

UPCOMING EVENTS

Midstate Central Labor Council Meets the 3RD TUESDAY of every month. The next meeting will take place FEBRUARY 18TH AT 7PM AT THE TC3 STEERING COMMITTEE ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THIS MEETING!

Building a stronger labor movement requires change and a renewed commitment to organizing and political action. But it also means backing up our organizing and political activities with the capacity to mobilize union members and the community. And that's what "Street Heat" is all about.

Street Heat Committee meeting March 11 at Workers Rights Board.

Central involved in Street Heat activities please contact the Labor Federation at 315 422-3363

Central Labor Federation Meeting
March 10 2003 at the Holiday Inn, Cortland, NY.
We will elect the board and to continue the work started at the last meeting.
Delegates are needed to take part in the election. Please contact the Labor Federation for more information.

"Health & Safety in the Workplace"

A 6 week course, every Wednesday, Feb. 12-March 26 (except Feb. 26), 6:30-8:30pm, Cortland Works Career Center 99 Main St. Cortland. The course will provide a practical introduction to workplace health and safety and the tools unions and workers can use to better protect themselves. The course is free and open to the public, participants will receive a Certificate of Participation from Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. For further information contact Linda Smith, 756-5582, smithsranch@hotmail.com

If you have an event you would like listed here please contact the Central New York Labor Federation, AFL-CIO at 315 422-3363.

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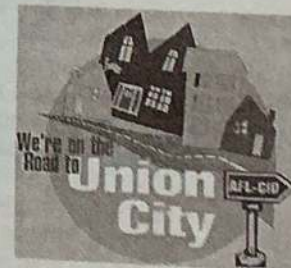
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General Meeting

February 18, 2003

TC3

Dryden, NY

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Midstate Central Labor Council Steering Committee Elections

At the February 18th meeting of the Labor Council, elections for the Steering Committee will take place. The officers that have been nominated thus far are:

President—Linda Smith, SEIU 200United

Vice President—Ken Franklin, IAM 1607

Financial Secretary—Mark Keith, SEIU 200United

Recording Secretary—open

At-Large Members—Brian Goodell, UAW 2300; Dave Marsh, LIUNA 589; Midge Grant, CSEA 812

At-Large Members Alternates—Erin Sheldon, SEIU 1199; Ron Powell, UAW 624

Nominations remain open until the meeting on the 18th. Anyone interested in running for office should contact the Labor Federation.

Political Forum being held in Binghamton

The Street Heat Committee of the Broome-Tioga Federation of Labor is holding its 2003 Political Forum on February 15th from 11am-1pm at the Plumbers Union Hall located at 11 Griswold St, Binghamton, NY. Elected leaders will share their views and respond to questions from the audience.

Scheduled to attend are: Assemblyman Gary Finch, County Legislators Arlene Nannery, John Hutchings, William Miller, Chris Burger,

Daniel Schofield, George Kolba and Brian Mather, Binghamton Mayor Richard Bucci and Vestal Town Supervisor Anndrea Starzak.

For more information please call the Central New Labor Federation office in Binghamton at 607 722-6098.

New York State AFL-CIO says Budget Proposal may cause "Job-Killing Cuts"

Press release issued by NYS AFL-CIO on January 29th following the announcement of Gov. Pataki's Budget Proposal

In response to the release of Governor Pataki's 2003-04 State Budget announcement, New York State AFL-CIO President Denis Hughes made it clear that various budget cuts proposed today may be detrimental to this state's long term fiscal health. He also stressed that today's budget announcement marks the beginning of the discussion process to solve this crisis.

Said Hughes, "We must keep in mind that today is only the first step in a long and hopefully thought provoking process. While there are areas of the Governor's budget that are very troubling to the labor movement, we are willing to work with Governor Pataki and both houses of the legislature to mitigate the pain that would befall those least able to bare it.

"While we acknowledge that there are "job killing" taxes, it should be noted that there are also, "job killing budget cuts". We should not forget that certain budget cuts called for in today's proposal would potentially be devastating to individuals and their families if job loss results.

"So we should not lose sight of the fact that "job killing" taxes and "job killing" budget cuts both potentially bring about the same result: job loss and a diminished future for working families."

NYS AFL-CIO President Denis Hughes stated that now is not the time for ideology to get in the way of the monumental task at hand.

Noting that ideological battles more often than not favor rhetoric over common sense, President Hughes stated, "Action trumps ideology every day of the week. Ideology, if not checked, breeds intransigence. In difficult times such as this, we cannot afford to waste a single day as we

look to find a solution to this crisis."

President Hughes once again called for shared responsibility amongst labor, business and government as the long term solution to the crisis. Said Hughes, "The labor movement understands that we will be asked to sacrifice in order to get through this crisis. But sacrifice is a relative term. We are willing to do our part to ensure that New York will be a state worth saving once this budget crisis has ended.

"Having said that, in order to ensure that working men and women do not bare the brunt of the cuts called for in the Governor's budget, we call upon the Governor and state legislature to explore all available revenue options."

Becoming Active in Politics

With local elections coming up this year Midstate Central Labor Council is looking to work with area union members who are interested in becoming more involved with local political campaigns or in running for local elected office. Making sure that elected officials remain aware of working family concerns is a top priority of the Labor Council and one clear way to insure this is to elect union members to public office. Please contact the Midstate Central Labor Council or the Labor Federation for more information.

The YWCA Institute for Public Leadership is holding a 2 day workshop designed to train women for political office, managing a campaign or gaining public support for women's issues. It is being held at the UAW National Training Center in Syracuse. For more information contact the YWCA at 315 424-0040 or the Labor Federation at 315 422-3363.

Labor Federation Annual Meeting

The Central New York Labor Federation, AFL-CIO will be holding their annual meeting on Saturday, March 8 at 10 AM at the Cortland Holiday Inn. The purpose of the meeting will be to officially elect our board, and to continue our work from the September meeting. All local unions have received the notice of the meeting, and delegates will need credentials to be seated. Delegates who wish to attend this important meeting should contact the Labor Federation at 315 422-3363 to attain delegate credentials.