

Delegates Corner

Broome Tioga Federation of Labor
The Third Wednesday of Every Month,
THE NEXT FEDERATION MEETING WILL BE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, January 16th, 6pm AT
THE LABORERS HALL, 98 MAIN STREET,
BINGHAMTON.

February Daily Drawing Raffle tickets are now on sale. \$100 will be awarded on Fridays in February, \$50 will be awarded every other day. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from President Iondoli at (607)785-8762

**6pm, Tuesday, January 22nd,
Street Heat Broome-Tioga:**

A meeting of union activists interested in building a rapid response mobilization network. Held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at Laborers LU 7 Hall, 98 Main St., Binghamton

12pm, February 16th-

Broome County Candidate Forum.

What can our local politicians do to create and maintain quality jobs and healthy communities? Meet the newly elected and 2002 hopefuls for local office in Broome County and ask them yourself. This non-partisan event, featuring several union members as candidates, will kick off the 2002 political action season. Open to ALL, families encouraged to attend. Refreshments provided. Plumbers and Pipefitters LU 112 Training Center, Griswald Street, Binghamton. **Volunteer Coordinators needed/ If you would like to be on the planning committee, please call Jen Bloom.

Saturday, March 2nd, UNION sponsored Float in St. Patrick's Day Parade. Call now to confirm your participation on the float or marching with your union colors and banner. Planning for the float will be done at the Street Heat Meeting on Jan 22nd, 6pm. We are seeking \$100 donations from affiliate unions to help fund the parade entry. Please call Jen Bloom, 315-952-4395/jjs33@cornell.edu if you are able to help.

Workers Compensation "Navigator Program," sponsored by the NYS AFL-CIO is being planned for April. A minimum of 35 participants are needed to guarantee program. Confirm NOW with Jen Bloom.

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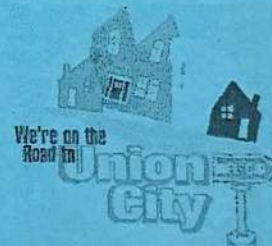
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Happy New Year!

Some things you must always be unable to bear...Injustice and outrage and dishonor and shame. No matter how young you are or how old you have got...Just refuse to bear them.

—William Faulkner

If you are trying to transform a brutalized society into one where people can live in dignity and hope, you begin with the empowering of the most powerless. You build from the ground up.

—Adrienne Rich, *Blood, Bread and Poetry*, 1986

BROOME TIOGA FEDERATION OF LABOR- Meeting Minutes:

December 19, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 6:05PM.

A roll call of officers indicated 6 in attendance.

President Iandoli introduced new delegates from the Graduate Student Union and the Teamsters Union.

The floor was opened for nominations for upcoming elections. Positions open and nominees include:

Treasurer – Ken Smith

Reading Clerk – Burt Whiteman

Trustee – Vince Smith

The motion was made, seconded and passed that the Secretary cast one vote for each person.

Correspondence

•From the NYS AFL-CIO, notice of the State of the State Breakfast Reception on January 9, 2002

•From the Friends of Pataki, notice of Salute 2002 to be held January 7 at the Heritage in Johnson City

•From the NYS Labor Religion Coalition, information about the book *Borders Witness: Youth Confront NAFTA*. Information about acquiring the book will be posted on the Federation Bulletin Board.

Reports of Officers, President Iandoli:

•Reported on the AFL-CIO Convention that was recently held in Las Vegas/ •The shopping guide from UNITE is available for affiliates to help support our garment workers./ •Indicated that the Federation raffle tickets are now available to affiliates. Profits from the raffle will fund our COPE activities. Prizes will be awarded each day in February.

First Vice-President Scobie:

•Reported on the organizing of food service workers at Binghamton University

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as read.

Jen Bloom, ALF Staff Person reported on the activities of the Area Labor Federation:

•The Organizers Roundtable is very successful. Time is devoted at each meeting to strategizing and defining action plans./ •Would like ideas for stories for the newsletter from the affiliates./ •Affiliates are encouraged to complete the survey that was recently sent to them. It is important to the work of the ALF that all affiliates be identified. Information is needed on the work done by each affiliate so union members can be directed to their businesses./ •Indicated her willingness to attend affiliate union meetings./ •Street Heat has planned two activities: a float in the St. Patrick's Day Parade (every affiliate should be represented on the float in their work clothes and each affiliate is asked to contribute \$100 towards the cost of this endeavor) and a political function on Saturday, February 16 that will be open to all who have recently been elected and those running for office in 2002. There are currently two union candidates for office: Bob Ralston running for Town of Binghamton Highway Superintendent and John Hutchings running for the City of Binghamton Legislature./ •A letter is prepared to go to area union retirees to begin a Retirees Division.

New Business

•Lee Conrad from CWA Local 1701, Alliance at IBM discussed their recall campaign with the delegates. This is a nationwide campaign designed to get back jobs for those laid-off when IBM begins hiring again. Each affiliate is encouraged to write to IBM to support this effort./ •Mike Najarian, Chair of the Broome County Democratic Party, thanked everyone for the help in the recent elections. Candidates are currently being sought to run for office who are union members or sympathetic to unions. Mike would like direction from the Federation on types of questions that could be asked of prospective candidates./ •On January 22, the Democratic Party will have a short committee meeting followed by a Town Hall Forum for candidates for state office. The meeting will be held at the Kalurah building in Endicott beginning at 7:00PM. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40PM. Respectfully Submitted,
Dona Vermilya, Secretary ■

Happy Holidays— You Are Fired!

JOB CUTS ROCK IBM

On Wednesday, November 28th, at IBM sites across the country, including Endicott, NY more than 1200 workers received holiday bonus— They were fired; their jobs were eliminated. Many of these workers had between 20 and 30 years with IBM; these are uniquely skilled, career employees. Executives at the top are still taking their exorbitant salaries, options, and bonuses in this time of economic downturn. Meanwhile, loyal employees are forced out for the holidays and sacrificed for the bottom line. IBM MUST ADOPT A POLICY OF RECALLING EMPLOYEES WHO LOST THEIR JOBS WHEN BUSINESS AGAIN INCREASES. IBM EMPLOYEES MUST BE RECALLED WITH THE SAME PAY AND BENEFITS THEY HAD WHEN THEIR JOB WAS TERMINATED. NO LONGER SHOULD JOBS BE FILLED WITH TEMPORARY OR CONTRACT WORKERS AT GREATLY REDUCED PAY AND BENEFITS.

ALLIANCE@IBM/CWA is asking labor, political, and community leaders to write top IBM management and ask them to do the right thing by giving IBM employees recall rights. Below is a sample letter that can be cut and modified by your union. Your help will make the difference:

Sam Palmisano, President IBM

New Orchard Road, Armonk, NY 10504

sam@us.ibm.com

Dear Mr. Palmisano:

We are saddened by the recent cutbacks at IBM, in which over 1200 career IBM employees lost their jobs.

We are also dismayed over the fact that these employees have no rights to return to their jobs when the economy picks up and IBM needs to ramp production back to previous levels.

We ask that IBM management give the terminated employees job recall rights. When business increases, they must be given a choice to be brought back with their previous wages and benefits intact, before new employees, temporary employees, or contractors are hired to fill job openings.

We believe that returning these employees to work will enable IBM to respond very quickly to increased business. Their experience will enable production to ramp up immediately, without need for a learning curve. Their devotion to quality would also outshine that of any brand-new employee, especially in light of IBM's decision to bring them back to work.

Sincerely,

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room and \$65 for a double for one night. Call the

to take action.