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Newsletter

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Next Meeting

**SWALC Monthly
E-Board & Delegates Meeting**
Monday, March 15 at 5:30PM

In-person Meeting
908 Butler Drive, 36693

Zoom Meeting
[https://aflcio.zoom.us/
j/93014525006?pwd=UG1weGtX-
Q281eklkSzFKV1VSMETvZz09](https://aflcio.zoom.us/j/93014525006?pwd=UG1weGtX-Q281eklkSzFKV1VSMETvZz09)
Password: 193670 or call
888.844.9904 (US Toll Free)
Conference code: 543216

UPCOMING EVENTS

Infrastructure Week
May 10 - 14

National Third Shift Workers Day
May 12

National Maritime Day
May 22

AFL-CIO Southern District Meetings
May 25

Memorial Day
May 31

Ladies of Labor Champagne Brunch
June 5

75th Annual Labor Day Parade
September 6

SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL

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LADIES OF LABOR CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH

RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE

June 5, 2021 from 12 to 2PM



The 4th Annual Ladies of Labor Champagne Brunch celebrates women for all their hard work and their continuous support of organized labor in our community. Any and all of our female union members, spouses/significant others of union members, or women celebrating women are welcome to attend. All proceeds will go to benefit the United Way of Southwest Alabama and the SWALC Community Services Fund. Space is limited so get your tickets early.

WHAT: Ladies of Labor Champagne Brunch.

WHEN: Saturday, June 5, 2021 from 12 PM to 2 PM

WHERE: Ruth's Chris Steak House - 2085 Airport Blvd., Mobile, AL 36606

TICKETS: Tickets are \$40 per person. Tickets at <https://swalc-ladies-of-labor-brunch-21.eventbrite.com>.

Attendees must be 21 or older. To guarantee your spot, tickets must be paid for before the event. Ticket sales end on April 26th. Contact Leslie Schraeder at lschraeder@uwsa.org or 251.431.0101 for more information or for sponsorship opportunities.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors!

- Alabama AFL-CIO
- G. Patterson Keahey PC
- Mobile Building & Construction Trades Council
- Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 119
- Southwest Alabama Labor Council
- United Steel Workers District 9

SWALC Monthly Delegates Meeting

The next meeting is on Monday, May 17 at 5:30PM SWALC delegates may attend in the manner in which they are most comfortable. They can attend the meeting in-person, via zoom, or by telephone.

- IN-PERSON: 908 Butler Drive, 36693
- VIA ZOOM: <https://aflcio.zoom.us/j/93014525006?pwd=UG1weGtX-Q281eklkSzFKV1VSMETvZz09> | Password: 193670
- BY PHONE: 888.844.9904 - Conference code: 543216

For more information, contact Leslie Schraeder at swalc-schraeder@hotmail.com or Joyce Salter at jmsalter512@yahoo.com.



Community Service Spotlight: The Child Advocacy Center



The mission of the Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is to be the Mobile community response to the problem of child abuse. Abused children are interviewed there by a specialized, trained team of professionals. Children and their non-offending family members are referred for counseling and prepared for the criminal justice process. Also provided are educational and training programs in child abuse awareness and prevention.

In the friendly, comfortable environment of the CAC there are 28 professionals from 7 different agencies working together as a team so that these young victims of crime can come to one central location and receive all of the help and services they might need. Law enforcement officers from the Mobile Police Department, Prichard Police Department, and the Mobile County Sheriff's Office work together with child abuse investigators from the Department of Human Resources to investigate reports of child abuse. They conduct joint interviews with victims, family members, and witnesses in the field as well as in specially designed rooms for different aged children here at the CAC. A Forensic Medical Doctor conducts examinations at the University of South Alabama's Children's Medical Center Outpatient Clinic to secure evidence. The Assistant District Attorney, Trial Coordinator, and Victim Witness Advocates provide the victim and families with court preparation and prosecution services. Therapists and a Family Advocate work at the CAC to provide extended assessments, individual, group and family counseling as well as a mothers' support group and a wide range of services for families. Find out more at www.cacmobile.org.

Register to Vote

The next Municipal election is on August 24, 2021.

Deadline to registers by mail, in person, or online is August 9. To register online, visit <https://www.vote411.org/register>.

Absentee voting is available if you meet any of the eligibility criteria. The last day to request an absentee ballot is 5 days before the election (August 19, 2021). Voted ballots must be received a day before Election Day in order to be counted. To request a ballot, visit <https://absentee.vote411.org/vote/VoterInformation.htm>.

#LeadWithInfrastructure

May 10-14 unitedforinfrastructure.org

While the nation's infrastructure earned a C- in the 2021 Infrastructure Report Card, Alabama faces infrastructure challenges of its own. For example, driving on roads in need of repair in Alabama costs each driver \$434 per year, and 4% of bridges are rated structurally deficient. Drinking water needs in Alabama are an estimated \$11.3

billion. 226 dams are considered to be high-hazard potential. The state's schools have an estimated capital expenditure gap of \$299 million. This deteriorating infrastructure impedes Alabama's ability to compete in an increasingly global marketplace. Success in a 21st-century economy requires serious, sustained leadership on infrastructure investment at all levels of government. Delaying these investments only escalates the cost and risks of an aging infrastructure system, an option that the country, Alabama, and families can no longer afford. View the key facts about Alabama's Infrastructure at <https://infrastructurereportcard.org/state-item/alabama/>. Download the American Society of Civil Engineers' Failure to Act report at https://infrastructurereportcard.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/FTA_Econ_Impacts_Status_Quo-1.pdf.

Delegate Updates

- **Labor Day** - Working to secure the parade permit, the Kimberly Clark TP donation, and use of the Mobile Civic Center.
- **2021 Alabama State BCTC Conference & Annual Golf Tournament** Cancelled but will return in July 2022
- **Alabama AFL-CIO & Mobile BCTC Sponsorships** - Both organizations have approved SWALC to apply their sponsorship dollars to the SWALC Community Service Fund.
- **NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** - Cancelled but members are encouraged to donate to local food banks. To give - <https://www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive/2021-donor-drive/alabama>.

Karlos
FINLEY
FOR MAYOR

#StrongestTogetherMobile

The Mobile Pensacola Building & Construction Trades Council voted on April 27 to endorse Karlos Finley for Mayor. Finley will be a guest speaker at an upcoming SWALC Meeting. We will announce the details when they are finalized.

For more information about Finley and his platform, visit <https://www.finleyformayor2021.com/>.

District Meetings

Join labor leaders, staff and activists from our region of the country for this year's AFL-CIO District Meetings. They will debrief challenges we faced over the past year, share the tools and tactics that worked, and prepare for the fight ahead. They'll also set priorities and strategies for the upcoming year to ensure we're working in solidarity across states. This will be especially important for the PRO Act campaign. The meetings will be held virtually in May and June.

Labor leaders and activists from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia will join together virtually on Tuesday, May 25, 2021. We will offer participants the full picture of the challenges we've faced over the past year, share the tools and tactics that shaped our victories, and prepare for the work ahead. For more, visit <https://districtmeetings.aflcio.org/2021-south-ern-district-meeting>.