

NEWS & NOTES

From the desk of PRESIDENT DAVID A. COOK

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

June 2015

'Right to Work' Update

A So-Called 'Right to Work' Law was rammed through the Missouri General Assembly during the closing week of the Legislative Session last month.

Make no mistake, this law is designed to drive down the wages of Missouri's workers by crippling our ability to join together and build power.

In the coming weeks Governor Nixon is expected to veto this harmful piece of legislation, none-the-less, he needs to hear from YOU:

CALL Governor Nixon TODAY and thank him for opposing 'Right-to-Work':

1-855-463-8386

In Case You Missed it:

"There are many causes of growing income inequality—globalization, education disparities, tax policy—but an International Monetary Fund study released in March found that the decline in union membership has been responsible for half of the rise in the share of income going to the top 10 percent of earners in advanced economies between 1980 and 2010. Declining union membership, by weakening the bargaining power of low and middle-income workers at both union and nonunion businesses, has increased the share of wealth going to corporate higher-ups and shareholders"

-Dana Milbank, *Washington Post*

**...And Why
do Big
CEOs Want
'Right to
Work'?**

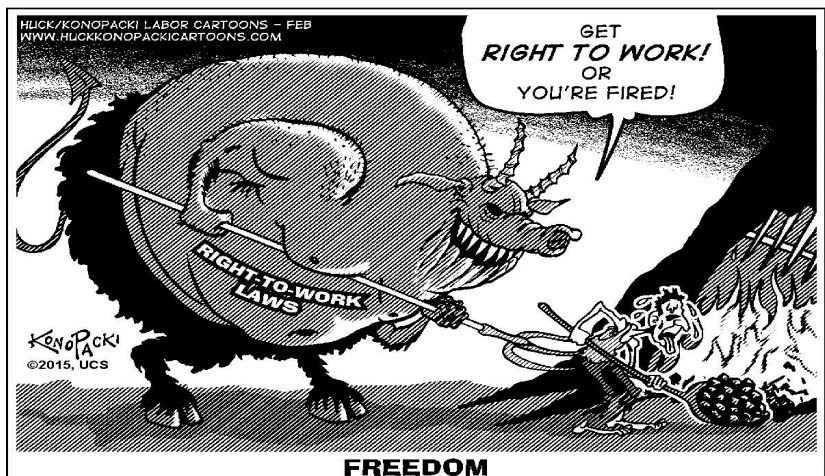


The UFCW and Local 655 are committed to ending all forms of workplace discrimination. We want ALL members, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender members to have a voice in our Union. We encourage all LGBT members and allies to join OUTreach, the new UFCW consistency group that affirms our presence and activism in our Union.

A Local OUTreach network is forming, and will be having its **first meeting on June 8th at 6 pm at the Union Hall**, and will be participating, for the third consecutive year, in the **St. Louis Pride Parade**. The parade is **on Sunday, June 28th at 10 am at the intersection of Broadway and Market St. Downtown**.

Please join us as we march for equality for ALL workers.

For more information about OUTreach contact Laura Kelley at 636-736-2760, or visit <http://ufcwoutreach.org>





We will be holding our Barbecue to raise money for Faces of Our Children to help in the fight against Sickle Cell disease.

This year's barbecue will be held at Cross Keys Schnucks (in Florissant at the intersection of Lindberg and New Halls Ferry) on July 18th from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Members interested in helping should contact Levi Eddins at 636-736-2791.

VOP: Growing Our Membership, Building Our Power!

Members covered by the GSLFEC (Schnucks, Dierberg's, Shop 'n Save) and a number of other retail contracts are eligible for our Volunteer Organizing Program.

VOPs talk with non-union retail food workers about their jobs and about the benefits of working under a UFCW Local 655 contract.

Participants who donate just a few hours a month talking with non-union workers will be eligible to have weekends off while the program is active.

Interested members should contact
President Cook at
636-736-2704.

DON'T LOSE YOUR VACATION!

All members covered by GSLFEC, Schnucks Columbia, Schnucks Farmington, Straubs, and TNT Foods (Price Chopper) Agreements:

Effective January 1, 2016 unused vacation from the prior calendar year will only be paid out for up to one week.

ALL OTHER VACATION TIME MUST BE USED OR PAID OUT PRIOR TO 1-16-2016

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

UFCW Local 655's Annual Co-ed Softball Tournament



WHEN: August 3, 4, 5, 6, 10 & 11

**WHERE: BRIDGETON MUNICIPAL
ATHLETIC COMPLEX**

13217 Ferguson Lane
Bridgeton, Missouri 63044

Rainout Dates: August 12 & 13



The annual softball tournament applications will arrive at stores soon so be one of the first to sign up for this exciting, fun event. The softball tournament is limited to the first 50 teams.

Talk with your coworkers. Gather your team. Dig out your bats and gloves and be ready to join us for another fun tournament.

Don't have enough for a full team? We can pair you up with another store that may be short on players. (All combined teams must be approved by the Union).

For more information contact
Robert Spence (636-736-2775) or Kevin Ryan (636-736-2766)

DON'T
FORGET

We will be awarding twenty \$150.00 educational grants during our regular June membership meeting. All active Local 655 members who are currently enrolled in a college or other post-secondary educational program (such as a technical or vocational school) are eligible.

If you would like an application, contact your Union Representative or download the application from our website at www.ufcw655.com.

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