Candidate for US Senate-Tammy Duckworth \*Candidate for Illinois State Comptroller-Susan Mendoza \*Candidate for Congress 12th District-CJ Baricevic \*Candidate for Senate 58th District-Sheila Simon \*Candidate for State Representative 115th District -Marsha Griffin

\*Senator Gary Forby-59th District \*Illinois State Treasurer- Michael Frerichs

\*State Representative Jerry Costello II-116th District

\*State Representative John Bradley 117th District

\*State Representative Brandon Phelps 118th District



Candidate for Congress 12th District C.J. Baricevic





# for Labor Day 2016

## DuQuoin State Fair Parade Walk

Unions of Southern Illinois will join forces once again for pro-labor candidates and to protest the Anti-Labor/Anti-Worker policies proposed by Gov. Rauner

## WALK WITH LABOR

When: Friday, August 26th  
Time: 5 pm at Title Max parking lot at 838 S Washington St. DuQuoin  
Parade begins at 6pm

Joining us will be:  
Mike Carrigan-President of AFL-CIO,  
Tammy Duckworth-Senate  
Candidate, Susan Mendoza and  
773's own Edward M. Smith as  
well as other political and labor  
leaders that support working



"Unions have literally built this state. The dues you have paid, the picket lines you have marched in — all of that — has benefited not only you, it has benefited every American worker. You've done more for non-union labor than any other entity in the world. And that's not hyperbole. Non-union workers have all of the benefits they have because you've taken risks for them.

Do any of you think there would be a minimum wage without union workers? It would not exist." United States Vice-President Joe Biden



State Senator Gary Forby



Business Manager Kevin Starr, Candidate for Comptroller Susan Mendoza & State Rep Brandon Phelps



US Senate Candidate Tammy Duckworth



Senate Candidate Sheila Simon and Stae Rep Jerry Costello



Congressional Candidate C.J. Baricevic, State Rep Candidate Marsha Griffin, Candidate for Comptroller Susan Mendoza and ULLICO CEO Edward M. Smith





# THE NOVEMBER BALLOT: WHO WILL STAND WITH US, & WHO WILL FIGHT FOR US



## Hillary Clinton- Candidate for President of the United States

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton is dedicated to America's infrastructure, healthcare and an agenda for trade agreements. She will fight for the cause and the purpose of the American labor movement.



## Tammy Duckworth Candidate for US Senate Illinois

Tammy is focused on growing our economy by advocating for small businesses, investing in infrastructure, improving the lives of our Veterans and cutting government waste and fraud.



## C.J. Baricevic Candidate for U.S. House Dist. 12

C.J. has vowed to fight for hard working families, oppose trade deals that send jobs overseas, keep jobs in Illinois protect social security and Illinois coal. C.J. is running against incumbent Mke Bost who is an avid supporter of the anti-union Governor Rauner.



## Susan Mendoza Candidate for Illinois Comptroller

As comptroller, Susan will root out waste and fraud inside government. Susan will hold them accountable in fulfilling their mandated fiscal responsibilities to the taxpayers. Susan will not back down to Gov Rauner and his agenda that is hurting Illinois.



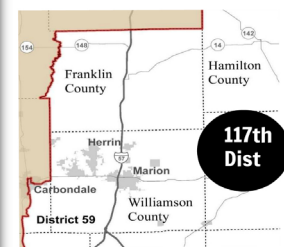
## Illinois State Representative John Bradley 117th District

John Bradley is the voice of Southern Illinois in Springfield. John has proudly represented the good people of the 117th District of the

Illinois House since 2003, and fights every day for the values of the people of Franklin, Hamilton and Williamson counties.

### John's Priorities in Springfield are:

Bringing economic development to Southern Illinois, through supporting the coal industry, improving workers' compensation and unemployment insurance, helping develop the Franklin County Regional Economic Development Corporation (FREDCO) and the Southern Illinois Economic Development Authority, and serving as the gatekeeper for taxpayers as Chairman of the House Revenue and Finance Committee. Standing up for our traditions and values, through protecting the rights of the unborn, preserving our Second Amendment rights and leading the fight against methamphetamine and sexual predators. Promoting new opportunities for growth and development in our area, through opening doors for oil and gas expansion and bringing valuable dollars for K-12 and higher education at very challenging times for the state budget. John is active in several area organizations, including local economic development groups, Marion Rotary International, the Williamson County Airport Authority Board, Royaltion Lion's Club, National Wild Turkey Federation, National Rifle Association and Ducks Unlimited.



## Gary Forby for Illinois State Senate 59th District

As a member of the Illinois State Senate, Gary serves as the Chairman of the Senate Labor Committee and is a member of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities and Licensed Activities and Pensions committees.

### Revitalizing Southern Illinois' Coal Industry

Gary passed an initiative to make it easier for local mines to obtain permits to help cut through government red tape and allow mines to expand and create jobs. He took on Barack Obama and the EPA to help open four new coal mines in Southern Illinois and expand another mine in Galatia, creating hundreds of good-paying jobs.

### Budget Priorities

Gary voted "no" on Governor Quinn's 67 percent income tax increase because balancing the budget on the backs of middle-class taxpayers is not the solution. He is fighting Governor Rauner's attempts to close the Franklin County Detention Center, Sparta Shooting Range and Hardin County Work Camp and his attempts to starve our local colleges of resources by joining colleagues on both sides of the aisle to approve necessary funding.

### Standing Up for Southern Illinois' Working-Class Families

Gary is standing up against Governor Rauner who is pushing an agenda that will undermine middle-class economic security which will drive down wages, strip away employee protections against abusive employers and end collective bargaining.

### Education Funding Reform

Gary voted to overhaul our broken school funding system to bring \$57 million more to Southern Illinois schools.

### Protecting Our Seniors

When services for seniors were on Rauner's chopping block, Gary took a stand and said enough is enough by protecting services like the Community Care Program and Meals on Wheels stay afloat to keep seniors in their homes and ensure they receive the care they deserve.

### Investment in Southern Illinois

Gary helped secure millions of dollars in state grants to replace water lines in cities all across the 59th Senate District. When the Illinois Department of Transportation announced it was going to cease road construction projects, Forby acted quickly to ensure funding for these projects remained in Southern Illinois.

### Higher Education

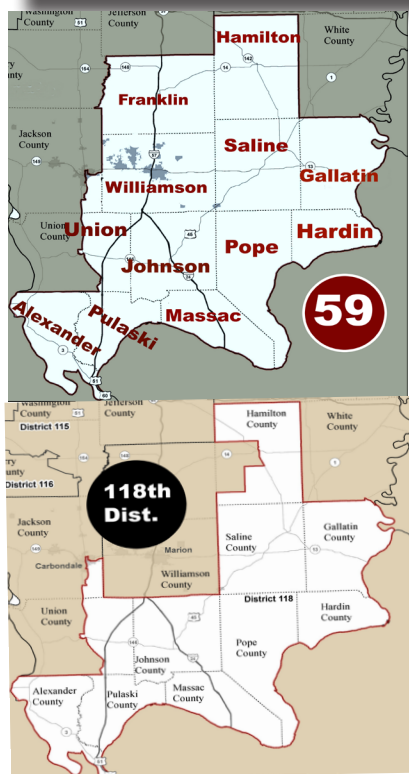
Governor Rauner's drastic cuts to Southern Illinois University and local community colleges called on legislators to help avoid massive layoffs so they could continue to provide excellent education to students throughout the region. Gary responded by joining other lawmakers to ensure the colleges received the resources they need to avoid massive layoffs.

### Southern Illinois Values

Gary is an ardent defender of our Second Amendment rights, and led the charge to bring concealed carry to Illinois and is an avid supporter of Illinois sportsmen and ensuring robust opportunities for outdoor recreation throughout the state

### Veterans

Gary passed major property tax relief for disabled veterans, sponsored tax credits that encouraged employers to hire returning veterans and helped create the Veterans Health Insurance Program, which brings affordable health care to veterans.



## Illinois State Representative Brandon Phelps 118th District



Representative Brandon Phelps represents the 118th district in Southern Illinois. Brandon is a life long Southern Illinoisan and has been a member of Local 773 since 1995. He understands the values of our communities and will always stand up for our families.

Brandon understands the need to bring home our fair share of education funding from Springfield and fight against wasteful Chicago bailouts. Brandon is committed to making sure our kids are safe and given the opportunities to succeed, find good paying jobs and, one day, raise their own families here.

To put Southern Illinoisans back to work, Phelps has fought burdensome regulations on the coal industry, opposed tax giveaways to the wealthy and well connected and is working to close corporate tax loopholes and keep companies from sending jobs overseas. Phelps has also stood up to Governor Rauner and his devastating cuts to vital women's healthcare and programs that protect seniors and their ability to live independently in their own homes. Phelps was also the sponsor of the state's new law allowing law-abiding citizens to protect themselves, their families and their property. Brandon led the effort to stop the governor's closure of the Hardin County Work Camp; he won't sit by while Rauner cuts our jobs, destroys our businesses and disrespects our way of life.





### Sheila Simon for Illinois State Senate 58th District

#### Funding for Southern Illinois schools:

Southern Illinois children are seriously affected by our current state system that accepts huge disparities in funding. Sheila wants to reform education funding so every child in Illinois has an opportunity to succeed.

#### High Ethical Standards:

Sheila's record shows her commitment to high ethical standards higher than those set by the law. Sheila demonstrates that ethics and Illinois government can go together for the benefit of everyone.

#### Fiscal Responsibility:

During her time as Lt. Governor, Sheila Simon cut back on spending for the office and reduced the size of the staff.

#### Jobs:

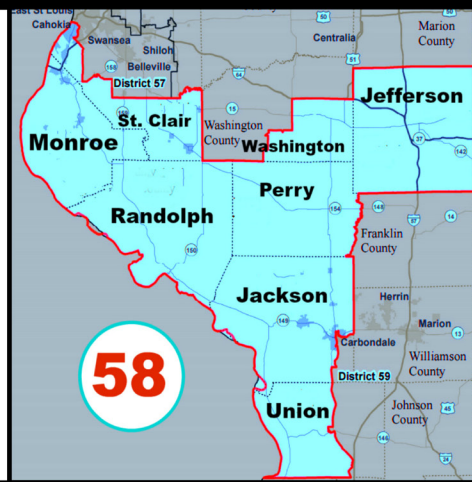
Looking to the future, more and more jobs require at least some higher education. Making this opportunity available to more people is a smart investment for our state.

#### Southern Illinois' union and worker's rights:

As a teacher and union member, Sheila will fight to protect our worker's rights to organize. She will also protect the promises we have made to our state employees.

#### Protecting the most vulnerable:

Sheila will be a strong voice for those who are at risk and too often left out of the conversation.



**Candidate for  
Illinois State  
Representative  
Marsha Griffin  
115th Dist**

Marsha Griffin is a life-long resident of Southern Illinois and lives in Union County with her husband, Rich, and their son, Brandon. Marsha, a graduate of SIU, is a teacher in the Jonesboro Education Association. She also represents hundreds of teachers in her position as IEA Regional Chair.

In response to the closure of the Tamm

Correctional Center, Marsha created the faith-based advocacy group, My Brother's Keeper. With more than 3,000 members, the group has been vocal in fighting dangerous working conditions in overcrowded prisons and preventing the closure of state facilities that provide thousands of jobs for local residents. This is the type of leadership that Marsha will bring to the office of State Representative.



**Illinois State  
Representative  
Jerry Costello  
116th Dist**

Jerry is a proud combat infantry veteran of Operation Desert Storm where he served as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. Following his service in the military, he spent time as a patrolman and assistant police chief for the Sauget Police Department. Jerry is a strong voice for improving the long-term fiscal integrity of the state, and works to bring government costs down. Jerry aggressively seeks to expand the coal and agriculture industries. Jerry is an avid outdoorsman who believes in the Constitutional right to keep and bear arms and will fight to keep Illinois a right-to-carry state.



### Chris Koster for Governor of Missouri

"Let the welfare of the People be the supreme law." Chris knows this is more than just our state's motto — it's a basic bargain that's been promised from Missouri's founding fathers to every generation of Missourians. Our state's leaders should be committed to maintaining a strong and fair economy, where every working Missourian has an opportunity to succeed. Throughout his career, Chris has fought for Missouri workers. Whether it was prosecuting prevailing wage violations or punishing companies that misclassified their workers, he has consistently sought justice for those who work the hardest. He's been a strong advocate for worker organizations and a champion against anti-worker efforts pushed in the Missouri legislature.

#### FIGHTING BACK AGAINST "RIGHT-TO-WORK"

Out-of-state corporations and extremists are leading an attack on Missouri workers, pushing so-called "Right to Work" and Paycheck Deception legislation that would roll back collective bargaining and lower wages in our state. Evidence shows both union and non-union workers alike in states with "Right to Work" are paid less, have higher unemployment, fewer benefits, and more dangerous workplaces. Chris knows "Right-to-Work" is about one thing: cutting wages for working people. That's why Chris has always been a vocal opponent of these anti-worker

schemes. As governor, Chris will never stop standing up for working Missourians. Any Missourian who works hard and plays by the rules should be able to afford raising their family. Sadly for many working at or near the minimum wage, it's becoming harder and harder to just get by. Chris believes our leaders need to take meaningful action to make life more affordable for working families — that's why he supports making Missouri's minimum wage a living wage.



### Jason Kander for US Senate -Missouri

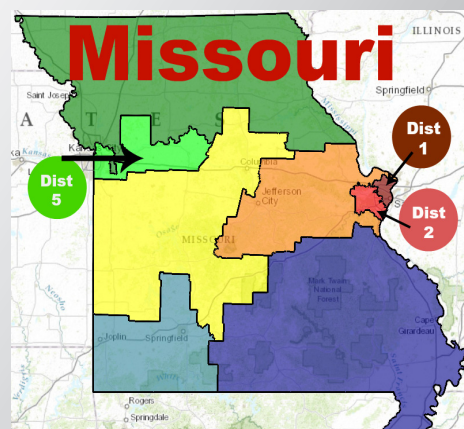
As Secretary of State and formerly as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives, Jason fought to expand health care coverage for all Missourians, especially children

As Secretary of State, Jason cut his own budget by over \$1 million, while providing more services than the office ever has before. He cut red tape and fees to help small businesses hire and thrive, protected our right to vote, and got tens of millions of dollars for Missouri taxpayers when he took on the Wall Street firms that helped cause the 2008 financial crisis.



**United State  
Representative  
Emanuel  
Cleaver II  
District 5**

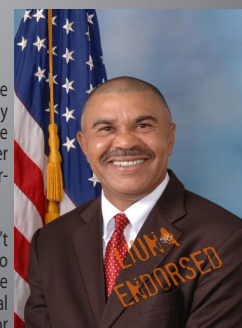
As economic development activist and a redevelopment craftsman. Cleaver and the City Council brought a number of major corporations to the Kansas City area. Cleaver was the leader of the creation of a Green Impact Zone which consisted of 150 blocks of declining urban core that received approximately \$125 million dollars in American Recovery and Reinvestment funds.



### Congressman Lacy Clay US Representative Dist. 1

Clay was a co-sponsor of the 2010 health care reform bill. Clay is working to combat climate change, safeguard clean water and clean air and protect wilderness areas.

"This congressional seat doesn't belong to anyone...it belongs to the people. Every two years, the voters of the 1st congressional district hold a job interview for who they want to represent them in Congress.





## WORKING CLASS CHAMPION HILLARY CLINTON

Hillary Clinton is a working class champion who will lead our country to an even stronger, more secure and prosperous future. She is smart, tough, and tenacious with the vision, experience, and proven leadership our country needs.

LIUNA has had a close working relationship with Secretary Clinton throughout her entire career. The 500,000 proud, strong, and united men and women of LIUNA look forward to continuing that relationship with her in the White House as the next President of the United States.

The Democratic National Convention, unlike the Republican National Convention, focused on being stronger together and moving America forward; rejecting the notion that we are weak and fearful, and embracing our ability to

reach new heights and overcome divisions and differences as the greatest nation on earth.

The Democratic National Platform lays out a vision that underscores the importance of unions and the fundamental right to organize, prioritizes creating good working-class union jobs, building a 21st century infrastructure, repealing the so-called Cadillac tax, and fighting climate change with smart energy policy that keeps the lights on and energy affordable.

LIUNA members are fired up to elect Secretary Clinton and her running mate, Senator Tim Kaine, because of their firm commitment to working class, union values and their belief in a nation where hard work is rewarded and everyone has the opportunity to share in economic prosperity.

LIUNA will continue to mobilize, energize, and activate our members and their families to elect Secretary Clinton as the 45th President of the United States.

"Donald Trump isn't the first billionaire to prey on the fears of hard-working men and women, but we have to make him the last one. Our jobs, our unions, our fundamental rights and everything that makes America great is at stake if he succeeds at fooling us"

LIUNA GENERAL PRESIDENT TERRY O'SULLIVAN



## Election 2016: YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE



### ✗ Trump's plan for the economy will rob the middle-class and make billionaires richer.

- The Trump tax plan would increase the U.S. deficit by \$9.5 trillion<sup>1</sup> and give the richest top 0.1% an average of a \$1.3 million tax break.<sup>2</sup>
- Trump's building projects have displaced American workers through visa programs.<sup>3</sup>
- Trump believes workers' "wages are too high."<sup>4</sup>
- He would repeal Wall Street reform and add to the national debt by cutting taxes for the ultra-rich.
- He plans to end loan programs that help parents send their kids to college.

### ✗ Trump doesn't support working class values and the right to unite in a union.

- Trump supports so-called "right-to-work,"<sup>5</sup> and has stated, "I fight unions very hard."<sup>6</sup>
- Trump was sued for ripping off LIUNA benefit funds during construction of New York Trump Towers.<sup>7</sup>
- Trump was charged with violating labor law at the Las Vegas Trump Hotel.<sup>8</sup>
- He uses non-union contractors to build Trump properties in many areas.<sup>9</sup>

### ✗ Trump threatens our national security and dismisses the service of Veterans.

- Trump has no foreign affairs experience and compared his time at a military prep school to serving in the military.<sup>10</sup>
- He praised Russian President Putin,<sup>11</sup> advocates ground wars in the Middle East,<sup>12</sup> and sparked a serious discussion in the United Kingdom of banning him from the country.<sup>13</sup>
- Trump believes the U.S. military would follow his orders to commit war crimes<sup>14</sup> and thinks that more countries should have nuclear weapons.<sup>15</sup>
- He mocked the war time service of Sen. John McCain and all American POWs, saying "I like people who weren't captured."<sup>16</sup>

### ✗ Trump's stance on women, minorities, and immigration is un-American.

- Trump has proposed a wall to stop undocumented immigration on the Mexican border and accused immigrants of being rapists and criminals.<sup>17</sup>
- His deportation plan is unconscionable and would create a "police state."<sup>18,19</sup>
- He threatens our safety and security by encouraging violence against opponents and treating women, minorities, and people of faith with disrespect.<sup>20</sup>
- Trump maligned the Muslim parents of slain U.S. soldier, Captain Humayun Khan, after they challenged his divisive policy plans publicly.<sup>21</sup>

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### ✗ Pence supports lower wages and working conditions for the working class and tax cuts for big businesses and the wealthy.

- He strongly supports so-called "right-to-work" which drives down wages and standards by undermining unions.<sup>1</sup>
- Pence sided with big business in an effort to lower wages on construction projects by leading repeal of prevailing wages in Indiana.<sup>2</sup>
- He also led an effort to stop an increase in the state minimum wage in Indiana and blocked cities from raising the minimum wage.
- Pence has been a strong supporter of free trade agreements which undermine workers' wages here and abroad—backing agreements with Colombia, South Korea, Panama, Peru, Oman, Chile and Singapore during his time in the U.S. House—and more recently publicly voicing support for the Trans Pacific Partnership.<sup>3</sup>
- As a member of Congress and as Governor of Indiana, Pence has been a strong supporter of tax cuts for the wealthy and big business.<sup>4</sup>

### ✗ As a member of Congress, Pence opposed support for returning veterans—from medical and suicide prevention to job training.

- In 2001, 2003 and 2005, Pence voted against spending on Veterans Administration programs that help veterans receive medical care.<sup>5</sup>
- In 2005, Pence voted against funding for job training for returning troops.<sup>6</sup>
- In 2004, Pence opposed an amendment that would have expanded bankruptcy protection for members of the military, veterans, and their families.<sup>7</sup>
- Pence voted against an amendment that would have increased Fiscal Year 2012 funding for the prevention of suicide among veterans.<sup>8</sup>

### ✗ Pence is an extremist who does not have the judgement and skills to lead.

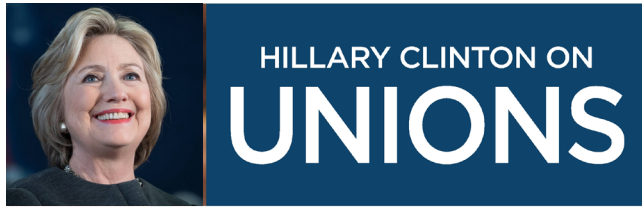
- During his 1990 Congressional campaign, Pence used political donations to pay the mortgage on his house, his personal credit card bill, groceries, golf tournament fees and car payments for his wife. The ensuing scandal lost him the campaign and spawned campaign finance reform efforts.<sup>9</sup>
- In 2014, Pence appeared on Fox News' *Fox & Friends* to protest placement of undocumented, vulnerable children and families in Indiana.
- As a member of Congress, Pence voted multiple times to repeal the Affordable Care Act and compared the Supreme Court's decision to uphold provisions of the law to the 9/11 terrorist attacks that killed nearly 3,000 Americans.
- Pence is a science-denier who calls into question global warming and is not persuaded that smoking is linked to cancer.<sup>10</sup>

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## Election 2016: YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE



### ✓ A long-time supporter of restoring the right of working people to join together in unions to improve their lives

- So far, 25 national unions have endorsed Secretary Clinton for president—more than have endorsed any other candidate.
- As a senator, she was an original co-sponsor of the Employee Free Choice Act, which would strengthen the right to form a union.
- In her own words: "If we want to get serious about raising incomes, we have to get serious about supporting union workers."

### ✓ Would nearly double the federal minimum wage and strengthen overtime rules

- Hillary Clinton supports exceeding the federal minimum wage through state and local initiatives.
- She plans to further expand overtime rules so workers are not improperly classified as exempt managerial employees and are instead fairly compensated for extra hours.

### ✓ Supports other longstanding union initiatives

- Backs laws to protect workers from wage theft, discrimination and misclassification as independent contractors.
- Supports a secure and comfortable retirement after a lifetime of work by enhancing Social Security and protecting pensions.

Sources: When unions are strong, America is strong. HillaryClinton.com; The Wage Policy; Hillary Clinton Calls "Shameful," Explained, 3/4/16, Think Progress; A plan to raise American incomes, HillaryClinton.com

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## Election 2016: YOUR VOTE, YOUR VOICE



### ✓ Significantly increase jobs-creating investment to build a strong American infrastructure

- In addition to supporting the recently passed Highway bill, Hillary Clinton plans to invest an additional \$275 billion over five years to revitalize bridges, roads, public transit systems and other public infrastructure, of which \$250 billion would go directly to public projects and \$25 billion would be used to start an infrastructure bank.
- She will push to reauthorize the highly successful Build American Bonds program to finance billions of dollars in additional infrastructure projects.
- Hillary Clinton supports water investment to modernize dams, levees and wastewater systems.

### ✓ Unlock good jobs and America's energy future with a mix of clean energy investments

- Hillary Clinton supports investment in natural gas production and nuclear energy. In her words, "Proposals to end natural gas production or rapidly shut down our nation's nuclear power fleet put ideology ahead of science and would make it harder and more costly to build a clean energy future."
- She has a plan to encourage responsible development of natural gas resources.
- Hillary Clinton will continue to direct investment to renewable energy, including wind, solar and geothermal power.

### ✓ Respect and promote the value of the work done by men and women in the construction industry

- Hillary Clinton will push for policies that open doors of opportunity and a path to the middle class for millions of Americans.
- She understands the value and importance of union apprenticeship programs, project labor agreements, and collective bargaining to both provide living wages and benefits and enhance quality control and safety in building our nation's infrastructure.

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The Orange Crush of nearly 2,000 LIUNA delegates and staff from across the nation, including more than 20 delegates and guest from Local 773, stormed to the Trump Hotel on the Las Vegas Strip at the 25th LIUNA Convention, in solidarity with the Culinary Workers Union Local 226. LIUNA General President Terry O'Sullivan took on Donald Trump for his refusal to give culinary workers a union contract.





# THE ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT

OUR LAST  
LINE OF  
DEFENSE



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Something huge is happening in Illinois on **November 8, 2016**. Many supporters of working class people who have never voted in an election before must show up at the polls this year because of the threat to our Appellate court system. This election could determine control of the 5th district appellate court in Mt Vernon, Illinois for generations.

The Appellate Court is our last line of defense against anti-union, anti-worker Governor Rauner who has selected Judge Randy Moore to run against Judge Weber for the vacant seat in order to control the appellate court in the 5th District. In just the past few years, we have seen the Courts strike down laws that was designed to take away our pensions, cut our wages, and destroy collective bargaining. Southern Illinois workers will send a clear message:

**STOP DESTROYING OUR MIDDLE CLASS.**

Fortunately, we have two outstanding candidates running this year who are qualified, fair, and honest and stand up to attacks on working families. **Judge Brad Bleyer** and **Judge Jo Beth Weber** have been endorsed by Laborers' Local 773 and are products of working class families themselves who value the rights of all workers and understand the importance of fair wages, workers' pensions, healthcare, and collective bargaining.

But, they will not be elected if union members and our families stay home on Election Day.

The 5th District is the largest geographic district Appellate Court covering 37 counties.

• There are 7 Judges on the 5th District Appellate Court. There will be 2 vacancies filled in the November 2016 election.

• Judge Bleyer is seeking election to fill the vacancy of retiring Judge Bruce D. Stewart from Saline County. His opponent is John B Barberis Jr. a Republican from Madison County.

• Judge Jo Beth Weber is seeking election to fill the vacancy of retiring Judge Wextten. Her opponent is Republican Judge Randy Moore.

Geographic balance on the Court is important for Southern Illinois to maintain its' representation. Currently 5 of the 7 judges are from either St. Clair or Madison County.



**Judge Jo Beth Weber**



**Judge Brad Bleyer**

Thank you to our retiree's who are committed to working extremely hard for this election. They have worked all day preparing a political mail out for their union.



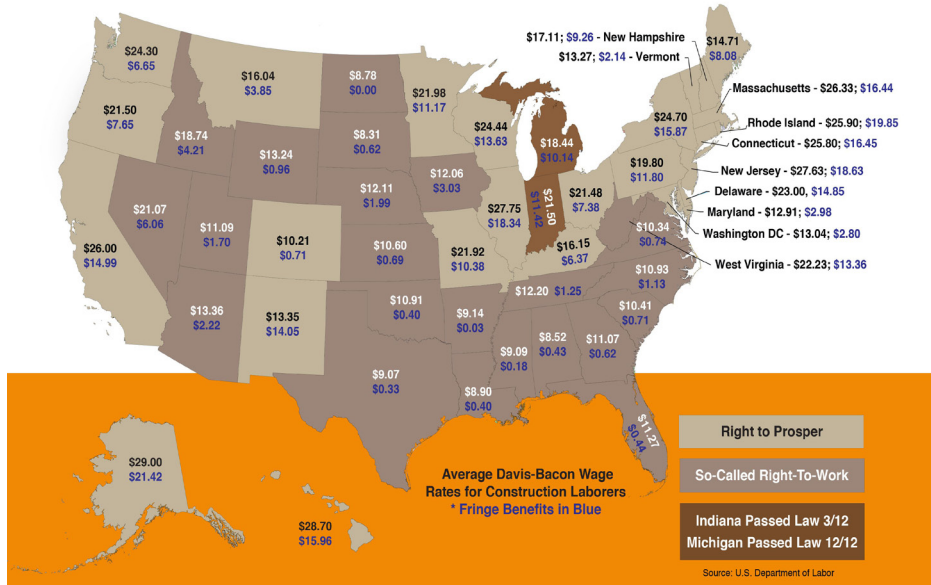
**KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT SO-CALLED  
"RIGHT-TO-WORK"**

1. Cuts wages
2. Destroys your benefits
3. Threatens training programs
4. Jeopardizes your pension

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## Right-to-Work States vs. Right to Prosper States



## TRUMP DOES NOT STAND WITH UNION WORKERS

- ❌ Supports Right-to-Work
- ❌ Believes wages are too high
- ❌ Fights against a worker's right to organize
- ❌ Fails to pay workers fairly

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Source: The Times 7/18/16

## So-Called Right-to-Work really means... NO UNION WORK

**36%**

The workplace deathrate is 36% higher in so-called RTW states.

### KNOW THE FACTS!

- No pensions
- \$5,300 less pay
- Not more jobs, but fewer union jobs
- Unsafe and deadly jobsites

### Lower Wages and Income

26.7% of jobs in so-called RTW states are in low-wage occupations.

So-called RTW states have a 15.3% poverty rate.



**\$5,300**

Workers in so-called right-to-work states make about \$5,300 less per year.



**\$6,437**

Median household income in so-called right-to-work states is \$6,437 less than in other states.

### Less Job-Based Health Insurance Coverage



**28%**

of people in so-called RTW states are more likely to lack health insurance.



**56.2%**

of people in so-called RTW states are less likely to have job-based health insurance.



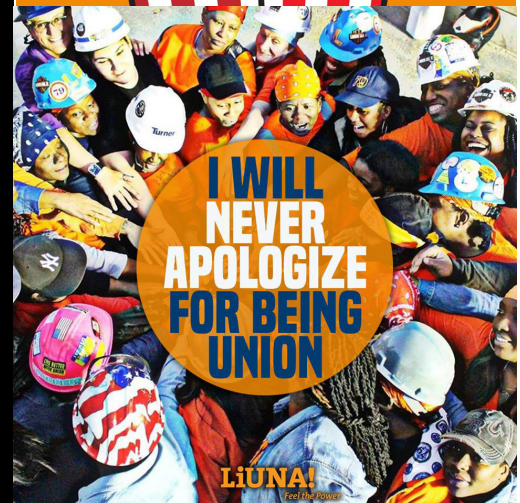
**50.7%**

of employers in so-called RTW states offer insurance coverage.

**IF YOU  
DON'T VOTE  
YOU  
DON'T COUNT.**



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**I WILL  
NEVER  
APOLOGIZE  
FOR BEING  
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# LIUNA 25th General Convention of Laborers' International Union Elects Leadership

**"Feel the Power, Be the Power, Use the Power!"**

## LIUNA Re-Elects Leadership and Charts Determined, Optimistic Agenda at Its International Convention

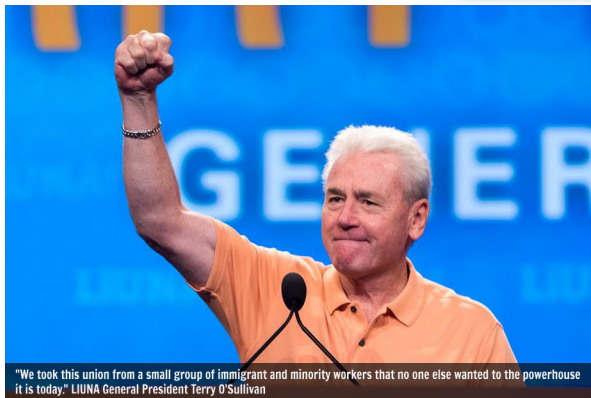
During the 25th general convention of the Laborers' International Union of North America last week, which drew over 4,000 delegates and guests, General President Terry O'Sullivan, General Secretary Treasurer Armand E. Sabitoni, and the entire General Executive Board were unanimously re-elected.

"I see the strongest, smartest, bravest, most militant union leaders in the movement today,"

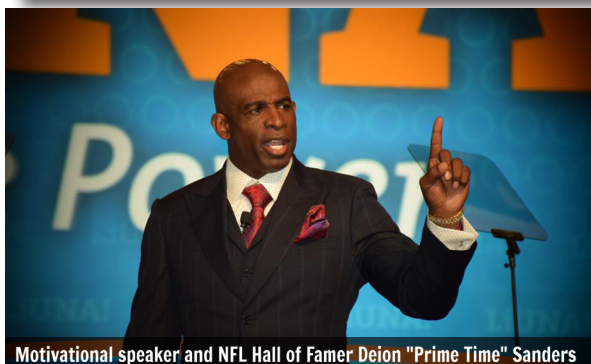
General President Terry O'Sullivan



LIUNA General Executive Board proudly accept their nominations at the 25th LIUNA General Convention in Las Vegas



"We took this union from a small group of immigrant and minority workers that no one else wanted to the powerhouse it is today" LIUNA General President Terry O'Sullivan



Motivational speaker and NFL Hall of Famer Deion "Prime Time" Sanders

During the four-day event, delegates received updates on several historic measures adopted by the union, including the strengthening of the organization's political action committee which has placed it in the top 10 union PACS in the U.S., and an unprecedented commitment to organizing that now generates over 80 million dollars a year to grow and strengthen the union contributions of .25 cents per hour.



LIUNA General Secretary Treasurer Armand Sabitoni

Delegates united behind an aggressive and progressive path for the next five years. General President O'Sullivan stated, "Brothers and Sisters, our best days are ahead of us, not behind us. We have shown time and time again that we have the strength, the courage, and the wisdom to meet any challenge placed in front of us," said O'Sullivan.

And, while charting its future, delegates recounted where the union, founded in 1903 by immigrant workers struggling for better lives, came from and where it has been.

"We took this union from a small group of courageous immigrant and minority workers that no one else wanted to the powerhouse it is today," O'Sullivan told the convention. He underscored how the union has faced challenges as recent as the Great Recession when unemployment levels only emerged intact and stronger and with a greater presence in the growing energy sector.

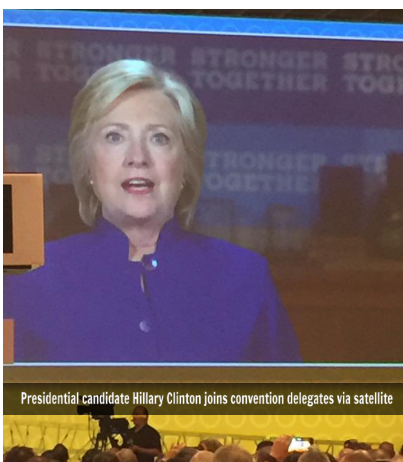
LIUNA Midwest Region Delegates and Staff including 2016 Delegates from Laborers' Local 773





"In the last five years, LIUNA has become the recognized leader, and the go-to union in the energy sector," O'Sullivan told the convention. "We have created new jobs for our members in solar, wind, hydro and nuclear, while defending our jobs in the pipeline sector."

Delegates also passed a resolution condemning the attacks on the livelihoods of LIUNA members working on the Dakota Access Pipeline by the Communication Workers of America (CWA), National Nurses United (NNU), Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), and American Postal Workers Union (APWU) who have come out publicly against the pipeline. The resolution stated that, "These four unions have no equity in this pipeline, it will not put a single one of their members to work yet they choose to take food off of our members' tables. A central tenet of the labor movement has always been that when it comes to a project in which you have no equity at stake, you either support it or remain silent. We look forward to reciprocating the "solidarity" shown to LIUNA members by these unions."



Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton joins convention delegates via satellite



CEO and President Ed Smith shares the LIUNA message with delegates to the Laborers' International Union of North America convention: "We have to be good stewards of our own money."



In a special ceremony on August 12, before several hundred of LIUNA's leaders from across the country, LIUNA General President Terry O'Sullivan presented LIUNA Vice President and Midwest Regional Manager John Penn with his LIUNA Gold Card, commemorating 50 years of membership and commitment to the union.



Numerous elected leaders and union leaders addressed the more than 4,000 delegates and guests.

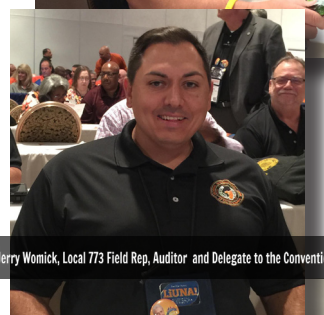
## "FEEL THE POWER, BE THE POWER, USE THE POWER!"

Convention attendees put words into action, as more than two thousand marched in solidarity with the proud, strong, and united brothers and sisters of UNITEHERE on Trump Tower, where Republican Presidential candidate Donald Trump has continued his union-busting tradition by trying to crush the hotel workers efforts to win a first contract with the Culinary Union. The march underscored LIUNA's focus on the fall elections and on the right to organize.

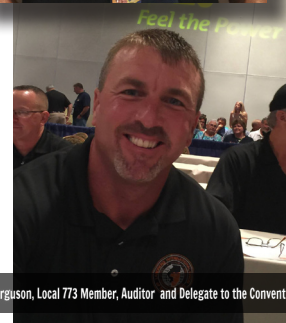
Will we choose a President who attacks union rights, civil rights and human rights?" O'Sullivan said to delegates. "or will we choose a President who wants to build upon all of the accomplishments and advancements of the past 240 years? This is an easy choice for LIUNA. We wholeheartedly and enthusiastically support Hillary Rodham Clinton to be the next President of the United States."



Kevin L. Starr Local 773 Business Manager and Delegate to the Convention



Jerry Womick, Local 773 Field Rep, Auditor and Delegate to the Convention



Charley Ferguson, Local 773 Member, Auditor and Delegate to the Convention





## Thank You Jerry Pappas on 50 Years of Service

Local 773 members and staff would like to congratulate retired member Jerry Pappas who achieved his 50 year milestone with the Laborers' International Union this year. Jerry received his LIUNA Gold Card at the Sunday August 2nd Union Meeting from President Matt Smith, Business

Manager Kevin Starr, and President Emeritus Edward M. Smith. It is with great pride and gratitude that we honor Jerry who has remained devoted to his union brothers and sisters for the past 50 years while still serving the Union today as a board member of the Local 773 Retiree Council.

## 2016-2017 Connell F. Smith-Homer Brown Scholarship Awards-Missouri

Congratulations to the 2016-2017 Connell F. Smith-Homer Brown Scholarship Recipients who received their award on Saturday at the Local 773 Union Picnic in Columbia, Missouri. Pictured L-R are Field Rep Regina Guevara, William Mustain, Kelli Johnson, Carolyn Bland, Bethany Bland and Business Manager Kevin Starr. The award



goes to children and grandchildren of members or the members themselves who have demonstrated academic excellence, contribution to the community and the promise of continued growth.

*"On Women's Equality Day, we should celebrate the successes and hard work of women who have worked and those who continue to work promoting the quintessential American ideal of equality,"- Tammy Duckworth*



## A Hero for the Working Class and Women's Equality-Tammy Duckworth

Women's Equality Day commemorates passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting the right to vote to women. The amendment was first introduced in 1878.

In 1971, the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day. The women on staff of Local 773 were fortunate enough to spend some time with a hero for working class and a hero for women's equality Candidate for Illinois State Senator Tammy Duckworth.

"On Women's Equality Day, we should celebrate the successes and hard work of women who have worked and those who continue to work promoting the quintessential American ideal of equality," said Duckworth. "We should also use this day to push for action on the policies both women and men need to live up to the ideals of our nation. I'm working to help pass the Paycheck Fairness Act to help close the wage gap by ensuring men and women earn equal pay for equal work as well as my Military Parental Leave Modernization Act, which would help provide our military families with equitable parental leave policies so that all sons and daughters of military families have the same opportunity to bond with their new parents."

Tammy Duckworth is running to represent Illinois in the United States Senate. In Congress, Tammy is focused on growing our economy by advocating for small businesses, investing in infrastructure, improving the lives of our Veterans and cutting government waste and fraud. Tammy serves on the House Armed Services and House Oversight and Government Reform Committees.

Following her career as a helicopter pilot in the U.S. Army, Tammy worked as an advocate for Veterans at both the state and federal level. Tammy was elected to the House of Representatives in 2012, where she has been an active voice for Illinois families. Tammy's National Guard was mobilized in 2003 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. On November 12, 2004 Tammy's UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter was hit by a rocket propelled grenade. She lost both legs and partial use of her right arm in the explosion. As a result of her injuries, Tammy was awarded the Purple Heart. Following her injuries, Tammy became an advocate for Veterans. And served as Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs in Springfield and in 2009, President Obama nominated Tammy to be an Assistant Secretary at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. There, she headed the department's effort to end Veteran homelessness and was a leader in initiatives for female Veterans.



## Successful Contract Negotiations Reached for the City of Herrin Cooks and Dietary Personnel

Contract negotiations do not have to be a management vs labor dispute. Many elements go into negotiating the collective bargaining agreement as well as understanding the needs of the members. The Herrin School Board, The Herrin School Superintendent Mark Collins, Local 773 Field Representative Judy Simpson and the Herrin School Cooks and Dietary Personnel workers successfully came to an agreement that was acceptable to the employees as well as the Herrin School Board while negotiating a 5 year contract for the employees.



Laborers' Shane Hale (left) and Devon Patterson (right) along with Construction Field Representative Kevin Fettes are presented with food baskets from Local 773 Affiliate American Income Life.

## Efforts Continue to Support Shane and Devon on the Road to Recovery

On June 30th, two Union Brothers from Local 773, Shane Hale and Devon Patterson were working on a scaffold on a portion of the surgical expansion project at Herrin Hospital. During the early morning hours, a portion of the scaffold on the masonry wall collapsed sending both men falling nearly 30 feet to the ground, while bricks and mortar crashed down on them. Although both men are fortunate to have survived the accident, the injuries both men suffered were extensive and will require a long and difficult recovery both mentally and physically as well as financially. Union Brothers and Sisters began collecting donations for financial support from friends and extended families to assist Shane and Devon with financial support by setting up a GoFundMe page at [www.gofundme.com/2casmy24](http://www.gofundme.com/2casmy24), and collecting donations at the monthly meetings. In July, Local 773 Field Representatives Jerry Womick, Bob Bandy, along with members Mark Prince, Adam Holder and Monte Childers worked all night smoking pork butts to sell and raised over \$1,500 to help with recovery. We would also like to express our gratitude to Business Manager Perry Blades and the members, officers and staff of Laborers' Local 1214 in Paducah, Kentucky for donating \$200 to help Shane and Devon on their road to recovery.





## Retiree Luncheon at Giant City Lodge

Local 773 retirees can continue to stay involved with their union. Each quarter the Retiree's hold luncheon and parties to socialize. In September, the Womick Law firm sponsored a fried chicken luncheon. Retiree's can stay involved by joining in charitable efforts, volunteering to do political walks, phone banking and mailings, and attending social events with their union brothers and sisters.



### Member Assistance Program Awareness

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## United Methodist Children's Home Receives \$100k From Edward M. Smith and ULLICO, Inc.



A \$100,000 grant was presented to The Poshard Foundation from Edward M. Smith, President & CEO of ULLICO, Inc which will help cover the building materials on renovating a new children's home in Mount Vernon. Labor will be provided on a volunteer basis by Laborers' Local 1197, 773 and other union workers with the Egyptian Building and Construction Trade Council. The United Methodist Children's Home services about 1,000 children each year from abused or neglected homes. State funding provides a portion of funding care, but does not cover the upgrades which were built

in the 1950's.

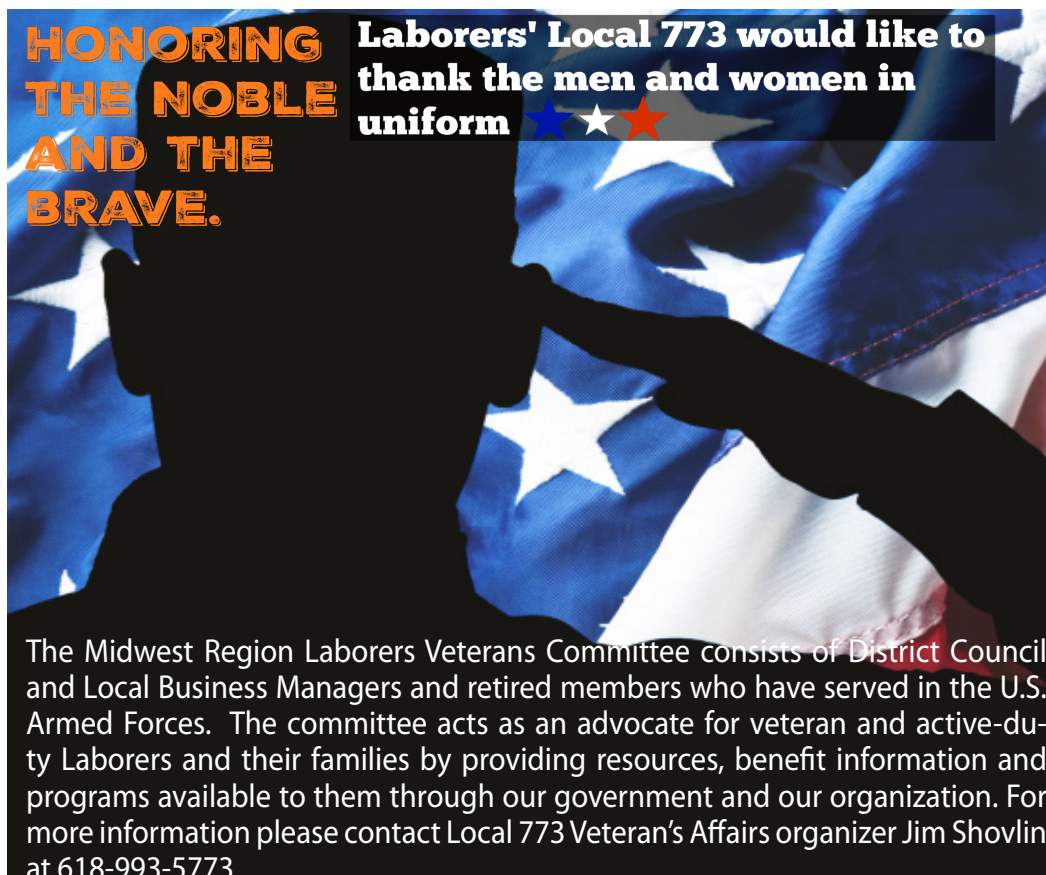
The center turned to former Illinois State Senator, U.S. Congressman, gubernatorial candidate and president of Southern Illinois University Glenn Poshard and his wife Jo, who are cofounders of the Carterville-based Poshard Foundation for Abused Children and in April, they donated two dozen brand new pillow-top mattresses to the center's residential youth homes.

"Every day, if you look at our neighbors and who lives in our communities, who's coaching our Little

## Veterans Day, Friday November 11, 2016

**HONORING  
THE NOBLE  
AND THE  
BRAVE.**

**Laborers' Local 773 would like to  
thank the men and women in  
uniform** ★ ★ ★



The Midwest Region Laborers Veterans Committee consists of District Council and Local Business Managers and retired members who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. The committee acts as an advocate for veteran and active-duty Laborers and their families by providing resources, benefit information and programs available to them through our government and our organization. For more information please contact Local 773 Veteran's Affairs organizer Jim Shovlin at 618-993-5773



League kids, who's volunteering every time, it's the members of our unions that live right here. We have such a union culture in Southern Illinois, going back over a hundred years, and we don't even think anything about it," Smith said.

"The labor movement of Southern Illinois is a special treasure unto itself, and too many times we don't appreciate the hardworking men and women who every day go to work and keep our region going," Smith said.

Longtime friends, Ed and Glen Poshard, have completed several charitable projects with the help of labor unions over the years.

Construction is expected to be completed in December, depending on the availability of volunteer workers.





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