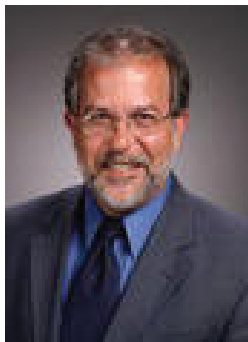


Politte fills unexpired term of Union Recorder

Dave Politte, a 37-year member of Local 655, and long-time union representative has been elected to fill the unexpired term of former Recorder Bryan Wynn.

At the May Executive Board meeting, the Board unanimously elected Politte to fill the duties of Recorder effective May 29. Politte will also continue to serve our Union in his current post as Assistant To The



POLITTE

President and Director Of Collective Bargaining, positions he has held since 1994.

Politte started his career with Schnucks Market in May 1972, where he worked until he took the Union post.

Since becoming the Director of Collective Bargaining, Politte has overseen negotiations in more than 100 contracts. As Assistant to the President, Dave oversees all servicing territories as well as numerous other duties.

"I am pleased to see Dave move into the position of Recorder along with his other duties," said Local 655 President Jim Dougherty. "We will miss Bryan's expertise but are confident that Dave will do an outstanding job as Recorder."

Get involved in municipal politics

Not everyone is cut out to be a politician, but with a little interest and a lot of work, someday...maybe you'll be helping to run your city or school district.

Local 655 will hold its first training session for members interested in serving in municipal public office. Join us at the Local 655 Union Hall on June 9, 2009 at 6 p.m. to learn just what it takes to throw your hat into the political ring.

This training is the start of what



has been a long-term effort to put Local 655 members in decision-making positions in their local communities. The training will include what offices are available in your local communities, how to run a campaign, how to raise money and anything that will help our

members achieve their goal and get elected to a public office.

For more information contact David Cook at 636-736-2702 or Judy Davidson at 636-736-2703

Eat up! Fundraiser serves up good eats for a great cause.

One in every 12 African Americans is a carrier of sickle cell disease, an inherited blood disorder that affects the red blood cells.

It cannot be caught or passed on like the flu, but those with the disease are threatened by an abnormal type of hemoglobin.

Sometimes their red blood cells become sickle-shaped (crescent shaped) and have difficulty passing through small blood vessels.

When sickle-shaped cells block small blood vessels, body tissues, such as the liver, do not receive a normal blood flow and eventually become damaged. There is currently no universal cure, but there are promising treatments.

Those with sickle cell can receive treatments that range from drugs to blood transfusions. However, these can only control the disease and attempt to ease the pain. The only hope is continued research and studies.

Help us contribute to a cure. United Food & Commercial Workers Local 655 & Local 88

will hold a BARBECUE to benefit



Come by for a delicious meal Rib tips, burgers, brats and dogs Great food for a wonderful cause

Schnucks City Plaza Saturday, June 13 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more info call: Cynthia Blackmon 636-736-2769 Levi Eddins at 636-736-2791

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Help save 60,000 jobs in our region

The Boeing Company and related suppliers—members of the Machinists Union—need your help to save more than 60,000 jobs throughout the St. Louis area.



Join and support your fellow union members and help keep the St. Louis area's economy afloat at a rally to be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 7, at the Machinists Building, 12365 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgeton.

All union members and their families are encouraged to attend.

Labor and political officials will lead the rally to oppose a budget proposal by

the U.S. Defense Department that would cut production of the F/A-18 Hornet fighter and C-17 Globemaster cargo plane — both of which are manufactured here in St. Louis by Boeing.

The loss of those jobs — and the ripple effect throughout the economy — would be devastating to the St. Louis region.

"I urge every member of Local 655 and their families to join us for this important protest rally," said Local 655 President Jim Dougherty. "Other unions supported the UFCW during our critical contract times, and now it's time to help the Machinists members save their jobs. Please, do everything you can to join in this rally."

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Local 655's 20th Annual Softball Tournament coming soon!



When: August 10, 11, 12, 13 and 17, 18, 19
Where: Ellisville Ball Park

The annual softball tournament is fast approaching! Applications and team rosters are being mailed to the shop stewards, and are due back by July 16th.

The tournament is limited to the first 50 teams to apply, so get your sign-up sheets and registration fee in as soon as possible. Last year, due to overwhelming responses, we couldn't accommodate all teams that applied.

For more information, call Garry Torpea at 636-736-2773 or Randy Charboneau at 636-736-2761.

Merri Berry elected to Executive Board

At the May Executive Board meeting, Merri Berry was elected to fill a vacancy for vice president on the Local 655 Executive Board. Berry's placement on the board was voted upon and unanimously approved.



BERRY

Union scholarships offered

Your union membership is about more than your paycheck and benefits.

Each June and January, 20 scholarships of \$150 are randomly drawn at the monthly union membership meeting at 7 p.m. Local 655 members who are in college, pursuing a higher education in business, trades or advance technical training following high school are eligible to submit an application.

June 22 is the deadline for the June 23 drawing. Applications may be downloaded from the local's website at www.ufcw655.com. Applications may also be obtained at the Union Hall, or from your Shop Steward or Union Representative.

If you have questions, call your Union Representative at 636-394-6500.



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