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Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Moves 44th **Constitutional Convention From** Philadelphia To Pittsburgh Over **Labor Dispute**

HARRISBURG, Pa., March 2, 2020 / **PRNewswire**

In the first week of April, hundreds of labor leaders and union officials have asked for a bovcott from across the Commonwealth were set to gather in the City of Brotherly Love for the 44th Constitutional Convention of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. Last week, the statewide federation of labor unions cancelled the contract with the Philadelphia 201 Hotel due to a labor dispute between the hotel and the UNITE HERE 274.

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO puts solidarity first. "Our convention is a celebration of union members, their work and their service to our Commonwealth. We cannot in good conscience continue to host our biennial convention at an establishment that does not treat workers with respect on

the job, stated President Rick Bloomingdale.

"It is in the spirit of solidarity with our Sister and Brothers belonging to tional Convention will be UNITE HERE 274, who of Philadelphia 201 Hotel. The Hotel has failed to inter into a successor collective bargaining agreement acceptable to 274's members, and we stand with those workers in honoring the boycott," added

Secretary-Treasurer Frank Snyder.

The Pennsylvania AFL-CIO 44th Constituheld in Pittsburgh at the Omni William Penn, from Monday, April 6 through Wednesday, April 8.

SOURCE Pennsylvania AFL-CIO

Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council

7th Annual **Human Rights Banquet**

When: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Where: The Club at Shadow Lakes

2000 Beaver Lakes Blvd

Aliquippa, PA

Cocktails - 6:00 PM Time:

Dinner - 7:00 PM

Please see Attachments at the end of this issue of the UNION BUG for additional information.

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CODE OF CONDUCT PRESENTED TO LABOR COUNCIL

Editor's Note: The national AFL-CIO Executive Council adopted a code of conduct on March 14, 2017. The code of conduct directs each state federation, area labor federation and central labor council to adopt its own code of conduct based on the relevant provisions of the national AFL-CIO code of conduct. The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council's Code of Conduct was presented to the Labor Council membership at the February meeting. It was presented in the form of a card which reads as follows:

Beaver-Lawrence CLC, AFL-CIO's CODE OF CONDUCT

Front side of card:

The Beaver-Lawrence CLC AFL-CIO is committed to providing an environment free from discrimination and harassment, regardless of an individual's race, ethnicity, religion, color, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, gender identity or expression, ancestry, pregnancy, or any other characteristic prohibited by law.

As such, the AFL-CIO will not tolerate discriminatory, harassing or otherwise unacceptable behavior in the workplace or at any of its activities, events or meetings. It adopts the following code of conduct and expects everyone in the workplace--and those who participate in any of its activities, events or meetings—to abide by it.

Our designee/s for this meeting are listed on the back of this card for your convenience. If you see or experience something that you think is prohibited by the code, please let them know.

Back side of card:

If you see or experience something that you think is prohibited by the "Code of Conduct" on the front of this card, please see our designee/s for this meeting that are listed below:

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President's Report

By Rick Galiano Labor Council President

- * The Executive Board has canceled the Primary Election candidate interviews that it had scheduled for March 7th. The Executive Board will decide whether to conduct general election interviews after the primary election.
- * Thank you to Labor Council Executive Vice-President Dan Onuska for chairing the February Executive Board and membership meetings in my absence.
- * The deadlines for the two scholarships offered annually by the Labor Council and the scholarship offered annually by the NWPA ALF are approaching. Please see the application forms appearing at the end of this issue of the UNION BUG and distribute them to your interested members.
- The striking members of UAW Local 1311 at Langeloth Metallurgical Company have been awarded unemployment benefits back to January 11th, the date that Langeloth Metallurgical began replacing the striking Local 1311 members with scabs. Local 1311 is now trying to obtain unemployment benefits back to September 6th, the date the strike began. NW PA ALF Director Roseann Barker asked at the February membership meeting that letters of support be written to UAW Local 1311. The February 28th issue of the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO's "The Workers' Week in Pa." includes a letter written by Jeffrey D. Binz, UAW Region 9 Director, which provides a list of additional ways to support Local 1311. The letter



Labor Council trustee Jodi Kohser, a SEIU Local 668 business agent, reporting at the March Labor Council meeting on the continuing legislative and community efforts to stop the proposed closures of the Polk and White Haven Care facilities. The Labor Council adopted a resolution at its October meeting asking the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services to keep the facilities, which serve as residential centers for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, open. A lawsuit was recently filed in federal court to keep the facilities open.

appears at the end of this issue of the UNION BUG.

- * The 44th Pennsylvania AFL-CIO Convention has been moved from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. Please read the front page article of this issue of the UNION BUG for additional details.
- * The food and refreshments at the January meeting were sponsored by SEIU Healthcare Pa. The food and refreshments at the February meeting in New Castle were sponsored by SEIU Local 668. Food and refreshment sponsors are needed for the March, April, September and October meetings.

In Brief



Labor Council Trustee Christ Atsides and Vice-President Linwood Alford, second and third from left, at Black History Month screening of "Power to Heal: Medicare and the Civil Rights Revolution." Dr. Tom Brockmeyer, left, Dr. Judy Albert, right, and Dr. Anthony Fiorillo, second from right, were three of the four physician members of the Western Pennsylvania Physicians for a National Health Program and the Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Single Payer Healthcare who participated in the screening. Linwood served as the event MC. The Labor Council made a donation for the repast that was held after the screening. The screening was sponsored by Tabernacle Baptist Church in Beaver Falls and was held in the church building.



USW International President Thomas M. Conway with Beaver County Democratic Committee Chair Terri Mitko at the Committee's 2020 Liberty Leaders Banquet. The banquet was held on February 29th at The Club at Shadow Lakes in Aliquippa. President Conway gave the banquet's keynote speech. He was introduced by USW staff representative and former Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board member Bernie Hall. Bernie is the Treasurer of the Democratic Committee. Several Labor Council affiliates were among the Banquet sponsors. The Labor Council purchased a banquet table and ad.

BEAVER/LAWRENCE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL



We're on the Web: pa.aflcio.org/349

Calendar of Events

- 03/16 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings; Executive Board 6:00 PM; Membership 7:30 PM; IBEW 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 03/25 NWPA ALF 1st quarter meeting: AFSCME DC 85 Hall, 1276 Liberty Street, Franklin, Pa.16323.
- 04/07 44th Pa. AFL-CIO Constitutional Convention: Omni William Penn, Pittsburgh. See first page article concerning change of venue from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. Contact the Pa AFL-CIO at 717-231-2841 for additional information.
- 04/18 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Human Rights
 Banquet -IUPAT General President Kenneth E. Rigmaiden,
 keynote speaker: cocktail hour at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00
 pm, The Club at Shadow Lakes, 2000 Beaver Lakes Blvd.,
 Aliquippa. See invitation and reservation form at the end
 of this issue of the UNION BUG for additional details.
- 04/20 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Executive Board and membership meetings; Executive Board 6:00 PM; Membership 7:30 PM; IBEW 712 Edwin D. Hill Complex, Vanport.
- 04/24 Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Scholarship and Don McNutt Memorial Scholarship submission deadline. See application attached to the end of this issue of the UNION BUG.
- 04/28 Primary Election Day.
- 05/01 2020-2021 NW PA ALF Scholarship Essay Contest essay and application receipt of submission deadline. See application attached to the end of this issue of the UNION BUG.

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 13th to be considered for publication in the April 2020 Issue of the **UNION BUG**.



Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council

P.O. BOX A • BEAVER, PENNSYLVANIA 15009 (724) 770-0606

January 20,2020

TO: All Labor Organizations, Civil Rights Organizations and Guests

On behalf of the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council, we cordially invite you to attend the seventh Human Rights Banquet of the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council Community Services Committee to be held on Saturday, April 18th, at The Club at Shadow Lakes, 2000 Beaver Lakes Blvd., Aliquippa, Pa. 15001. Cocktails begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Kenneth E. Rigmaiden, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades General President, will be the banquet's keynote speaker. IUPAT is recognized throughout North America for its dedication to activism to further the issues, campaigns and causes that it believes will benefit the Labor Movement and our communities. It places the fight for fair wages, benefits and the right to organize front and center.

General President Rigmaiden took office in 2013 and since that time has become known throughout the Labor Movement as a thoughtful and eloquent speaker. He served as a keynote speaker at the 2018 Pa. AFL-CIO Convention and recently addressed the Texas AFL-CIO Convention.

General Secretary Rigmaiden's remarks will focus on diversity of membership as one of the strongest assets that a union can possess and how the IUPAT works to diversify by fighting for the issues that matter to the communities that it wants to welcome into the

Enclosed for your convenience is a combined reservation and program booklet ad form. Please make your check payable to the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council and mail it to Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council, P.O. Box A, Beaver, Pa. 15009.

In Solidarity,

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Beaver-Lawrence CLC

President

(724) 910-8092

Mark Benkart

Beaver-Lawrence CLC

Community Services Committee Chairperson

(724) 312-4387

inwood Alford

Beaver-Lawrence CLQ Director of Civil Rights and Economic Justice

(724) 843-6319

Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO

Human Rights Banquet

IUPAT Gen. Pres. - Kenneth E. Rigmaiden – Keynote Speaker Saturday, April 18, 2020 The Club at Shadow Lakes (724-375-5511)

2000 Beaver Lakes Blvd., Aliquippa, PA 15001

Social Hour

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Dinner

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Program

8:00 pm

There are no tickets for this Banquet, only Reservations.

Please R.S.V.P. by Friday, April 3, 2020

Individual Reservations are \$55.00 Tables of 8 are \$425.00

Name or Organization_____ Contact Number____

Number of Individuals/reservations______ x \$55.00 = _____

Number of tables_____ x \$425.00 = ____

Program Booklet Ads

Program booklet size is 8 ½ inches by 11 inches

Camera ready ads can be emailed to: bpcolor@aol.com

If your ad is emailed, please send a hard copy with this form, and email to saradudash@comcast.net.

Ad copies should be in by Tuesday, April 7, 2020

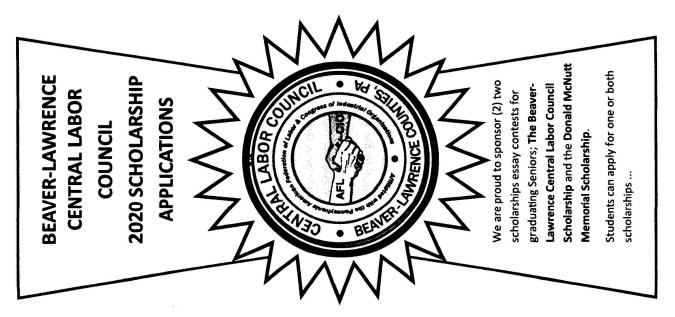
Full Page \$200.00 Half Page \$150.00 **Quarter Page** \$100.00

Please make all checks payable to: Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council

And mail to: Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council

P.O. Box A, Beaver, PA 15009.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark Benkart, 724-312-4387 or Sara Dudash, 724-730-7402.



I understand as a graduating Senior I can apply for both scholarships. I have checked the scholarships I am applying for:			
The Beaver-Lawrence CLC Scholarship "WHAT IS THE AFL-CIO AND WHAT DO THEY DO?"			
Donald McNutt Scholarship "What impact does buying "American-Made Union-Made" products have on our economy?"			
Student's Name	Phone	Email:	
Home Address	City	7in	
Home Address	City _	Ζίρ	•
High SchoolAddress			_
Post -Secondary Institution		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , 	_
Name of Union Mamber	Unic	on Affiliation	
Name of Union Member	Offic	711 Allillation	•
Circle Relationship of Union Member (Grandparent / Fath	er / Mother / or Self)	(Local Union Name & Number)	
Local Union Official's Signature		Title	-
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Presentation: Winner will be notified by mail. Submission deadline: Friday, April 24, 2020

registered as a full-time student in a post-secondary program. The applicant must be a member, or grandchild residing in the home of a Student who will graduate from high school in 2020. Award recipient must be accepted or union member in good standing of a local union affiliated with the Beaver-Lawrence Central union member, or a dependent child of a union ELIGIBILITY Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

scholarship make sure you write your essay

on the appropriate topic.

AWARD - \$1,000.00

Both Scholarships have the same award eligibility, purpose and length of Essay please note the topic is different for each

PURPOSE

To foster an understanding of the Labor Movement's vital contributions to this nation's economic, social and political fabric.

TO ENTER

Submit a 500-word essay on the appropriate

Beaver-Lawrence CLC Scholarship topic is; WHAT IS THE AFL-CIO AND WHAT DO THEY DO?

Donald McNutt Memorial Scholarship topic is; What impact does buying "American-Made Union-Made" products have on our economy?

Essays must be typewritten (in Blue or Black Ink), double spaced on 8%" x 11" white paper, and completed scholarship application form to your identification. Please attach essay and mail to: void

Beaver-Lawrence CLC Scholarship Trust Fund PO Box A

Beaver, Pa. 15009

The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council (CLC) is one of nearly 500 state and local labor councils of the AFL-ClO and are the heart of the labor movement. Our officers and Executive Board are democratically elected. The Delegates and Alternates of our affiliates who serve on our Central Labor Council are dedicated to represent the interests of all working people at the state and local level.

We have 49 affiliated locals unions in the Beaver and Lawrence Counties of Pennsylvania. We mobilize our members and community partners to advocate for social and economic justice and we strive daily to vanquish oppression and make our communities better for all people—regardless of race, color, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or ethnic or national origin.

Our members have not only worked to help the workers in our region with many community projects but have looked toward the future. One way to help improve the lives and opportunities for anyone is through continued education. They began efforts to establish a scholarship fund at our council in early 1980's We have awarded more than 60 scholarships to-date. We currently offer two scholarships and look forward to reading the essays every year..

We want all the students applying for our scholarships to know how proud we are of them. We congratulate you for demonstrating how determined you are to obtain the necessary funding to further your education. You have shown more initiative than most of your peers, and we wish you well.



BEAVER-LAWRENCE CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

SCHOLARSHIP

Chartered on March 27, 1961, the Labor Council of Beaver County, Pennsylvania, AFL-CIO began serving both its membership and the local community. After nearly 45 years as a stand-alone CLC, the AFL-CIO asked the council to expand their jurisdiction to include Lawrence County. At that time, the council formally changed their name to The Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council.

local union who wins the essay contest. This Education was a major concern of educating their officers, delegates and the having an eye on the future and realizing our children are our future the leadership here decided to create a scholarship program. The program is used two-fold; the questions chosen are designed to educate the applicants about unions through their funding to assist with the continued education of a dependent of an affiliated scholarship is awarded to a senior beginning leadership of this council and they began by affiliated local union members. Always research. The scholarship offers additional their journey into the system of higher

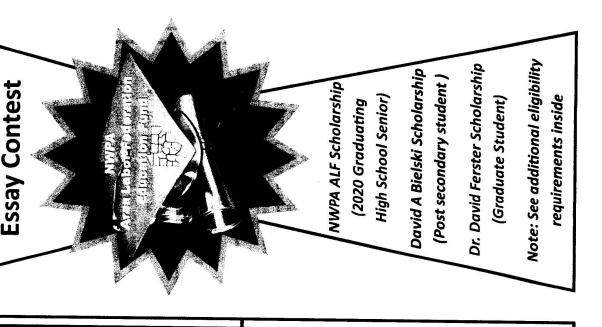
DONALD E. MCNUTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Donald E McNutt began his service to his community and nation when he enlisted in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. This veteran returned home and his passion to serve continued as he worked far into retirement. Don was a union activist and caring individual. He was a member of the International Association of Machinists Potomac Air Lodge Local 1976 for 35 years. While living in Washington County, he was inducted into the Washington County CLC Labor Hall of Fame for his many years of union service. He later moved to Beaver County.

Don understood the importance of Solidarity and Education. For many years he was on the Executive Board of the Beaver-Lawrence CLC and each month provided information on the "Union Label". Don understood that looking for the union label and the Made-in-USA label was something all members of organized labor should do. He knew this would assure we bought quality products, preserved good paying family sustaining jobs and our economy. He always discussed what union households should or should not buy. Don was also one of the founders of the "The Union Bug", a monthly newsletter that the Beaver-Lawrence CLC published.

Don McNutt was excited when we offered our first scholarship and he was a part of the decision to make sure we developed a two-fold program. In honor of his dedication and service the Beaver-Lawrence Central Labor Council has decided to name this scholarship in his memory. This scholarship is awarded to a senior beginning their journey into the system of higher education.



2020-2021

Scholarship Judges

Scholarships

2020-2021

Andrew Harkulich

Anthony Modaffare Dave Conklin Daryl Busch

David Henderson **David Foor**

Frank Telesz Gary Bittner

lames Cassidy **Giles Grinko**

James Kunz Jeff Hapke

Jim Nuber

Laurie Fisher Ken Vybiral

Lisa Alexander Lee Williams

Pattie DeMichele Mike Kalpich

Rich Barrett Phil Lasky

Rick Galiano T J Sandell For more information call 814-360-8336.

Please PRINT legibly; Name Student ID # Name of the School that you will attend Address of Student Phone Number for student E-Mail Address Name and address of school you are currently attending? Union Affiliation /union name and Local # union member relationship phone number for the union member l am applying for the following: NWPA ALF Scholarship David A. Bielski Educational Scholarship Dr. David Ferster Educational Scholarship Complete: this application, a 500-word essay in MS Word (on the appropriate question) and mail to NWPA ALF 1276 Liberty St. Ste 2, Franklin, PA 16323 or email copies of both to nwpaalf@gmail.com . The deadline for the receipt of the essay and application is Friday, May 1st.

Essay Contests for 2020-2021 NWPA Area Labor Federation Scholarships

The NWPA ALF offers three (3) different scholarships. The purpose of our Scholarships is to offer an opportunity for a member and/or their dependents and grandchildren of affiliated local unions of the NWPA ALF to earn a scholarship by winning one of the essay contests. Our questions are designed to make the applicants learn more about the labor movement and plan for their place in society after graduation from college.

What Are The Eligibility Requirements?

All award recipients must be a union member, dependent of a union member or grandchild of a union member in good standing of a local union affiliated and in good standing with the NWPA ALF. Award recipients must be enrolled in an accredited degreed program at a system of higher education for the 2020-2021 school year.

NWPA ALF Scholarship applicants must be a Graduating High School Senior furthering their education. David A. Bielski Educational Scholarship applicants must be a full-time Post-Secondary Student

Dr. David Ferster Educational Scholarship applicants must be a **Graduate Student**.

Scholarship Awards

The winners of all three scholarships receive an award of \$500.00.

How Can You Apply?

To apply, you must complete the application form and write a 500 word essay on the topic specified in the section of this brochure titled "Essay Topics" for the Scholarship you are eligible to receive.

- Essays must be typed in MS Word and void of identification. Your essay must address the question for your scholarship, as it appears in this brochure. (Top. use the question as your title to keep you focused.)
- email your MS Word file containing your essay and a scanned in PDF copy your completed application form to inwipaalf@gmail.com or mail to the address below. Email confirmations will be sent to confirm receipt of your application and essay.
- Essays and applications MUSTBERECEIVED by the deadline of Friday, May 1st
- Presentation will be at our Wednesday, June 24, 2020.
 Meeting.

Direct Questions & Send Your Essay To:

Rosann Barker, Director NWPA Area Labor Federation, AFL-CIO 1276 Liberty St. Ste. 2 Franklin, PA 16323

Phone: 814-360-8336 E-mail: nwpaalf@gmail.com

Essay Topics

NWPA ALF Scholarship

(Graduating Senior in any system of Higher Education)
Should the Minimum Wage in the USA be raised to \$15/Hr. in all states? Explain why or why not'

David A. Bielski Educational Scholarship

(Post Secondary student_in any system of Higher Education)

If you have a choice to work in a union or a non-union shop, what would be your choice and why?

Dr. David Ferster Educational Scholarship

(Graduate Student in any System of Higher Education)
What is the importance of the labor

demands of the working class?

demands of the working class?

Note: A Post Secondary Student is someone continuing their education past their first year of college. (i.e. Sophomore in college until graduation from college with their Bachelors degree)

A Graduate Student is someone continuing their education past their Bachelor's Degree to their Master's Degree.



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February 12, 2020

RE: UAW LOCAL 1311 STRIKE - LANGELOTH METALLURGICAL COMPANY

Greetings:

Our brothers and sisters at UAW Local 1311 have been on strike since September 2019. They have stayed strong and united throughout their struggle with Langeloth Metallurgical Company, which is in Western Pennsylvania.

We are reaching out for further assistance for these members and are asking that you show your support by doing gate collections, letters of support, etc. Listed below details on both donations and letters of support:

<u>LETTERS OF SUPPORT</u> - All communications should be sent <u>directly</u> to UAW LOCAL 1311, C/O JAMES PRISELAC, 7 ESCALON DRIVE, CORAOPOLIS, PA 15108.

GATE COLLECTIONS - Personal checks are accepted as gate donations. Checks should be made <u>payable</u> to <u>International Union</u>, <u>UAW</u>. In the memo section of your check please indicate this is a contribution UAW Local 1311 Strike. Personal checks should be mailed to my attention to <u>UAW Region 9</u>, 35 George Karl Boulevard, Suite 100, Amherst, NY 14211.

Any cash donations collected will need to be deposited into your local union general fund account and be listed as monies received for our UAW Local 1311 members on strike. A check from your local union should be made payable to International, Union, UAW. Local 1311 Strike - Gate Collection should be written in the memo section of the check and be mailed to my attention at UAW Region 9, 35 George Karl Boulevard, Suite 100, Amherst, NY 14211.

YOU CANNOT USE ANY MONIES RECEIVED THROUGH UNION DUES FOR THESE DONATIONS.

We thank you for your support of UAW Local 1311 and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 609-560-2521.

In Solidarity,

Jeffrey D. Binz, Director

UAW Region 9

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