

DELEGATE'S CORNER
Midstate CLC Meetings:

The Third Tuesday of Every Month
Next: Tuesday, March 19th
BEGINNING AT 7PM.

The Board Room, 2nd Floor
Tompkins/Cortland Community Col-
lege, Dryden, NY, Just off Route 13

Future Midstate CLC Meetings
2002

April 16th, 7pm
May 21st, 7pm
June 18th, 7pm

Street Heat Tompkins/Cortland
Back By Popular Demand!
Tuesday, March 12, 7pm
Workers Rights Board, Cortland
(Across from Fire station, Court St.)

PLEASE WELCOME THE NOMI-
NATED EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR
2002:

Pres. Linda Smith, UAW 2320
Vice Pres. Kenny Franklin, IAM 1607
Treasurer, unfilled
Secretary, Sherri Lockwood, LIUNA
589

Representatives At-Large,
Brian Goodell, UAW 2300
David Marsh, LIUNA 589
Sandy Swayze, SEIU 1199Upstate
Alternates,
Eddy Mallon, IUPAT DC#4
Jamie Dangler, UUP

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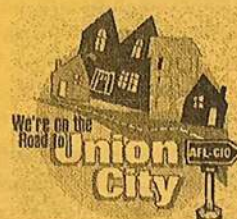
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Good Bye Marty Luster...

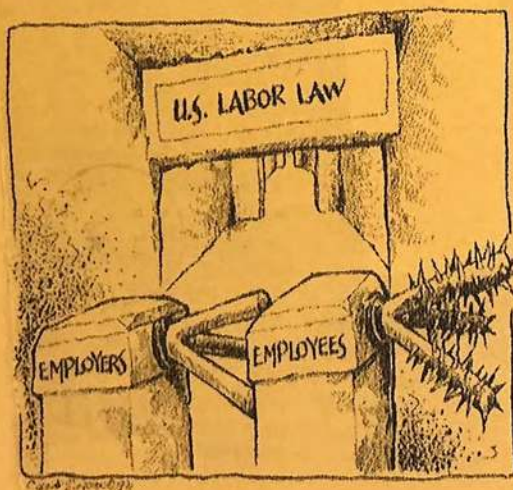
In an unexpected turn of events, Tompkins/Cortland Assembly member, Marty Luster is retiring at the end of his 2002 term. Awarded by Midstate Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO with the annual "Friend of Labor Award," Luster was one of the few representatives with a 100% union voting record. It is with great sadness that we will lose a representative who understood the value of unions to our community. Marty Luster has walked more than a few picket lines and intervened during organizing campaigns tipped in favor of business to ensure a fair outcome for the workers. He will be missed.

Both the Democratic and Republican Party will be targeting this seat and putting forth candidates (most of which will not hold a candle to Luster's labor record). —Our job is to ensure that whomever takes this Assembly seat is going to represent our voices in Albany. We have taken on BOTH parties in the past to get behind candidates that understand the value of quality jobs, public services, and protecting workplace democracy. We can do it again through educating candidates and our members on the issues that matter most.

Most importantly, we can pull out the vote during the Primaries and on Election Day. Union households represented 26 percent of the vote in 2000, up from 19 percent in 1992 (yet, we only represent 13.5% of the workforce). We were able to do this even when business interests outspent us 15 to 1. Union households are more likely to vote to support pro-labor candidates. 70% of the time, regardless of party affiliation, they back the candidate that will do the most to protect working people.

Let us now make the commitment to (1) establish a committee to investigate and interview all potential candidates, (2) come together as a labor community to get behind the candidate that will support our rights in the workplace and in the community, (3) educate our members on the importance of voting, AND (4) identify a team of union activists from every area union who are willing to mobilize their co-workers through voter registration drives, mailings, phone banks, and work-site leaflets.

Please attend the Tompkins/Cortland Street Heat Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of every month (7pm) or the Midstate Central Labor Council meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (7pm) to get involved. Jen Bloom, Field Coordinator for the Central New York Labor Federation has collected unregistered voter lists for each area union and has voter registration cards that can be used in every county. Please call her for more information at 315-952-4395/607-277-7053.



Full-day Workers Compensation "Navigator Training": Saturday, April 20th 9:30-5:30, Sidney, NY. Excellent speakers and program materials. \$6.25 Lunch included. Call Jen Bloom to confirm.

**Tickets on sale: \$15.00 each
GRAND PRIZE \$500**

Sarah Carthon Benefit Dinner and Raffle
Friday, May 3rd, 6:30-9:30
Southside Community Center
315 S. Plain St., Ithaca

Sponsored by: Machinists Local 1607, Midstate CLC, and GIAC. All proceeds will benefit handicapped assessable housing for the Carthon Family. You do not need to be present to win. For more information: Beth Eaton 533-7809/ Jen Bloom 277-7053

Area Labor Federations and Central Labor Councils host 1st ever Organizer's Videoconference: Approximately, 200 local union leaders and organizers around the state participated in an Organizer's Videoconference recently. NYS AFL-CIO President Denis Hughes opened the joint

session and spoke of the importance of organizing the unorganized in New York State. Kate Brofenbrenner, a labor researcher from Cornell University, gave a presentation on the latest strategies for winning organizing campaigns. There will be a follow-up 2 day intensive training on winning organizing strategies and tactics in April and May.

AFL-CIO Organizing Institute Coming To Syracuse May 3rd-5th

The Organizing Institute trains the next generation of union organizers. In Fall 2001, a delegation that included representatives from SEIU 1199Upstate, UAW 2300, and Laborers 7 went to Newark, NJ to gain the skills to become member organizers. This is an intensive training that in three days takes you through housecalls, captive audience meetings, and building a strong member committee. If you are interested in becoming a full time union organizer or developing a member organizer committee in your local union, this training is a great opportunity. Call Jen Bloom for more information or download an application and fact sheet at <http://www.aflcio.org/orginst/index.htm>.