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APWU: VICTORY THROUGH SOLIDARITY

March 8th Statement Issued by American Postal Workers Union

[Editor's Note: The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council has participated in the long and continuing campaign to stop the privatization of the United States Postal Service. The Labor Council adopted a resolution at its July 2014 meeting opposing the privatization of postal services and calling on its members to support the postal workers unions, "US Mail Is Not for Sale" and "Stop Staples" campaigns. Labor Council members walked the Sunday morning informational picket lines set up by members of the Pittsburgh Metro APWU and NALC Branch 84 at Staples stores in western

Pennsylvania, including the Monaca and Cranberry stores. The Labor Council also presented a recognition plaque to postal worker union representatives after the USPS agreed to stop offering postal services in Staples stores. The plaque was presented at the Labor Council's May 2017 Hu-

ago, after nearly two decades of collective union struggle, the U.S. Senate met our demands and passed the Postal Service Reform Act.

This is the greatest legislative victory for postal workers in a generation – and it's all because of you.

Together, over the last three weeks, APWU members & public supporters made more than 12,000 calls into the U.S. Senate, bringing the full weight of our union to bear on this historic effort.

While private carriers spent months pressuring key Senators to vote against the bill, their lobbyists' money was no match for the power of 200,000 postal workers standing together in solidarity.

This victory is

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man Rights Banquet.]

We won!

Just moments



Postal Worker Unions representatives with plaques presented by Labor Council at 2017 Human Rights Banquet in recognition of their successful Stop Staples Campaign. (L-R) Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council delegate Josh Luther, Pittsburgh Metro Area Postal Workers Union (APWU); Randy Ball, NALC Branch 84 vice president; Kelly Dickey, National Postal Mailhandlers Union Local 322 president; John P. Richards, APWU Pittsburgh Retirees Chapter President.

President's Report

By Rick Galiano
Labor Council President

* The Executive Board election originally scheduled for the December Labor Council membership meeting, will be held at the March Labor Council meeting. The election was postponed in December and February due to the absence of quorums and was postponed in January when the membership meeting was canceled due to a large snowfall. Our Labor Council bylaws require that a postponed election be held at the first succeeding regular meeting. Please see my February President's report for additional information.

* Labor Council Executive Board meetings will start at 6:30 PM beginning



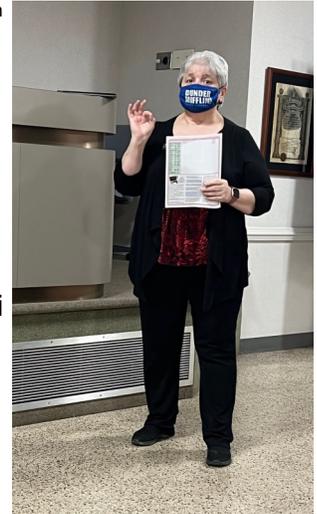
Left: Labor Council President Rick Galiano (L) presenting Union Bug Assistant Editor Steven Kocherzat with gifts to Editor Victor Colonna and Steven Kocherzat for their work with the Union Bug. The gifts were presented at the February Labor Council meeting. Your editors thank the Labor Council Executive Board and membership for the gifts.

with the February Labor Council meeting.

* Thank you to NWPA ALF Director Rosann Barker for attending the February Labor Council meeting and reporting the upcoming June 28th NWPA ALF annual meeting/convention.

* The 45th PA AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention will be held on March-29-31. It will be held at the Omni William Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh. I will attend the Convention as a USW delegate and Executive Vice-President Dan Onuska will attend as an IBEW delegate.

* 2022 Labor Council calendars are still available.



NWPA ALF Director Rosann Barker reporting at February Beaver Lawrence CLC meeting on planning for the NWPA ALF's 16th annual meeting/convention on June 28th.

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NWPA ALF 16TH ANNUAL MEETING/CONVENTION

Reprinted from March, 2022 Edition of NWPA ALF News

On Tuesday, June 28th, the NWPA ALF will hold its 16th Annual Meeting/Convention in the VFW Hall, located at 411 Ninth Street in Franklin, PA 16323. We will convene at 7:00 PM and conclude after the conclusion of our business. The registration fee is \$40.00 per person (delegate/alternate). Send it with your credentials to 1276 Liberty St Ste2t, Franklin, PA 16323 by May 27th.

The convention theme is Building the Labor Movement through Solidarity and Activism. Our Keynote Speaker is Ironworkers International President Eric Dean. The Convention's principal functions are; to elect our officers and executive board, review our budget, and plan events/actions consistent with

the goals of the AFL-CIO.

Other highlights will be; awarding our scholarships to the winners of our essay contests and honoring someone from la-

bor for their service. We will have a program book for your ad (see page). Our silent auction this year will benefit a few non-profits. We will put together a slideshow of the various projects and activities done by our affiliates and CLC's. We plan to display a slideshow highlighting your work and activities during the registration and opening. If you

have any images to share, please send them to nwpaalf@gmail.com.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!



PA State Representative Austin Davis (D-35), a candidate for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor (center picture, below sign), standing with striking nurses and staff members at Armstrong County Memorial Hospital on March 13th. The nurses and staff members are members of Armstrong Nurses United, an affiliate of the 9000 member Pennsylvania Association of Staff Nurses and Allied Professionals. PASNAP is attempting to settle a fair contract that includes competitive wages and safe staffing levels. The strike began on March 13 and ended on March 17. It may resume if negotiations for a fair contract are not productive. Rep. Davis' candidacy has been endorsed by Josh Shapiro, the PA AFL-CIO endorsed candidate for governor.

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truly a testament to the power of union solidarity and collective action.

Now, thanks to each and every one of you doing your part to contribute to this fight, this bill will now make its way to President Biden's desk, where he is expected to sign it into law without delay.

With the passage of this historic act, the USPS will finally be placed on a path towards financial stability with the repeal of the onerous and financially debilitating pre-funding mandate.

There will be other victories to celebrate as well. The guarantee of six-day delivery, Medicare integration, adding much-needed transparency to postal operations – all of these reforms will ultimately save the post office billions of dollars each year, and make our jobs as postal workers more secure as a result.

This is a truly historic moment.

Let us remember today the lesson at the heart of our union's founding.

Everything we have, everything we've worn, and everything we hope to win, depends upon one thing: **Solidarity.**

Acting alone, we are powerless in the face of our opponents – the privatizers with their mountains of cash and their armies of lobbyists and lawyers are frighteningly powerful. No single one of us can defeat them alone.

But when we stand together - when thousands upon thousands of us each do our small part and take collective action – that is a force which can achieve anything.

Today's historic victory belongs to you, brothers and sisters.

Thank you for all that you do, and solidarity forever.

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pa.aflcio.org/349

Calendar of Events

- 03/21 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.
- 03/29-03/31 45th PA AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention. Omni William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh. See Convention Schedule attached to end of February issue of the UNION BUG.
- 04/02 Beaver County Democratic Committee Awards Dinner. Keynote speaker is Fred Redmond, national AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer. 6:00 PM; The Fez, 2312 Brodhead Rd., Aliquippa.
- 04/18 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.
- 05/06 NWPA ALF 2021-2022 Scholarship Essay Contest application and essay submission deadline. See information flyer with application attached to the end of the February 2022 issue of the UNION BUG.
- 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 the end of the February 2022 issue of the UNION BUG.
- 06/28 NWPA ALF 16th Annual Meeting/Convention. 7:00 PM; VFW Hall, 411 Ninth Street, Franklin 15323. See article on Page 3 of this 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 April 12th to be considered for publication in the April 2022 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.