

OPEIU LOCAL 11 NEWSLETTER

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OFFICE CLOSURES

January 1st – New Year's Day
January 18th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 15th – President's Day
April 2nd – Good Friday
May 31st – Memorial Day
June 18th – Honor Juneteenth Holiday
July 5th – Honor Independence Day
September 6th – Labor Day
November 10th – Honor Veteran's Day
November 25th – Thanksgiving
November 26th – Day After Thanksgiving
December 24th – Christmas Eve
December 27th – Honor Christmas Day



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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

~Maureen Goldberg~

Well, it's certainly been one **CRAZY** year and I hope that all of you and your families are doing well. OPEIU Local 11 has been unwavering in keeping the book of business going; with representation and negotiating good contracts for our members. Cannot thank our staff here at the local offices for continued hard work and making sure that the work gets done.

Local 11 would like to thank our members for all the hard work they have been doing during this pandemic; whether working in mental health, elder care, public services or in the field – the commitment to services does not go unnoticed. You make the difference in our communities.

As I look to a new year, my hope is that we grow and become stronger in our Union presence and that we rise knowing that without the worker not much would get done in the world. This year has been filled with challenges, but the road ahead looks brighter and I know that our continued endurance will get us to a better place.

We celebrate you, the member, and my hope is that the 2021 New Year brings encouragement, dreams and ambitions for everyone.

Happy Holidays – Take Care

“All the kids who were taught common core math are about to learn ‘carry the one’ from their new homeschool Teacher”

~The Super Mom Life~



**OFFICE & PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 11
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Union Representative



STAFF: Olivia Glassow
Union Representative



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Labor Organization/Board – Luz Reyes-Geislinger



Public Sector/Board – Marcee Wright



At-Large/Board – Kayleen Williams



At-Large/Board – Sue McMerrick



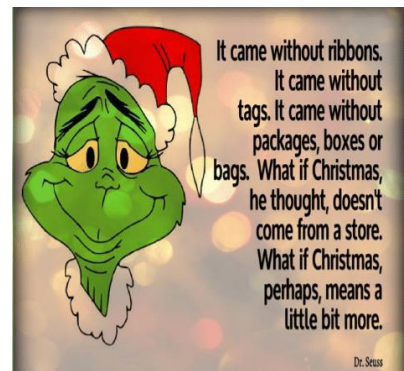
At-Large/Board – Aron Ruljancich



Trustee – Joyce Scudder



Trustee – Kim King



Trustee – VACANT



NEGOTIATIONS – MEETINGS AND GENERAL UNION MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS



Our offices have really stepped up to become more tech savvy and continue to conduct negotiations, grievance and disciplinary meetings and both the Executive Board and General Union Membership meetings via Zoom. At first, I can say that I felt like a fish out of water – and of course it is still my preferred method to be face to face and in person – BUT it’s worked!!!! What has been really nice is for those members who live in the outlying areas, this has given them a chance to participate in meetings.

At the November General Union Membership meeting we always make this our member holiday event and this year we did more of a member appreciate event; with staff contributing all of the prizes won; and here are those winners:

Lori Ricketts – \$25.00 Buffalo Wild Wings Gift Card	John Goebel – \$25.00 Olive Garden Gift Card
Marcee Wright – \$25.00 IHOP Gift Card	Luz Reyes Geislinger – \$25.00 McCormick’s Gift Card
Julia Taylor – \$50.00 Fred Meyer Gift Card	Steve Hendryx – \$25.00 Red Robin Gift Card
Kayleen Williams – \$50.00 Safeway Gift Card	Julie Jacobsen – \$50.00 Fred Meyer Gift Card
Sara Pugh – \$50.00 Safeway Gift Card	Jessica Haney – Stanley Mug w/\$25.00 Cabela’s Card
Brook Jewel – Family Board Games	Autumn Sailer – Lantern/Gnome & Hickory Farms
Kayla Pembleton – Wine Basket	Joyce Scudder – Case of Wine
GRAND PRIZE: Nathaniel Krase – \$150.00 Gift Certificate to Skamania Lodge	



HARDSHIP PROGRAM

In October the Executive Board introduces a Hardship Program for members to nominate other members and for the Union to assist where we can for those who may have been impacted by the pandemic or other hardship issues that may arise in our lives. You will be able to find the form on our website and if you need assistance with this please contact our offices and we’d be happy to guide you.



CONGRATULATIONS – SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

OPEIU Local 11 would like to congratulate Jaxson Goodman, the son of Kristine Goodman (a member with NW Natural), who was awarded the Howard Coughlin Memorial Scholarship via the Office & Professional Employees International Union. All our best to Jaxson at college!!!!

IN THE KNOW

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We extend to you an invitation to a General Union Membership meeting to be sworn in and welcome to OPEIU!!!

GENERAL UNION MEMBERSHIP MEETING'S

WHEN: JANUARY 12, 2021

WHERE: VIA ZOOM

TIME: 7:00PM

These meetings are for Union general membership information and actions of the Union.



QUIP: "They say that the Coronavirus has turned us all into dogs: We roam the house looking for food – We're told, "NO" if we get too close to others – and we get really excited about car rides and walks."

~Unknown~



NEWLETTER: NO MORE MAILINGS! We are now producing the newsletter electronically; which shall be located on our website and distributed to the Stewards to share with the membership. Contact your Union Representative or myself and share your personal email to be sent directly to you.

PERSONAL INFORMATION: Just a reminder to update your personal information so that you are properly notified of negotiations and meetings. This would include personal email address, phone number home address.

MEMBER MEETINGS: Come Join Us! These meetings are all about you and your workgroup, be sure to attend and know what's going on in your area and what's happening in the Union.



NEW YEAR'S QUOTE:

"Please don't have a nice day. Have a day that matters. Have a day that's true. Have a day that's direct. Have a day that's honest. A nice day? Mm-mmm, you'll be miserable. Have a day that means something."

"You don't make mistakes. Mistakes make you. Mistakes make you smarter. They make you stronger, and they make you more self-reliant."

"Fall on your face. Fail. Fail spectacularly. Because when you fail, you learn. When you fail, you live."

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~Stewart Ross Fink~



KARYN'S KORNER

