

# SWALC Newsletter

AFL-CIO SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL



**Next Meeting**  
SWALC Monthly E-Board &  
Delegates Meeting

**Monday,**  
**February 18th at 6PM**  
**908 Butler Drive, 36693**

## Upcoming Events

**World Day for Social Justice**  
February 20

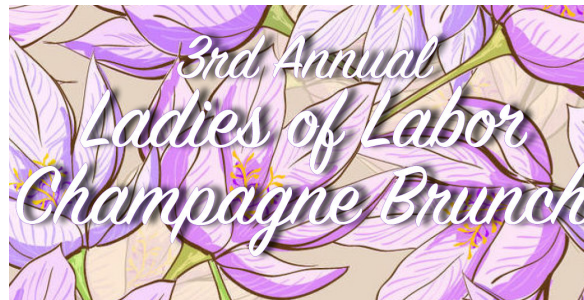
**Women in Construction Week**  
March 4 - 8

**Mardi Gras Day**  
March 5

**AL AFL-CIO Leadership  
Conference**  
May 29 - June 1

**AL BCTC Golf Tournament**  
July 24

## 3rd Annual LoL Brunch



those women and celebrate the current women pushing organized labor forward in our community.

Any female union members, spouses/significant others of union members, or women celebrating working women are welcome to attend. All proceeds will go to benefit the United Way of Southwest Alabama and the SWALC Community Services Fund. We are expecting a sellout this year so get your tickets early.

The Brunch will be on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Ruth's Chris Steak House (2085 Airport Blvd., 36606). TICKETS: Tickets are \$40 per person. Deadline to register is March 29th. (Individuals registering before March 1 will be entered into a special raffle to win a prize.) Attendees should be 21 or older. Visit <https://lolchampagne.eventbrite.com> to get your tickets or contact Leslie Schraeder at [lschraeder@uwswa.org](mailto:lschraeder@uwswa.org) / 251.0101.

## Assistance for Filing 2018 Taxes

The United Way of Southwest Alabama (UWSWA) knows that money can be stressful and would like to share with you some tools to help. You earned your money! Now file it! Keep it! Save it!

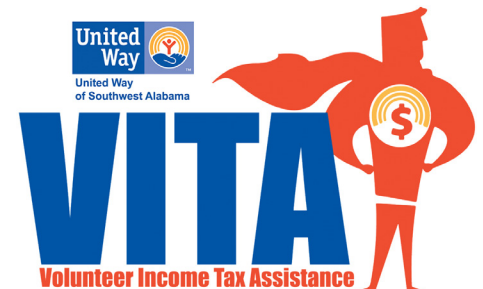
Is your 2019 household income \$55,000 or less? If so, you are eligible for FREE tax preparation and e-filing of federal and state income tax returns by IRS certified and trained volunteers. Call 2-1-1 for a tax preparation site near you or visit <http://taxes.uwswa.org/> to schedule an appointment online!

Are you a taxpayer that is 60 years or older? If so, you are eligible for FREE tax preparation and e-filing of federal and state income tax returns by IRS certified and trained volunteers. Call 2-1-1 for a tax preparation site near you or

The impact women have made in labor history is often missing from textbooks and the media despite the numerous roles women have played to organize, unionize, rally, document, and inspire workers - both men and women, children and adults, citizens and immigrants - to fight for justice. The LoL Brunch is meant to honor

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Is your 2019 household income below \$66,000? If so, you are eligible to prepare and e-file your own tax return for FREE! Visit [myfreetaxes.com](http://myfreetaxes.com) to file today.



# Community Service Spotlight: Mulherin Home



Mulherin Custodial Home's primary purpose is to provide a home for individuals with developmental disabilities in a loving and family environment. Their foremost concern is the happiness, comfort, and welfare of their residents. Because many of their residents have grown up in the Home, they are one big happy family and operate as such!

Activities of daily living are provided for, to whatever degree needed. Nutritious meals are prepared three times a day. Care is taken to consider the needs, wants, likes, and dislikes of each individual in their care – from choice of clothing and hairstyle, to bedroom decor. Families provide clothing for their family members, if possible, and laundering is performed on-site.

Medical and dental care for each resident is the responsibility of the family, as they offer residential care, not skilled nursing care. Oral medications are administered on-site. Haircuts are provided to their residents on site as well for those who wish to receive this service. Transportation is provided to all social activities. Their large activity room offers opportunities for therapy, socialization, exercise and relaxation. Respite care is also offered at the rate of \$100/day to members of the community who need a temporary "home away from home", whether it is for one night or one month. The most important service that they offer is loving care with respect for the individuality of each of the members of our Mulherin "family." Find out more at <http://www.mulherinhome.com/wp/>

## Legislative Lobby Days & Road Kill BBQ

The Alabama AFL-CIO will be conducting the Legislative Lobby Days on April 2 - 3, 2019 at the State Federation Headquarters. They will address issues to discuss with the your legislators before going to the Alabama State House on both Days.

In conjunction with the Lobby Days, they will be hosting the Alabama AFL-CIO 11th Annual Legislative Appreciation Day and "Road Kill BBQ" on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. They are once again challenging local unions and/or CLCs to join them in a day of fellowship and to show off your cooking skills. If you would like to register a team, contact the Fed. Office by March 20th. There is only room for 15 teams. Teams will be taken on a first come first serve basis. For more information call 251.834.1061.

HOTEL: Embassy Suites Montgomery, 300 Tallapoosa Street, 36104. They are providing a group rate of \$129 plus tax and parking for \$16 for self-parking or \$24 for valet. Deadline to reserve a room is March 10th. Booking Code is **CIO**. Call 334.269.5055 or visit [www.embassysuites.com](http://www.embassysuites.com) today.



# SOMEONE NEEDS YOU

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## 2019 DAY OF CARING

**FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019**

We know you care about the community. You demonstrate it each year through the giving of your time, talents, and treasures. And for that, we are thankful. Without your help, many in our community would not receive the hand the need to get back on steady ground. Without your help, many of our partners could not continue providing the level of services that our community needs to thrive. Without your help, Day of Caring could not happen. Register your team today.

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES:**  
Agency/Company Orientation - April 4th at 3PM  
Day of Caring Rain Day - May 10th

For more information, contact Leslie Schraeder at [lschraeder@uwsa.org](mailto:lschraeder@uwsa.org) or 251.433.0101

United Way of Southwest Alabama

Plan to attend the February Meeting. We will have President of the Alabama AFL-CIO Bren Riley presenting to the group.