

SWALC Newsletter

ALF-CIO SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL



MARCH 2, 2018



Legislative Appreciation Day & "Road Kill Bar-B-Que"



The Alabama AFL-CIO 10th Annual Legislative Appreciation Day and "Road Kill Bar-B-Que" is Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 4PM until at the AL

AFL-CIO offices (435 South McDonough Street, Montgomery, 63104).

AL AFL-CIO is once again challenging local unions and/or CLCs to join them in a day of fellowship and have an opportunity to show off your cooking skills. They would like to have 15 teams to furnish and cook, whatever they choose, for 50-60 people. Grillers may need a tent for their cooks, leveling blocks for their grill (the parking lot slants), buckets of water, chairs, garbage cans, lighting, and signage to represent your union or CLC. NOTE: Grillers may prepare any side dishes they wish.

For guests, the AL AFL-CIO will provide a lighted tent with tables and chairs, beverages (adult and regular), and desserts. The live entertainment will begin at 5PM. Guests are invited to visit the team tents and sample the delicious offerings at each.

TEAM PARTICIPATION

Deadline to register your team is Friday,

March 9th. Due to the limited space, teams will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Remember, there is only space for 15 Grillers. To sign up or for more information call Bren Riley or Ricky Kornegay at 334.834.1061. **Teams are strongly encouraged to come and begin setting up on Tuesday, March 20.** Bring chairs as well. Seating is limited.

VOLUNTEERS

AL AFL-CIO will also need volunteers to help with setup, parking, clean up, garbage, etc. If you want to help, call Bren Riley or Ricky Kornegay at 334.834.1061.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Arrangements have been made at Embassy Suites Montgomery Hotel & Conference Center (300 Tallapoosa Street, 36104) for anyone that would like to stay overnight. Rates for a Standard King Suite & Standard Double Suite is \$114.00 plus tax. Call 334.269.5050 or visit www.embassysuites.com for reservations.

In conjunction with the Road Kill event, the AL AFL-CIO will be conducting their Legislative Lobby Days on March 20 & 21, 2018 at the State Federation Headquarters. They will address issues to discuss with AL Legislators before going to the state house on each day. All affiliates are invited to attend.

March SWALC Delegates Meeting is OPEN

The monthly Southwest Alabama Labor Council E-Board and Delegates meeting will be on Monday, March 19th at 6PM at the Insulators / CWA Union Hall. We have two speakers scheduled for this month. SPIRO CHERIOGOTIS is running for District Judge of Mobile and will speak to us about his platform as well as take questions from attendees. JILL CHENOWETH, new VP of Resource Development for the United Way. She will give her UW update and introduce herself. **This meeting will be an open meeting to all affiliate unions and all their members.** Please plan to attend. Remember it is important that we have full participation when we have speakers, especially those running for office, so that we can be informed on important issues facing working people and the Labor Movement and have a relationship with those that represent us. Please RSVP to lschraeder@uwswa.org or 251.431.0101 if you plan to attend.

MEETING REMINDER

SWALC Monthly E-Board & Delegates Meeting

Monday, March 19 at 6PM
908 Butler Drive, 36693

Upcoming Events

- Women in Construction Week - March 4 to 10
- Ladies of Labor Brunch - March 10
- World Plumbing Day - March 11
- Transit Drive Appreciation Day - March 18
- AL Legislative Lobby Day - March 20 & 21
- Road Kill BBQ - March 21st
- United Way Day of Caring - April 20
- NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive - May 12
- AL AFL-CIO Leadership Conference - May 30 to June 2
- Statewide Primary Elections - June 5

February Community Service Spotlight

The Drug Education Council is a voluntary, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting a drug-free society, preventing chemical dependency, and providing quality education, information and intervention programs.

Each of their many programs and practices are based on the four core beliefs that provide the guidance and vision of the agency. These core beliefs are listed below.

- ◇ Every one of us is important and deserves to be nurtured.
- ◇ Every one of us has a responsibility to promote healthy choices.
- ◇ The abuse of alcohol and other drugs is preventable.

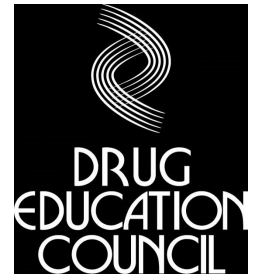
Addiction is treatable and recovery happens. Their prevention programs and services are based on the following premises:

- ◇ Prevention strategies must be comprehensive in nature, and should be structured to reduce individual and environmental risk factors and to increase protective/resiliency factors in the populations served.
- ◇ Community involvement and collaboration is a necessary component of an effective prevention strategy.

- ◇ Prevention messages and approaches that are tailored to differing population groups are most effective.
- ◇ Prevention must be integrated into the general health care and social services delivery systems of the community.

Prevention must include a full continuum of services: education and information dissemination, intervention, consultation, counseling and referral.

The Drug Education Council is actively facilitating the development of community grass roots coalitions in Baldwin, Bibb, Chilton, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, Pickens, Shelby, Tuscaloosa, and Washington Counties. In addition, they also frequently provide presentations for educators, businesses and civic organizations. These programs are tailored to meet the specific needs and interest of each host group. For more, call 251-478-7855 or visit <http://drugeducation.org/>





The 26th Annual Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive Saturday, May 12th

SWALC is seeking for volunteers to help collect and sort the donations once they are delivered to the food bank. Last year we had really good participation with volunteers from the *NALC*, the *Pipefitters* and *Insulators*. We are hopeful that several affiliates will sign up to send some volunteers. We are able to break up the day into three 3 hour shifts to allow more people to participate. Note: this is a great easy project for apprentices. If you are interested in participating please contact Leslie Schraeder at 251.431.0101 or lschraeder@uwsa.org by April 14th.

HAVE YOU THANKED your driver lately?

MARCH 18

TRANSIT DRIVER APPRECIATION DAY

transitdriverday.org

Celebrating Women in Construction Week March 4-10, 2018



NAWIC

LOCAL CHAPTER CONTACT:

The focus of **Women in Construction (WIC) Week** is to highlight women as a visible component of the construction industry. It is also a time for local organizations to give back to their communities. WIC Week also provides an occasion for thousands of women across the country to raise awareness of the opportunities available for women in the construction industry and to emphasize the growing role of women in the industry. #2018WICWeek

Show your support for WIC and use the "Tradeswomen" FB profile photo frame! Instructions below:

1. Go to your Facebook profile
2. Click the "edit" button with the camera icon on your profile photo
3. Click "Add Frame"
4. At the top of the window there is a search bar. Search "tradeswomen" or "women in construction"
- 5 Look for a frame titled "Women in Construction Week" and select the frame you prefer
6. You have the opportunity to edit your photo and make the frame temporary or permanent in the edit bar below the photo
7. When you are happy with your profile photo, click the "Use" button on the top right corner.

SAVE THE DATES

MAY 31 - JUNE 2, 2018



ALABAMA AFL-CIO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

HAMPTON INN ORANGE BEACH

The **2018 Alabama AFL-CIO Leadership Conference** will be held May 31 - June 2, 2018 at the Hampton Inn & Suites Orange. This year Community Service, Organizing, the Labor Movement in Alabama, as well as other timely topic presentations will made throughout the conference. We sincerely hope your organization will be able to participate. Conference reservations closes on May 23, 2018. Local unions may send as many delegate as they choose.

To register and to book your room visit

NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION
<https://al-afl-cio-leadership.eventbrite.com>

Making a Measurable Difference



Women in Construction Week
March 4-10, 2018