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SWALC Newsletter

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AFL-CIO United Way Partnership



Next Meeting

SWALC Monthly E-Board &
Delegates Meeting

Thursday,
January 24th at 6PM
908 Butler Drive,
36693

Upcoming Events

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 21st

Ladies of Labor
Mardi Bra Happy Hour
February 5th

Mardi Gras Day
March 5th



SWALC 2018 Christmas Party



Santa's 119 Helpers Kids Book Drive



The Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 119 hosted the Santa's 119 Helpers Kid's Book Drive to for United Way partner agency Child Day Care Association. They collected books for children from newborn to 6 years old. Business Manager Eddie Sellev and member Kenny Hayes delivered the 174 books they collected on Thursday, January 3rd. Agency Director Leslie Ridley said,

"these books will benefit their kids for years." By the age of 2, children who are read to regularly display greater language comprehension, larger vocabularies, and higher cognitive skills than their peers. Thank you to everyone that gave!

Community Service Spotlight: Dearborn YMCA



The Dearborn YMCA is a powerful association of men, women, and children of all ages and from all walks of life joined together by a shared passion: to strengthen the foundations of community. With a commitment to nurturing the potential of kids, promoting healthy living, and fostering a sense of social responsibility. They ensure that individuals and families have access to the essentials needed to learn, grow and thrive. The Dearborn YMCA delivers lasting personal and social change. Though the world may be unpredictable, one thing remains certain – the Y is, and always will be, dedicated to building healthy, confident, connected and secure children, adults, families and communities. The Dearborn YMCA strives to be the top service provider in the Mobile area with activities for the entire family.

For young adults whose educational careers have been interrupted, Dearborn's GED program, Pathway to Employment, provides GED courses and work readiness training. Adult members take advantage of the numerous programs and activities the Dearborn YMCA has to offer through family memberships. Along with fun events and outings for the children, families can also enjoy fitness memberships. Completing the family tree, the Senior Activities for Independent Living (S.A.I.L.) program, one of the largest in the State of Alabama, continues its proven success in providing senior activities and assistance in the Mobile area. Pathway to Employment, provides GED courses and work readiness training. Find out more at www.dearbornymca.org

More Art for Mobile Arc



SWALC collected art supplies for the Marc-Art Program, which offers art education programs for people with disabilities in Mobile County. Mobile Arc offers classes in painting, dance, martial arts, sculpting, and much more. All

Ashley Babb with Mobile Arc picked up all the art supplies we collected and bought for "More Art for Mobile Arc Art Supply Drive". We had all kind of goodies for artists of all skill levels and in a variety of mediums. According to Babb, their participants and instructors loved all the items. Thank you to Joan Hill, Eddie & Katrina Sellew, CWA Local 3907, Heat & Frost Insulators Local 55, Mobile Building & Construction Trades, Painters & Allied Trades Local 779, and everyone that gave at the Christmas Party.

Family Dinner at Ronald McDonald House

On January 2, UA Local 119 Plumbers and Steamfitters provided dinner, prepared by Tyner's Catering, to the 22 families at Ronald McDonald House with their project "Santa's 119 Helpers Make a House a Home Family Dinner".



Plan to join the Ladies of Labor for Mardi Bra Happy Hour as we revel the beginning of Mardi Gras, celebrate union and working women, while helping women in need.

We will meet from 5 to 7 PM at The Cheese Cottage (650 St. Louis Street, 36602). Light hors d'oeuvres will be provided by SWALC. Rush Wines will once again be our beverage sponsor. The event is Dutch Treat. Admission to MARDI BRA will a donation of sports bra that will be given to the ladies at Smith Sybil H Family Village of Dumas Wesley Community Center. If you plan to attend please RSVP to Leslie Schraeder at 251.0101 / lschraeder@uwsa.org by Friday, February 1st.