Veto Session approaching; fight against right-to-work intensifies

By DAVID COOK

In the three months since Missouri Senate leadership rammed ‘right-to-work’ through, the State Legislature, and the two months since Governor Nixon vetoed the same, Local 655 has been working tirelessly to stop this ill-conceived measure from becoming law in Missouri.

As we entered August, the Missouri General Assembly’s Veto Session is a little over a month away, the labor community is giving everything it’s got to ensure that Gov. Nixon’s veto is sustained.

In July we rolled out the first in a continuing series of in-district meetings with our friends in the State Legislature. To date we have met in district with a half-dozen state lawmakers from both sides of the aisle who have stood up against ‘right-to-work’ and who have committed to continue to stand for Missouri’s working families.

The fight to defeat ‘right-to-work’ energizes Local 655 members. Dozens have participated in these in-district meetings, and still more have contacted their legislators directly to thank them for their opposition to ‘right-to-work’—and when necessary, to call them to task for supporting right-to-work.

Our annual Shop Stewards’ Appreciation Day demonstrated both the energy and the growing political power of our Local Union. We had great participation from our shop stewards, all of whom are pitching in to help defeat right-to-work.

Thanks to the efforts of our Political Director Nick Trupiano, 22 state representatives, a state senator and a staff representative from another senator’s office attended the meeting—that’s a huge number of elected officials for a non-election year. The state legislators in attendance were from all over the political spectrum—Democrat, Republican and Independent—but all share with us a core commitment to defend workers’ rights, and especially a commitment to defeat ‘right-to-work.’

The legislative misleaders who seek to make Missouri a ‘right-to-work’ state have a lot of heavy lifting to do if they are going to have their way, as our friends from all sides of the aisle continue to be steadfast in their support for working families.

But our work is not yet done. We need to, and will continue to reassure our friends, particularly our Republican friends, that as long as they support working people, we will continue to stand for Missouri’s working families.

For complete schedules and more information, visit our website at www.ufcw655.com.

HELP WANTED

Processing Clerk/Receptionist

UFCW Local 655
300 Weidman Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011
Full-time position (37.50 hours) working Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:10 p.m.
Starting Pay $13.00/hour.

Includes medical and retirement benefits. Assist with clerical duties such as filing and organizing documents, data entry and receptionist duties and support of office activities. The main duties for this position include:

• Data Entry
• Process manual entries into the system
• Process daily calls
• Process deposits and post deposits
• Prepare and send communication letters
• Other clerical or administrative duties as assigned
• Receptionist duties, mail sort, switchboard, etc.

Requirements:
• High school degree or equivalent combination of experience and education
• 1-3 years prior data entry experience preferred
• Quick and accurate data entry skills, both alpha-numeric and 10 key
• Typing (60+ wpm)
• Attention to detail and accuracy
• Excellent multi-tasking, organizational, and time management skills
• Proficient in MS Word, Excel and Outlook
• 1-3 years customer service or general office experience preferred
• Stable work history
• Team Player

If this sounds like the right opportunity for you, send resume to:
• Julia — 300 Weidman Rd. Ballwin, MO 63011 or jpslon@ufcw655.org

Local 655 BBQ tops $15,000 for ‘Faces of Our Children’ Sickle Cell fundraiser

By the time the last burger was sold and the 20 or more volunteers packed up the tent and tables, Local 655 tallied more than $15,000, raised to fund ‘Faces of Our Children’ Sickle Cell Disease research.

The set up, Saturday, Sept. 18 at Cross Keys Shopping Center in Florissant, gets better each year, and even with this summer’s extreme temperatures, hundreds showed up to support our cause.

The success of this annual event didn’t happen in a day. Union Representatives Levi Eddins and Theresa Hester worked for months soliciting in-kind donations, material and monetary contributions from a wide array of companies and other Unions. Overall, Lev and Theresa secured about 100 sponsors and partners for the event. This solid groundwork allowed the BBQ to go off without a hitch.

Volunteers served hundreds of hungry North County residents hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, rip tips & pork steaks while Local 655 staff (including President David Cook) & additional volunteers worked the barbecue pit.

All the while, staff from Delete Blood Cancer/Be The Match registered folks in the bone marrow registry.

State Representatives Bill Otto, Sharon Pace, and Tommie Person, Florissant City Councilmen Keith Schildroth and Tommy Siam, and representatives from the offices of Senator Maria Chappelle-Nadal and Congressman Wm. Lacy Clay were among those served at the event.

Raising $15,000 makes us one of, if not the top, UFCW Locals in fundraising for Faces of our Children, the UFCW’s Sickle Cell Disease Charity.

Thanks again to Lev, Theresa, and all of our dedicated volunteers.

Don’t forget!

Stand together with your Union brothers and sisters March with Local 655 in the St. Louis Labor Day Parade • Monday, Sept. 7, 2015 Watch your St. Louis Labor Tribune for more info

UFCW to hold Missouri right-to-work ‘Telephone Town Hall’ meeting Aug. 12th.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, Aug. 12. All UFCW members in Missouri will be called to take part in a telephone Town Hall meeting featuring Gov. Jay Nixon (and possibly UFCW International President Marc Perrone).

During this unique telephone Town Hall meeting, the Governor will discuss the upcoming veto session, and what we can do to help sustain his veto of ‘Right-to-Work.’

2015 Joe Pretti Memorial Golf Tournament

Monday September 14 • 9 a.m.
Teamsters’ Union Hill Golf Course
1230 Abbey Ln. Pevely, MO 63070

Rates are the same as last year: $75 per golfer for members $150 per golfer for non-members.
$500 for a foursome.
Contact Nick Trupiano at 636-736-2767 or Alex Lange at 636-736-2776 by Friday, Sept. 4, to participate.

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