

Upcoming Events

Pioneer Valley Central Labor Council Labor Day Breakfast

Friday, September 6

8:30-10:30 AM

Please contact the Local's office for more details if you'd like to attend.

Film Screening: Brothers on the Line

Saturday, September 14

12:00-2:30 PM

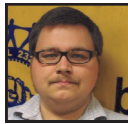
Forbes Library Community Room, 20 West St., Northampton MA

UAW 2322 Joint Council

Wednesday, September 26

6:00-8:00 PM

UAW Local 2322 Office



By Ryan Quinn, Servicing Rep.

"Brothers on the Line"

Join the Solidarity and Education Committee for the second in our film series on the figures behind the 1963 March on Washington at noon on September 14 at the Forbes Library in Northampton, MA. This month's feature, "Brothers on the Line", will focus on the Reuther brothers—Walter, Victor, and Roy—who helped found the UAW and who provided funding and organizational support for the March on Washington.

Walter Reuther was the president of the UAW Inter-

national Union from 1946 to his death in 1970. His leadership within the UAW and in the AFL-CIO helped develop the strong alliance between the labor movement and the civil rights movement in the 1950's and 1960's.

"Brothers on the Line" is currently showing at film festivals and we are pleased to be able to screen such a timely and important film.

Contact Ryan Quinn at ryan@uaw2322.org for more details.



UAW 2322 and MA CAP Council Join "Raise Up Massachusetts"

By Ryan Quinn, Servicing Rep.

Wednesday, July 24, 2013 marked 4 years since the last time the federal minimum wage had increased, to \$7.25. The Massachusetts minimum wage still stands at \$8, as it has since 2008.

To publicize this fact and to call for further increases, groups around the country participated in a national day of action to raise the minimum wage. In Massachusetts, Raise Up Massachusetts (<http://raiseupma.org/>) took the lead in organizing actions around the state.

UAW 2322 members joined Raise Up Massachusetts and Western MA Jobs with Justice (<http://wmjwj.org/>) outside the Hadley Wal-Mart on July 24 to call for an in-



Left to right: Max, Michael, Ryan, Carol, Windy, Harold, Jeff, Heather, Martha, Irwin, Rose, Jocelyn, Nate, Enku, Phil, Court, Rebecca, Lukas

(Photo Courtesy Jon Weissman, Western MA JwJ Coordinator)

crease in the minimum wage to \$11/hour and the creation of earned sick time for all workers in Massachu-

setts. These proposals have been on the legislative agenda in Massachusetts for the past several years, and have

been a lobbying priority for the UAW, but have failed to pass. At its August meeting, the UAW Massachusetts Community Action Program (CAP) Committee endorsed Raise Up Massachusetts and pledged to work with them to ensure that we win an increase to the minimum wage this year.

Raise Up Massachusetts has announced that it will work to pass the measures through a ballot initiative if the state house does not pass them by the August 7 deadline for new ballot initiatives. The ballot initiative would require 200,000 signatures to get it onto the November 2014 Massachusetts ballot.

Goddard College Staff and Faculty Solidarity

By Ryan Quinn, Servicing Rep.

The Faculty and Staff at Goddard College in Plainfield Vermont have been developing creative strategies to pressure their employer to bargain fairly with the union. The faculty, which is currently negotiating a successor contract, has been a part of UAW 2322 for over a decade, and the staff is bargaining their first contract after voting to join our union in January 2013. The Goddard College Corporation

(GCC) is insisting upon wage cuts, the elimination of severance, and a suspension of retirement benefits in negotiations with both units. For months, we have been holding "Solidarity Days" on the first Friday of each program's residency. On these days, members of the faculty in residence join staff in wearing blue UAW 2322 shirts, and meet during lunch to take a picture of members of both bargaining units. These solidarity days have

strengthened the relationships between members of each bargaining unit and have been instrumental in keeping up morale despite GCC's insulting demands for concessions.

On August 14, both units released a joint solidarity statement to the GCC Board of Trustees. The statement, available on our website at <http://uaw2322.org/2013/08/14/8142013-goddard-college-faculty-and-staff-solidarity->

statement/ , outlines the concerns staff and faculty have about bargaining and the corporate direction GCC has taken. Over 75% of both bargaining units had signed as of its release on the 14th, and many more have come forward to sign on since then. Other members of UAW 2322 who want to support the Goddard faculty and staff should stay tuned for opportunities to be announced soon.

