

# NEWS & NOTES

From the desk of President David A. Cook  
KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

July 2014



## WANTED: WEEKENDS OFF

One of the highlights of the new Schnucks, Dierbergs & Shop 'n Save contract is the Volunteer Organizing Program (VOP). Local 655 members in this program will receive a schedule that gives the member Friday nights and weekends off from their store in exchange for volunteering to do organizing work for Local 655 (Members must commit to 16 hours a month).

Our best organizing tools are our members. The VOP is a great way to have those members explain, first hand, the benefits of Union membership to non-Union employees throughout the St. Louis area. For more information about the VOP call us at 636-394-6500.



## SOFTBALL

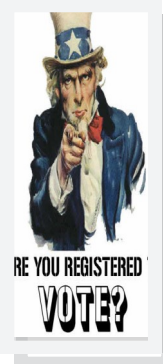
### Local 655 24th Annual Co-Ed Softball Tournament

The 24th Annual Local 655 Co-Ed Softball Tournament will take place August 4, 5, 6 and 7th with the playoffs on August 11th at Ellisville Athletic Association. Teams are comprised of no less than 5 men and 5 women from Local 655 member worksites. Females from Local 88 are allowed to play as well. If you are interested in having a team from your worksite, call Kevin Ryan at 636-736-2766. If you are having trouble getting a full team from your worksite, call Kevin Ryan as well and we will try and pair your worksite with another.

Not a softball player??? Come out to the tournament anyway. The tournament was designed for members to interact outside of work. There's free food and refreshments for Local 655 members and their families. So come cheer on your store's team or root against the store down the street.

### ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Elections are sometimes decided by just a handful of votes.



This is especially true in midterm elections when voter turnout is low. Many State Representatives have a primary election on August 5th and all of the State Representatives have an election. It is important now, more than ever, to cast your ballot and vote in the upcoming elections.

**The last day to register to be able to vote in the August election is July 9, 2014.**

**The last day to register to be able to vote in the October election is October 8, 2014.**

To register to vote go to: [www.sos.mo.gov](http://www.sos.mo.gov)

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### UFCW LOCAL 655 UNION MEETINGS

Monthly Meetings: 4th Tuesday of each month

9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

New Member Meetings: 3rd Monday of each month

9:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Union Hall: 300 Weidman Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011

636-394-6500

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

Get post/tweet information regarding Local 655, UFCW, Unions, the Labor Movement, links to interesting articles regarding increasing the minimum wage, and protecting the middle class. Check out hashtags #Unionstrong, #UFCW Pride and #Raisethewage.

In accordance with the GSLFEC contract, all members working at Shop 'n Save, Schnucks and Dierbergs, with a desire to become 40 hour employees should submit a written request to the Labor Relations/ Human Resources Department prior to August 1st. Also, employees may request a transfer by indicating in writing their desire to relocate to another store. These written requests for a transfer must be sent to the Labor Relations/ Human Resources Department prior to August 1st.



**Transfer Requests**

Both 40 hour request forms and transfer request forms should be available from the store manager/director or customer service desk.

## WHAT IS RIGHT TO WORK?



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#RIGHTTOWORK

**CHECK OUT THIS VIDEO AT**  
[www.ufcw655.org](http://www.ufcw655.org)

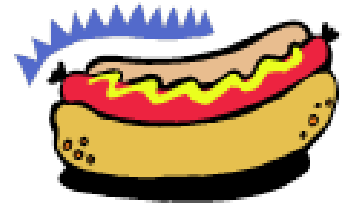


## UFCW LOCAL 655 PRESENTS

2<sup>ND</sup> Annual Benefit for "Faces of Our Children" Fighting Sickle Cell Disease

### BBQ

July 19<sup>th</sup> 2014  
Cross Keys Schnucks  
13987 New Halls Ferry Rd.  
Florissant, MO 63033  
11:30 am to 5:00 pm



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE

With the ratification of the Greater St. Louis Food Employers Council (GSLFEC) contract, the costs of Health & Welfare and Pension have been determined. This allows Local 655 to proceed with contract negotiations. In the upcoming months, we will be negotiating new contracts for our members at;

Queen's, Pevely  
Queen's, Hillsboro  
Double G  
Rozier's, Perryville  
TNT Foods, House Springs

Edmond's Chile  
Greenstreak Group, Inc.  
Frick's, Sullivan, MO  
Frick's, Union, MO  
Culinaria

Schnucks Focus on Design  
St. Genevieve Countrymart  
Elsberry IGA  
Cowley Distributing  
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**LABOR DAY PARADE  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2014  
DOWNTOWN, ST. LOUIS**

**Come join UFCW Local 655 as well as unions from all over the metro area as we celebrate Unity and the achievements of the Labor movement. Local 655 invites members and their families to walk or watch the parade and join us for hot dogs immediately following. Let's show that we are UNION PROUD and celebrate Labor Day. Hot dogs and beverages provided.**