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Dear 1473 Member,

We're in a time unlike any before in our state history. With the battle around collective bargaining brewing since February, the whole world is watching Wisconsin to see what's next for the labor movement.

Since this fight started, you have heeded the call to action. We have rallied, we have lobbied, we have knocked doors, and volunteered on petition drives to recall the Senators who want to take our rights away. But the fight is far from over. With the recalls now scheduled for July 12, we're less than 60 days away from Election Day. Nine senators are facing recall elections –six Senators who have sided with Scott Walker against collective bargaining, and against the middle class and three of the brave Wisconsin 14 who stood up to Scott Walker and left the state to slow down the process and allow the voices of workers to be heard.

We are facing one of the biggest challenges of our life. If we cannot beat them on collective bargaining in the public sector, you can rest assured that they will come after us. There are already rumblings on Right to Work for less legislation and paycheck deception.

**John Eiden** This is the chance to make our voice heard. This is the chance to stand up to those who want to strip our brothers and sisters of bargaining rights and say ENOUGH. This is the chance to say, we are workers and you cannot take our rights away. The current Senate has proven that they won't listen to the voices of working families. This is our chance to change the face of the Wisconsin state senate so the entire world can hear. While other states face similar battles, nothing has been the size or scope of Wisconsin. Now, with all eyes on our state, I ask for your help.

There are two big ways you can influence this election. By volunteering, or by contributing to ABC. We all know that we got to this place because Scott Walker was repaying his campaign contributors. And the billionaire Koch brothers would love to see nothing more than an America without union. Without worker protections, they can exploit employees for profit. Now, we'll never have as much money as they do – because we are workers. But we've got one thing they don't – numbers. There are 1.3 million UFCW members nationwide. If each of them gave \$1/week to ABC, we'd have \$67.6 million and the playing field gets a lot closer.

But even more than money, we've got people. And that's where you come in. Volunteers are needed across the state. Within the recall districts, there's a need to go door to door. There will be phone banks and data entry needs in Madison and Milwaukee. We need volunteers in all of the recall districts. For those of you who don't live in a recall district, we'll need help with phone calls and data entry.

Here's what you can do:

1. Fill out a pledge card
2. Sign up for a volunteer shift to knock doors
3. Make phone calls
4. Help with data entry
5. Write a letter to the editor
6. Sign up for ABC

You already know the magnitude of what's at stake in our great state. Fellow members from Local 1473 have been actively involved in planning and executing a comprehensive plan to let these Senators know that when we work together we will not be silenced. You can still get involved and be part of history. Sign-up today to volunteer!

In solidarity,

John Eiden  
UFCW Local 1473 President  
UFCW International Vice President

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Estimados 1473 miembros,

Estamos atravesando por una época como ninguna otra en nuestra historia del estado. Con la batalla en torno a los derechos de negociaciones colectivas desde febrero, la disputa en Wisconsin es seguida por el mundo entero para ver lo que se viene hacia el movimiento laboral.

Desde que comenzamos esta lucha, ustedes han respondido. Nos hemos unido, hemos ejercido presión, hemos tocado puertas, y hemos servido activamente como voluntarios en las peticiones para retirar a los senadores que quieren eliminar nuestros derechos. Pero la lucha no ha terminado. Las elecciones que obligan a todos los funcionarios públicos a volver a presentarse como candidato al cargo que tienen se celebrarán el próximo 12 de julio, estamos a menos de 60 días de las elecciones. Nueve senadores se enfrentan a tales elecciones- seis senadores que apoyan a Scott Walker de retirar los derechos de negociaciones colectivas y tres de los catorce valientes senadores quienes

abandonaron Wisconsin en un intento de retrasar la votación y permitir que las voces de los trabajadores fueran escuchadas.

Estamos ante uno de nuestros retos más grandes de nuestra vida. Si es que no podemos vencerlos en su plan de eliminar los derechos de negociación colectiva de la mayoría de trabajadores públicos, puede estar seguro que después vendrán en contra de nosotros. Ya hay rumores sobre el Derecho a Trabajar por menos legislación y sueldo de engaño.

Esta es nuestra oportunidad para hacer escuchar nuestra voz. Esta es nuestra oportunidad para hacer frente y decir BASTA a los que quieren eliminar los derechos de negociaciones de nuestros hermanos y hermanas. Esta es nuestra oportunidad de decir, somos trabajadores y no nos pueden quitar nuestros derechos. El actual Senado ha demostrado que no escucharan las voces de familias trabajadoras. Esta es nuestra oportunidad de cambiar la cara del Senado del estado de Wisconsin y así el mundo entero vera nuestros logros. Mientras que otros estados enfrentan batallas similares, nada ha sido del tamaño o magnitud como la de Wisconsin. Ahora, con todos los ojos en nuestro estado, les pido su ayuda.

Hay dos maneras en las que usted puede influenciar estas elecciones. Puede servir como voluntario o contribuir al Club Activo de Votación (ABC por sus siglas en inglés). Todos sabemos que la razón por la que llegamos a este punto es porque Scott Walker esta reembolsado a sus contribuyentes. Y porque a los hermanos multimillonarios Koch les gustaría ver un Estados Unidos sin Sindicato. Sin protección al trabajador, pueden explotar a trabajadores con fines de lucro. Ahora bien, nunca vamos a tener tanto dinero como ellos - porque somos trabajadores. Pero si tenemos una cosa que no tienen-números. Hay 1.3 millones miembros de la UFCW en todo el país. Si cada uno dona \$1.00 semanal al ABC, tendríamos \$67.6 millones y el campo de juego sería mucho más justo.

Pero aún más que dinero, tenemos gente. Y ahí es donde contamos. Hay una necesidad de voluntarios en todo el estado. Dentro de los distritos adonde se están llevando acabo las peticiones para retirar a los senadores se necesitan personas para ir de puerta en puerta. Se harán campañas por teléfono y se necesitan personas para registrar datos en Madison y Milwaukee. Para aquellos que no viven en un distrito adonde se están llevando acabo las peticiones para retirar a los senadores, necesitaremos su ayuda en las compañías telefónicas y en los registros de datos.

Eh aquí lo que puede hacer:

1. Llene una tarjeta de compromiso
2. Regístrese para servir como voluntario eh ir de puerta en puerta
3. Haga llamadas telefónicas
4. Ayuda con el registro de datos
5. Escriba una carta al editor
6. Regístrate para el ABC

Usted sabe la magnitud de lo que está en juego en nuestro gran estado. Sus compañeros del Local 1473 han participado activamente en la planificación y ejecución de un plan integral para permitir que estos senadores se den cuenta que cuando trabajamos juntos no nos mantendremos callados. Usted todavía puede participar y ser parte de la historia. Regístrese hoy para servir como voluntario!

En Solidaridad,

John Eiden  
UFCW Local 1473 Presidente  
UFCW Vice – Presidente Internacional

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**W**orkers Across the Nation Say “We Are One” Tens of thousands of workers across the country participated in more than 1,200 “We Are One” events in early April timed to coincide with the 43rd anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s 1968 assassination in Memphis, Tenn., where he was helping sanitation workers fight for justice and their union.

That union was AFSCME, one of the main targets in the recent attacks by governors in Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana and elsewhere.

The connection was underlined by AFSCME Secretary-Treasurer Lee Saunders who, along with 1,000 others, braved a tornado watch and marched through the rain in Memphis with veterans of the 1968 sanitation workers strike. “Isn’t it ironic that on April 4, 2011, we are fighting the same fight they were on April 4, 1968?” Saunders told the Memphis crowd. “We’re putting all employers and all elected officials on notice that we’re mobilizing as we haven’t in decades,” CWA President Larry Cohen said of the demonstrations.

Snapshots from around the country April 4:

- Hundreds marched through downtown Detroit chanting “Bankers got bailed out, workers got sold out.”
- More than 100 people rallied along a busy commuter route in Missoula, Mont., where several anti-worker bills are under consideration by the legislature.
- Hundreds of workers, both union and nonunion, gathered in Ottawa, Ill. to stand up to attacks on workers’ rights and support the American Dream, Dan Mercer told the AFL-CIO Now blog.
- Chanting “We are one!” more than a thousand activists marched through the streets of downtown Washington to the 14th Street offices of right-wing, anti-union funders Charles and David Koch of the oil and consumer products conglomerate Koch Industries.



On April 20, 2011, some Local 1473 stewards from the Milwaukee area attended a training session in West Allis. This “crash course” for stewards was a condensed version of a two-day class given in one day.

This training was helpful to both newer and more experienced stewards and was sponsored by the School for Workers of the University of Wisconsin extension in Madison, the Milwaukee Area Labor Council and the Milwaukee Area Technical College. Some of the issues covered included the stewards’ duties and responsibilities, Weingarten Rights, and workplace problem solving.

UFCW Local 1473 stewards attending this training class were Scott Beaudry (Pick ‘N Save – State Street), Robert Kieck (Pick ‘N Save – Cudahy), Dennis Seittmann (Pick ‘N Save – Holt Avenue/Bayview), and Christine Smith (Pick ‘N Save – Bluemound East). Union Representative Randy Knox also attended and wished to thank these dedicated stewards on behalf of the Local for being available for this informative day-long event.



# Walker's Anti-Worker Initiatives Spur Recall Efforts

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Governor Scott Walker and the Republican legislature declared war on Wisconsin's workers with the passage of 2011 Wisconsin Act 10, the Budget Repair Bill. This legislation strips public employees of their right to collectively bargain for benefits and working conditions. It is an outright attack on the fundamental right of workers to have a say in their workplaces. The legislature jammed through this bill in the shadow of protests that circled the Capitol as the labor movement and its allies made clear their opposition. The bill was immediately challenged in court and in the short term has been enjoined from taking effect, but Walker and his allies are now threatening to insert its worst anti-worker provisions into the 2011-13 biennial budget bill.

In response to this assault on democratic values in the workplace, Wisconsin citizens, including labor unions and their allies, have petitioned for recall elections against a number of lawmakers. These elections will be held this summer. They represent the chance to say "enough!" to Governor Walker's anti-worker agenda. The elections will give Wisconsin's middle class the opportunity to take back at least one house of the legislature and put a brake on these initiatives. Across the state, organizers are working to turn out the vote in support of candidates who support the right of workers to organize collectively and bargain for better working conditions.

Be sure to join this movement to take back the legislature and restore the balance of power in Wisconsin. Say "no" to Governor Walker's plan to take from the middle class to support tax giveaways to corporations.

## Gone Fishing

The following members have recently retired:

October, November, December, January 2011

Jack Alexander	Food 4 Less	Patricia Hotter	Eagle Foods	Kay Pink	Zims IGA Foodliner
Kevin Allison	Sentry	Richard Hughes	Piggly Wiggly	Rick Race	Penasa Foods
John Anderson	Cub Foods	Arlene Jennings	Kohls	Daniel Rahmer	Red Owl
Thomas Bachmann	Fleming Companies	Betty Johnson	Kohls	Greg Richmond	Kohls
Jayne Barry	Fleming Companies	Virginia Kampen	Kohls	Janet Rick	Food 4 Less
Gregory Bennett	Roger & Marv's Supervalu	Judith Kiarang	Kohls	Kenneth Riemer	Pick N Save
Deborah Bladorn	Sentry	Kathleen Kinjerski	Pick N Save - Sunset	Harvey Rittberg	Standard Lamp
Rita Blakeman	Cub Foods	Sally Kling	Ruebens County Market	Kathy Rohde	Fleming Companies
Scott Boeckman	Stangels	Norman Kraatz	A & P	James	Ronge A & P
David Borowiak	F. Dohmen	Shirley Kromraj	Kohls	Linda	Samson Kohls
Ann Braaten	Piggly Wiggly	Richard Kuehn	Packerland	Thomas Schertz	Piggly Wiggly
Ronald Bright	Woodman's	Marilyn Kultz	Pick N Save - Sunset	Kenneth Schilke	Piggly Wiggly
Lynette Brouchoud	A & P	Mark Kvalheim	Cub Foods	Donna Schmidt	Fleming Companies
David Bue	Birds Eye	Linda La Court	Fleming Companies	Betty Schnettler	Red Owl
Ginger Camano	Cub Foods	Robert Lalie	Kohls	Gail Schultz	Woodman's
Leonard Carroll	Sentry	Judy Lang	Kohls	Susan Schumacher	R & M Kenosha
Julianne Chitko	Fleming Companies	Dennis Leriger	Cub Foods	Alice Schuman	Rick & Vic's
Lucille Choy	Ruebens County Market	Harvey Liukonen	Fleming Companies	Joyce Simms	Kohls
Karen Christopher	Cub Foods	Gary Lundskow	R & M Kenosha LLC	Linda Sisson	Woodman's
Patricia Crowley	Kohls	Mark Marek	Sentry	Richard Slesar	Randalls County Market
Linda Dallman	Cub Foods	Gary Marschke	Roundy's Inc.	Michelle Smith	Kohls
Linda Demske	Piggly Wiggly	Mary Mattson	Food 4 Less	Joseph Smogoleski	Piggly Wiggly
Gary Diels	Fresh Brands	Paul McCauley	Cub Foods	Larry Stoner	Piggly Wiggly
Cheryl Donovan	Cub Foods	Ronda Meekma	Piggly Wiggly	Douglas Strong	Sentry
Janette Duquette	Kohls	Patricia Mehling	Kohls	Michael Szukalski	Kohls
Kathryn Fritz	Kohls	Jerry Melvin	MCBS - Metcalf	Craig Teela	Piggly Wiggly
Mary Gauthier	Red Owl	Linda Mielke	Woodman's	David Thompson	Kohls
Loralee Gerriets	Fleming Companies	Ronald Mitchell	Kohls	Michelle Vanderbusch	Cub Foods
Angela Gilbertson	Kohls	Thomas Mosey	Kohls	Mark Vanderlinden	Kohls
Michael Harrington	National	Judith Mueller	Fleming Companies	Robert Weidig	Kohls
Jacqueline Hawkins	Eagle Foods	John Nardi	Fleming Companies	Joseph Weimer	Kohls
Teresa Hennes	Cub Foods	Keith Navis	Fresh Brands	Thomas Zickert	Kohls
Mark Henry	Eagle Foods	Kristine Nichols	Kohls	Kathy Zink	Cub Foods
Oreale Hilker	Piggly Wiggly	Jill Nisbet	Fleming Companies	Lorraine Zizzo	Pick N Save
Mary Hoffman	Tollefson Foods	Sandra Peternell	Kohls		
Steven Hornbeck	Kohls	Judith Peters	Food 4 Less		



### Personally Speaking

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of the following members:



Ronald Laessig	Pick N Save
Darnell Washington	Pick N Save
Carl Farsee	Pick N Save

### YOUR UNION AT WORK

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>
Grievances Filed	82	56	74
Members Returned to Work	10	7	4
Back wages paid out to Members	\$16,517	\$1,013	\$13,159

### WISCONSIN UFCW HEALTH PLAN

#### BENEFITS PAID FOR:

	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>
Loss of Time	\$12,715	\$10,038	\$9,603
Medical	\$216,757	\$274,503	\$530,344
Prescriptions	\$56,618	\$53,177	\$65,516
Dental	<u>\$11,506</u>	<u>\$8,609</u>	<u>\$20,185</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$297,596</b>	<b>\$346,327</b>	<b>\$625,648</b>

# 14th Annual Scholarship Winners Announced

This year's winners of the Peter P. Voeller Scholarships are Zach Brylski who is employed at Woodman's Food Market in Appleton and Stephanie King who is employed by Pick 'n Save in Shorewood.



**ZACH BRYLSKI** - My name is Zach Brylski and I graduated from Hortonville High School in 2009. I am currently working at Woodman's Food Market in Appleton. I will be receiving an Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree from UW-Fox Valley after my spring 2011 semester, and am transferring to UW-Green Bay to pursue a Bachelor's Degree with a major in Human Biology. From there, I plan to apply to Medical School in Madison to obtain a Medical Degree and become a Dermatologist. My interests include playing sports, fishing, and hanging out with friends.

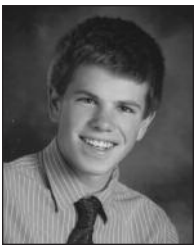


**STEPHANIE KING** - Stephanie is the daughter of Tim and Jean King. She graduated from Oak Creek High School in 2008 at the top of her class. She studied her freshman year of college at the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse and has spent the last two years continuing her education at the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee. Stephanie is pursuing a career in Occupational Therapy in hopes of becoming an Occupational Therapist in an elementary school working with special needs students. She has recently applied to the UW-Milwaukee's Occupational Therapy Program. If accepted, she will graduate in summer of 2013 with a Masters Degree. On the side she was a member of UW-Milwaukee's 2010-2011 Dance Team, volunteers at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital, and enjoys running. She is running her first half marathon in just a few weeks.

Region #1 award winners are: **Tiara Cooper, Brian Drozdowicz, Brian Schneider, Ryan Skibinski, Egli Spaho and Minella Sterjo**



**TIARA COOPER** - Hello, my name is Tiara Cooper. I attended Bay View High School and I am currently attending Tuskegee University in Tuskegee, Alabama where I am studying accounting. The career goals that I am aiming for is to receive my degree in accounting and work for a major company. My career goals also include receiving my CPA in a few years. My special interest includes working with money and playing sports with friends.



**BRIAN DROZDOWICZ** - Brian has worked at the Ruby Isle Pick N' Save in Brookfield for over two years. He will be graduating from Brookfield East High School in June 2011 and participated in band, cross country and golf, and was awarded the President's award for Educational Excellence. He has been accepted to the University of Wisconsin - Whitewater where he plans on getting his bachelor's degree in Business. Thank you for the scholarship.



**BRIAN SCHNEIDER** - My name is Brian Schneider and I graduated from Greenfield High School in 2010. I have been working at the local Pick N' Save since my sophomore year. I am currently attending Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design pursuing a degree in Drawing with a minor in Illustration. In my free time I enjoy drawing and painting, hanging out with friends and listening to music.



**RYAN SKIBINSKI** - Ryan Skibinski is a UFCW local 1473 member working at the Pick N' Save in Greenfield Wisconsin since 2008. He graduated from Milwaukee Bradley Tech in June, 2010. Ryan is currently attending Milwaukee Area Technical College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin pursuing a Mechanical Design degree. He enjoys fishing and play sports.



**EGLI SPAHO** - My name is Egli Spaho. I graduated from Cudahy High School in 2009. Currently I am finishing up my second year at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. I hope to graduate UWM with a degree in Kinesiology and further my education by eventually obtaining a Doctorate Degree in Physical Therapy. I enjoy working out and spending time with friends.



**MINELLA STERJO** - My name is Minella Sterjo. I am the son of Koco & Katerina Sterjo who have been employed by Patrick Cudahy for the past two years in Cudahy, Wisconsin. I have been working at the Culver's on Layton Avenue in Milwaukee, Wisconsin for almost two years. I will be graduating from Cudahy High School in June 2011. This fall I plan on going to UW-Milwaukee pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Architectural Engineering. In my spare time I am usually out playing soccer with my friends.

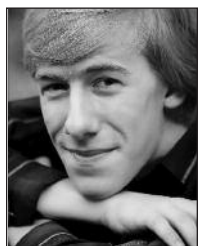
Region #2 award winners are: **Ian Dart, Garrett Grow, Erik Hessenius, Taylor Robinson and Tanya Tilot.**



**IAN DART** - My name is Ian Dart and I am the son of Richard R. Dart, who is employed at 14th place Piggly Wiggly in Kenosha. I graduated from Tremper High School in 2009, and I am currently attending the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point as a sophomore. I am majoring in Pre- Physical Therapy with a minor in Business. For the past two years, I have played on the Central Wisconsin Saints Junior Hockey team and would like to play for the UW team. In the future, I hope to interact with people in a way that will help them, such as helping them recover from an injury, or overcome a physical deficiency. Thanks to the UFCW for this welcome help with my education.



**GARRETT GROW** - Garrett has been working at the Caledonia Pick N' Save Since July 2006. He is currently pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice at Gateway Technical College. In his free time he enjoys hunting, fishing and camping with his friends and his yellow lab, Remington.



**ERIK HESSENIUS** - I have attended Walden III Middle & High School since 2004, and this year I will be one of the 64 seniors graduating. In the coming semester I will be attending the University of Wisconsin at Parkside, on the southern border of Racine. Recently, I began a program that allows seniors to work or volunteer off-campus during school hours for class credit. As part of this program, I have dedicated several hours of work each week to the Racine Literacy Council. In addition, I am pursuing an internship at an aquaculture farm in downtown Racine, and hope to obtain a career in sustainable food production or publishing. I plan to major in English with a minor in Business or Biology.



**TAYLOR ROBINSON** - My name is Taylor Robinson and I will be graduating from Badger High School in Lake Geneva Wisconsin. I will be attending UW-Milwaukee for a degree in nursing. I am not sure what field of nursing to get into because there are too many to choose from! I am considering physical therapy and neonatal. My special interests include cheerleading, baking and pastry, culinary, and working as a CNA this summer in the hospital.



**TANYA TILOT** - My name is Tanya Tilot I am currently a senior at William Horlick High school in Racine, WI. I will be graduating from Horlick on June 5, 2011. After graduation I will be going off to college. I have chosen to go to UW Whitewater. Once there, I plan to study Psychology. My goal is to get my Master's degree in Psychology and get a job dealing with drug and alcohol rehabilitation. Outside of school I spend my spare time bowling, playing softball and hanging out with friends. Bowling has been a passion of mine since a very young age and I can't wait to get the opportunity to compete on the women's team offered on the Whitewater campus.

**Region #3 award winners are: Chelsea Jakovic, Brittany Kent, Nathan Mosher, Cierra Neblett, Matt Skowronski, Brittany Stuttgen and Matt Woods.**



**CHELSEA JAKOVIC** - Chelsea is the daughter of Mark Jakovic, Portage Lake Water and Sewage Authority. She is a Houghton High School graduate of class 2010, currently finishing her first year of college at Gogebic Community College. Chelsea plans on graduating from Gogebic Community College with her Associates degree in Social Work in spring 2013 and then transferring to Northern Michigan University in the fall of 2013.



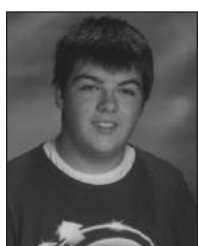
**BRITTANY KENT** - My name is Brittany Kent. I graduated from Craig High School in 2009. I earned my certified nursing assistant degree through Madison Area Technical College in 2009. I am currently finishing my sophomore year at the Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) where I am pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in nursing. I have been named to the Dean's list. I am involved with the Student nursing association and a sister of the Lambda Zeta Nu Sorority which is actively involved with breast cancer awareness. I am the daughter of Angela Kent who is a UFCW Local 1473 member at Schnucks Pharmacy inside Logli's in Janesville, WI.



**NATHAN MOSHER** - I am the son of Connie Mosher who is employed at WPS Health Insurance Company. I graduated from Waunakee High School in 2009. I am finishing my second year of college at the University of Wisconsin - Platteville and am pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Nanotechnology. In my free time I enjoy being outdoors playing Frisbee, golf and hunting.



**CIERRA NEBLETT** - My name is Cierra Neblett. I am a senior at Monona Grove High school. This fall I will be attending Madison College, majoring in Radiograph. At the moment I am employed at Taco Bell, but soon I hope to be working in a hospital getting the experience needed to work my way up. Outside of school I enjoy spending time with friends and family. Activities I enjoy are camping, running, and playing soccer. One thing about me, believe it or not, I enjoy working and making money, but where I am at right now is putting me in a difficult place to pay for college so this scholarship will help me fulfill my dream of becoming a doctor. Thanks a lot UFCW, I do appreciate it!



**MATT SKOWRONSKI** - Hi this is Matt Skowronski. I am the son of Cathy Skowronski who has been employed at WPS since 2007. I am graduating from Deforest High School planning to attend MATC for 2 years and transfer to either UW-Whitewater or UW-Oshkosh. I plan on studying business management or something in that field. One of my hobbies is bowling. I enjoyed being on the Deforest bowling team for the past 4 years.



**BRITTANY STUGGEN** - My name is Brittany Stuttgen and I work at the Janesville Logli Supermarket. My parents are Scott and Kelli Stuttgen. I will be graduating from George S. Parker High School in June 2011. I will be attending the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse in the fall and be majoring in Pre-Pharmacy or Pre-Med. At school I am involved in French Club, French National Honor Society, Link Crew, National Honor Society and golf. In my free time I love to read, be with my friends and family, watch movies, and I am often at the local coffee shop. Thank you so much for this scholarship, your kindness will help me greatly.



**MATT WOODS** - Matt is the son of Patti Woods who is employed ay Woodman's of Appleton. He will be graduating from Shiocton High School in May 2011. Matt will be attending the Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, pursuing a degree in criminal justice. He enjoys football, basketball, and spending time with family and friends.

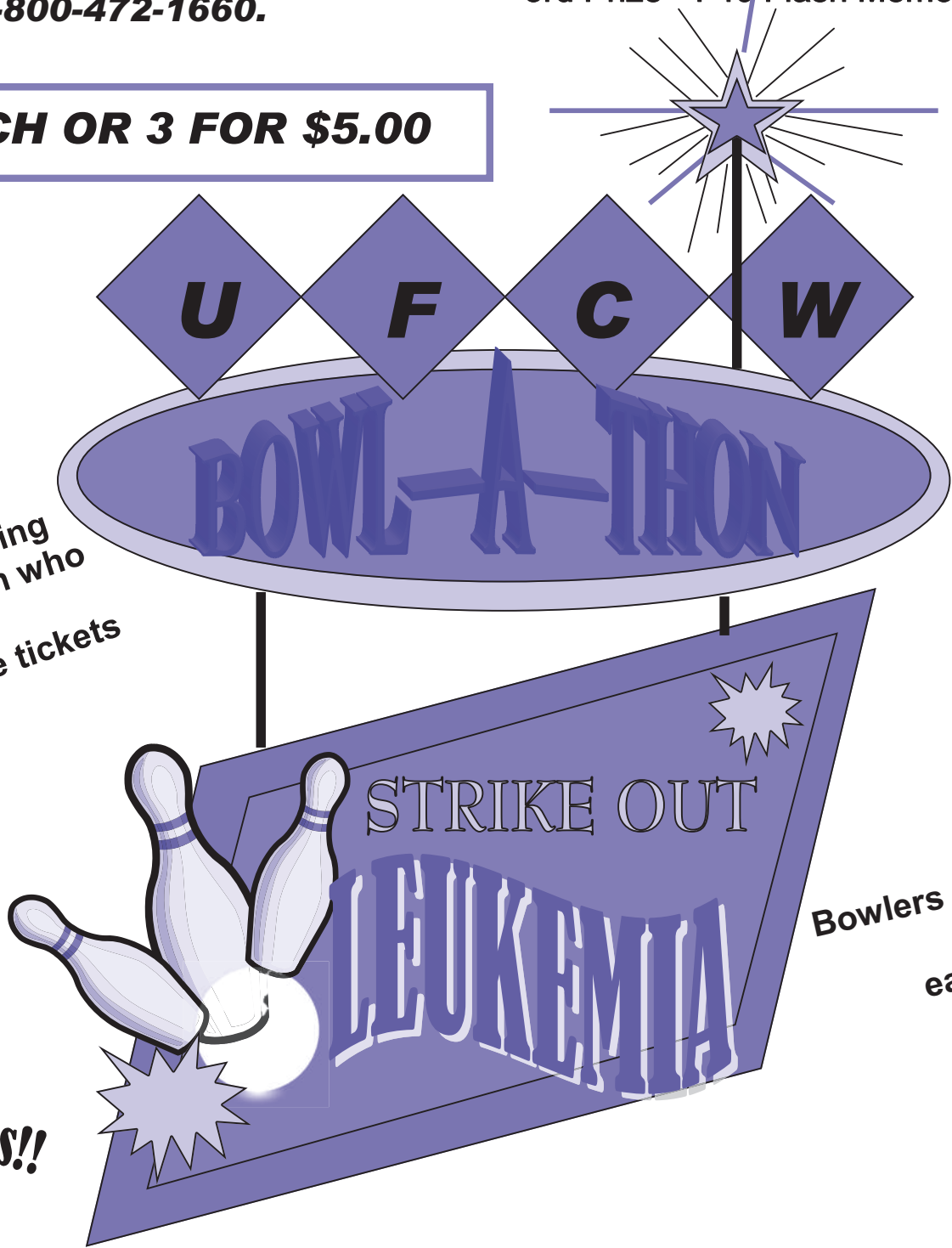
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### RAFFLE

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM YOUR UNION STEWARD OR CALL THE UNION OFFICE AT 414-476-1444 OR 1-800-472-1660.**

- 1st Prize—32" LCD HDTV Flat Screen
- 2nd Prize—8 GB 4G iPod Touch
- 3rd Prize—F40 Flash Memory SD Camcorder

**\$2.00 EACH OR 3 FOR \$5.00**



**KIDS 12 AND UNDER BOWL FREE AND GET A FREE RAFFLE TICKET**

**Three lanes of bowling FREE to each person who buys or sells \$25 or more in raffle tickets**

**Bowlers earn 5 Bonus Pins per game for each \$20 collected.**

**Great Prizes!!**

### BOWL-A-THON

**DATE: Sunday, August 7, 2011**

**TIME: 9:00-9:30 A.M.-Registration**

**PLACE: A.M.F. West Allis  
10901 W. Lapham St.  
West Allis, WI**

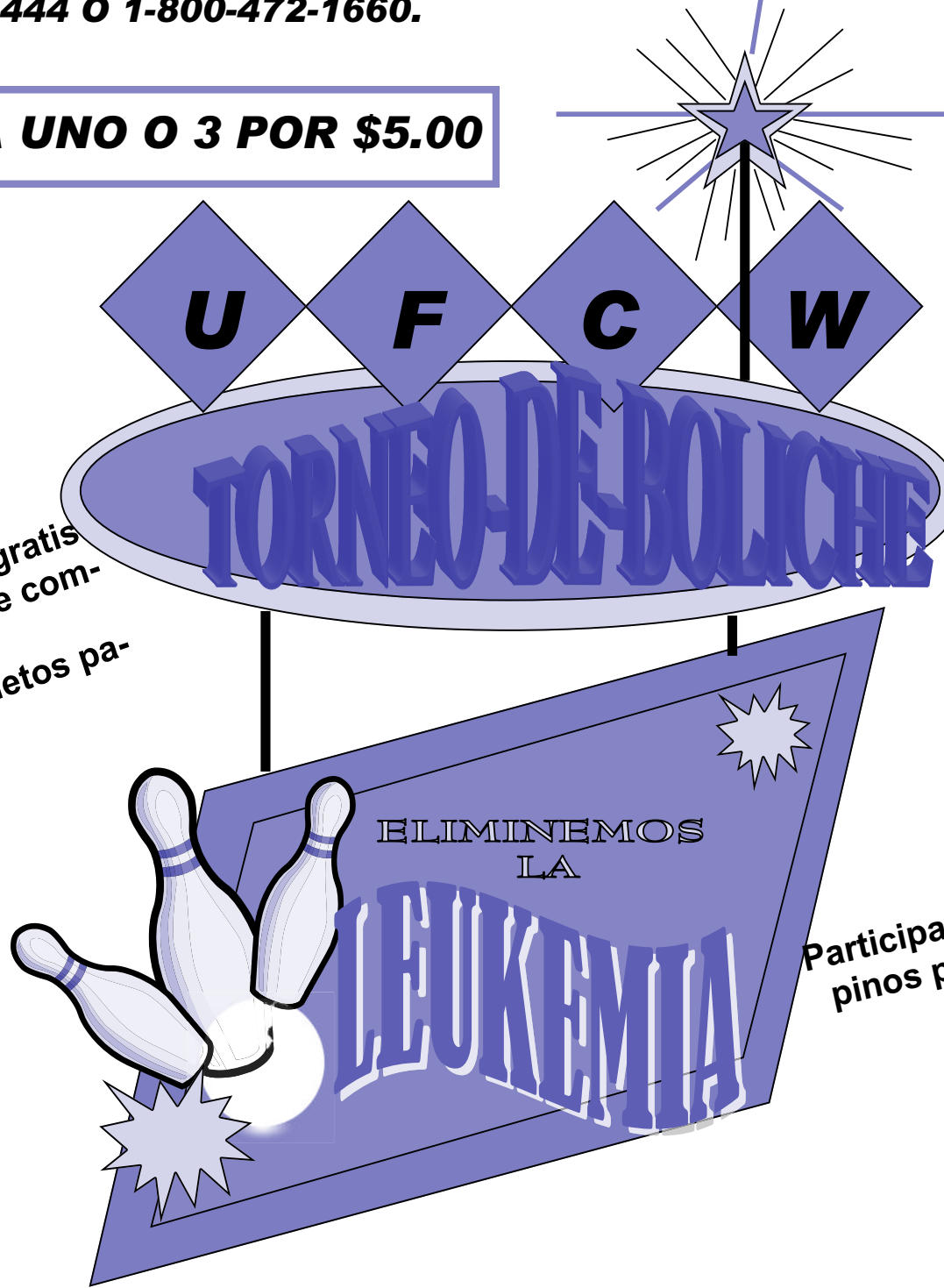
## 2 FORMAS DE PARTICIPAR

### RIFA

**BOLETOS ESTAN DISPONIBLES  
ATRAVEZ DE SU DELEGADO O LLA-  
MANDO A LA OFICINA DEL SINDICATO  
AL 414-476-1444 O 1-800-472-1660.**

- 1er PREMIO —32 " Pantalla Plana LCD HDTV
- 2 ° PREMIO —8 GB 4G IPod Touch
- 3° PREMIO — F40 memoria SD Flash videocámara

**\$2.00 CADA UNO O 3 POR \$5.00**



*Menores de 12 años JUEGAN gratis y recibirán un boleto para la rifa gratis*

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# Wisconsin Update

By Kim Rogers – Deputy Political Director

In early December, UFCW Local 1473 started preparing for a fight. Working with the International following the November 2010 election, we knew that we had a hard road in front of us. We kicked off 2011 with a pledge card drive for UFCW members asking them to help. Little did we know that Scott Walker would go on the attack so quickly.

On February 11, Walker introduced the benign-sounding budget repair bill that contained a full-throttled assault on public workers and their right to bargain. Based on a budget-shortfall Walker created by rewarding corporate campaign donors, it was all a guise to break the political power of unions while empowering his corporate backers. Almost immediately, workers agreed to the financial concessions on their pensions and health care. But Walker would not be satisfied until they gave up the right to bargain and lose protections their unions had fought so hard to win. This was the shot heard 'round the world for the Labor movement. And across the country, unions mobilized their members and worked with community allies to rally at the Capitol, demanding our voice be heard.

When this bill was called to quorum, Senate Democrats thought quickly and fled the state to buy time for workers and allow us to be heard. That group of brave men and women known as the Wisconsin 14 put us in the public eye and bought workers the time to build a message heard nationally while pressuring legislatures to do what's right – making a huge difference in SD-17, where Senator Dale Schultz crossed party lines saying that the bill was a blatant overreach.

Unfortunately, Governor Walker and his cronies refused to hear us. They locked the people of Wisconsin out of our Capitol and passed the bill after business hours with no warning. After weeks of claiming it was a necessity of the budget, they skirted the rules of any financial bill. Far from fixing the budget, it was clear that the bill did little more than attack public workers and their right to collectively bargain.

And through it all, you and the rest of the labor movement have refused to be silenced.

This is a story that will be told for generations. Nobody will forget standing with tens of thousands of angry Wisconsinites on the steps of the Capitol in Madison week after week. In freezing temperatures, over 185,000 people gathered on the steps to welcome the WI 14 back to the state and remind Governor Walker that we will keep fighting. Still the momentum continues and overwhelmingly the people of Wisconsin stand in support of Wisconsin workers as we begin the next chapter of this story. And the numbers hold true – over 74% of Wisconsinites oppose Walker's tactics.

We've seen these results firsthand. In Milwaukee County, the race to replace Walker dealt his hand-picked successor a devastating double-digit loss. Also from February to April, JoAnne Kloppenburg closed a 30-point gap on David Prosser to come within a few thousand votes and the recount continues due to irregularities in Waukesha County and the suspicious votes from the County Clerk's personal computer. Additionally, we changed the course in AD-94 – a key part of recalled Senator Kapanke's district putting Steve Doyle in office to replace a hand-picked Walker crony.

Beyond the initial bill, the Joint Finance Committee of the State Senate and State House continue to push a budget that balances on the backs of working people – cutting education funding, cutting transportation, cutting care for Seniors while giving tax relief to corporations. We continue to fight through the budget and are less than 60 days from the likely Election Day of July 12 for the nine recalls. From Green Bay to Hudson to La Crosse to Osh Kosh to Kenosha, UFCW members are coming together to change the face of the Senate.

During the course of this fight, over 2,000 UFCW members in Wisconsin have pledged to volunteer for this historic effort and already 200 have stepped up to join the fight by contributing to ABC – the fund UFCW uses to pay for these costly legislative and electoral fights.

You already know the magnitude of what's at stake in our great state. Fellow members from Local 1473 have been actively involved in planning and executing a comprehensive plan to let these crooked lawmakers know that when we work together we will not be silenced. The facts speak for themselves, and as hard as it is to believe, every report keeps getting more outrageous than the previous. One fact speaks louder than the rest – we haven't stopped fighting since day one. We continue to unite. We continue to become stronger. We continue to persevere. We Are Wisconsin.

From recount to recall, it can be difficult to keep track of everything that's happening right now. We've put together a handy timeline of events:

- February 11: Scott Walker introduces bill
- February 14: First protest at Capitol
- February 17: Senate leaders call vote; Wisconsin 14 flee the state
- February 23: UFCW Lobby Day
- March 3: Wisconsin Senate orders arrest of absent Democrats
- March 4: Scott Walker begins layoff process for state workers
- March 9: Wisconsin Senate passes anti-union bill
- April 1: First recall filed against Republican Senator Dan Kapanke in District 32
- April 5: Supreme Court Election between Democrat JoAnn Kloppenburg and Justice David Prosser
- April 7: Recall filed against Republican Senator Randy Hopper in District 18
- April 9: Waukesha County Clerk, Kathy Nickolaus, comes forward with 14,515 missing votes in Supreme Court Election results, giving Prosser a sudden 7,316 vote lead in the race
- April 18: Recall filed against Republican Senator Luther Olsen in District 14
- April 19: Recall filed against Republican Senator Sheila Harsdorf in District 10
- April 21: Recall filed against Republican Senator Alberta Darling in District 08
- April 21: Recall filed against Democratic Senator Dave Hansen in District 30
- April 21: Recall filed against Democratic Senator Jim Holperin in District 12
- April 21: Recall filed against Democratic Senator Bob Wirsch in District 22
- April 28: Supreme Court Election recount begins
- April 28: Recall filed against Senator Robert Cowles in District 02
- May 3: Democrat Steve Doyle wins the special election in AD 94, a historically GOP seat, 54% to 46%
- July 12: Recall Election Day for all nine Senators, as set by the Government Accountability Board

# Actualización de Wisconsin

By Kim Rogers – Deputy Political Director

A principios de diciembre, en UFCW Local 1473 empezamos a preparaos para una batalla. Uniéndonos con la Internacional después de las elecciones de noviembre del 2010, sabíamos que teníamos un difícil camino ante nosotros. Empezamos el 2011 con la compañía de tarjeta de compromiso para los miembros de UFCW. Sin saber que Scott Walker iba atacar tan pronto.

El 11 de febrero, Walker propuso al congreso de Wisconsin la aprobación de una ley que va dirigida contra los sindicatos del sector público de cual les quita gran parte de su derecho a la negociación colectiva. El gobernador afirma que su propuesta es necesaria para reparar el presupuesto. Pero no es más que una excusa para despojar a los trabajadores públicos de sus derechos laborales y de esta forma atacar a la clase trabajadora mientras que empoderar a sus patrocinadores corporativos. Pero Inmediatamente, los trabajadores acordaron en reducir sus pensiones y asistencia Médica. Pero Walker no estará satisfecho hasta quitarles su derecho a negociaciones colectivas y así perder la protección de sindicatos por el que han luchado. Este ataque en torno a los derechos sindicales fue lo que se escuchó en todo el mundo y despertó el movimiento obrero. En todo el país, los sindicatos movilizaron a sus miembros junto con aliados de la comunidad para ocupar la plaza del capitolio en Madison y exigir que sus voces fueran escuchadas.

Cuando este proyecto de ley fue llamado a quórum, los senadores demócratas huyeron del estado para impedir reunir el quórum mínimo para sesionar y así permitir que nuestras voces fueran escuchadas. Ese grupo de valientes hombres y mujeres conocido como los 14 de Wisconsin nos puso al nivel público e inicio una lucha que ha inspirado y despertado una autentica oleada de solidaridad, y presionar a los legisladores para hacer lo correcto – de hecho bajo la presión el senador Dale Schultz cruzó partido diciendo que el proyecto de ley era un abuso.

Lamentablemente, el Gobernador Walker y sus cómplices se negaron a escuchar. En una inesperada acción, legisladores republicanos aprobaron el proyecto de ley sin previo aviso. Después de semanas de alegar que tal ley era necesaria para ayudar a reparar el presupuesto, la ley fue aprobada luego de retirar aspectos que trataban temas financieros. Lejos de fijar el presupuesto, es claro que solo busca atacar a los trabajadores públicos y su derecho a negociar colectivamente.

A pesar de todo, usted y el resto del movimiento obrero se han negado a callar.

Esta historia se contará durante siglos. Nadie olvidará las manifestaciones en las calles de Madison rodeando el Capitolio semana tras semana. Con clima bajo cero, más de 185,000 personas se reunieron para recibir a los 14 de WI y recordarle al Gobernador Walker que seguiremos luchando. La lucha obrera en Wisconsin aún no está decidida. Decenas de habitantes nos apoyan, en nuestro próximo capítulo de esta historia. Y las cifras dicen la verdad - más del 74% de los habitantes de Wisconsin se oponen a las tácticas de Walker.

Hemos visto los resultados de primera mano. En el Condado de Milwaukee, Jeff Stone escogido por Walker, perdió terriblemente en la carrera para reemplazarlo como Ejecutivo del Condado. También de febrero a abril, JoAnne Kloppenburg cerró una brecha de 30 puntos sobre David Prosser dentro de pocos miles de votos. Habrá recuento debido a irregularidades en el Condado de Waukesha y los votos sospechosos en la computadora personal del Secretario del Condado. Además, hemos cambiado el curso de AD-94 - una parte clave del distrito adonde se están llevando acabo la petición para retirar el senador Kapanke está poniendo Steve Doyle a cargo para sustituir al amigo de Walker.

Más allá del proyecto de la ley inicial, el Conjunto Comité de Finanzas del Senado y la Cámara de Representantes continuaran apoyando un presupuesto de cual pretende que sean los trabajadores quien paguen la cuenta – incluye recortes de educación, transportación, y atención medica para personas mayores mientras que al mismo tiempo da reducción de impuestos a Empresas. Continuamos la lucha en contra del presupuesto. Estamos a menos de 60 días día de las elecciones que obligan a nueve funcionarios públicos a volver a presentarse como candidato el 12 de julio. Desde Green Bay, Hudson, La Crosse, Oshkosh y Kenosha, miembros de UFCW se están uniendo para cambiar el rostro del Senado.

Durante el curso de esta lucha, más de 2,000 miembros de UFCW en Wisconsin se han comprometido a servir como voluntarios en este esfuerzo histórico ya 200 se han unido a la lucha contribuyendo al ABC - El fondo que UFCW tiene para cubrir estas luchas costosas legislativa y electorales.

Usted ya sabe la magnitud de lo que está en juego en nuestro gran estado. Sus compañeros del Local 1473 han participado activamente en la planificación y ejecución de un plan integral para que estos legisladores corruptos sepan que cuando trabajamos juntos no seremos callados. Los hechos hablan por sí mismos, y tan difícil como es de creer, cada informe en más explosivo que el anterior. Un hecho es mas valido que el resto - no hemos dejado de luchar desde el primer día. Seguimos uniéndonos. Seguimos más fuertes. Seguimos insistiendo. Somos Wisconsin.

Entre los recuentos y las elecciones que obligan a los funcionarios públicos a volver a presentarse como candidatos, puede ser difícil seguir todo lo que está sucediendo. Hemos creado una línea de tiempo de tales acontecimientos:

- 11 de febrero: Scott Walker presenta proyecto de ley
- 14 de febrero: primera protesta en el Capitolio
- 17 de febrero: Los líderes del Senado piden votación, los 14 de Wisconsin abandonan el estado
- 23 de febrero: UFCW Lobby Day (Día de ejercer presión política)
- 3 de marzo: El Senado de Wisconsin ordena la detención de los demócratas ausentes
- 4 de marzo: Scott Walker inicia proceso de despido de los trabajadores estatales
- 09 de marzo: El Senado de Wisconsin aprueba el proyecto de ley en contra de los Sindicatos
- 1 de abril: Se presenta la primera petición para retirar al senador republicano Dan Kapanke del Distrito 32
- 05 de abril: Elección a la candidatura a la Corte Suprema entre la demócrata JoAnn Kloppenburg y el ministro de la Corte Suprema David Prosser.
- 7 de abril: Se presenta petición para retirar al senador republicano Randy Hopper del Distrito 18
- 9 de abril: Kathy Nickolaus, secretaria del Condado de Waukesha, presenta 14,515 votos no contabilizados en los resultados de la elección, dando a Prosser un adelanto de 7,316 votos
- 18 de abril: Se presenta petición para retirar al senador republicano Luther Olsen del Distrito 14
- 19 de abril: Se presenta petición para retirar a la senadora republicana Sheila Harsdorf del Distrito 10
- 21 de abril: Se presenta petición para retirar al senadora republicana Alberta Darling del Distrito 08
- 21 de abril: Se presenta petición para retirar al senador demócrata Dave Hansen del Distrito 30
- 21 de abril: Se presenta petición para retirar al senador demócrata Jim Holperin del Distrito 12
- 21 de abril: Se presenta petición para retirar al senador demócrata Bob Wirsch del Distrito 22
- 28 de abril: Empieza recuento a nivel estatal de la elección a la Candidata a la Corte Suprema
- 28 de abril: Se presenta petición para retirar al senador Robert Cowles del Distrito 02
- 3 de mayo: el demócrata Steve Doyle gana la elección especial en AD 94, un puesto históricamente del partido republicano, 54% a 46%
- 12 de julio: Día de las elecciones que obligan a los nueve senadores volverse a presentarse como candidato al cargo, establecido por la Junta de Responsabilidad del Gobierno de Wisconsin



## Upside Down in America

More times than I can count or remember over the last 30 years, members, their families and other like minded people have told me time and again "What we need in this country is a worker's revolution to take back the middle class." We may not have picked this time or this fight but we are sure as heck in it!



Grant Withers  
UFCW Local 1473  
Secretary-Treasurer

Wisconsin is ground zero in a fight to protect working families. All across this country, the most anti worker legislation in generations is being put forth.

In Missouri – A bill was introduced in the state senate that would allow children, 13 and 14 years old, to work up to 40 hours per week and remove the enforcement of child labor laws from the Division of Labor Standards.

In Michigan – They have passed a law that allows the Governor to appoint an Emergency Financial Manager to go into a municipality and make ALL decisions that the elected officials previously made, including cancelling Labor Agreements with public workers. If you think this is too bizarre, it will never happen – April 19, 2011, the town of Benton Harbor, Michigan, population 10,000 was taken over. The town has a 6 million dollar debt or about \$600.00 per person. The elected officials only have the authority to call a meeting to order, approve minutes, and adjourn meetings – WOW!

Ask yourself, how can this happen in a democracy? Don't our elections mean anything? If \$600.00 dollars per person in debt is enough to cancel out our votes, then certainly the \$47,000.00 per person of National Debt that we owe will be incentive enough to cancel out our votes if we continue to elect politicians that have no regard for democracy.

Last fall, as always, myself, President Eiden, our staff and many of you participated in Labor 2010. We volunteered, made phone calls and knocked on doors encouraging other Union members to get out and vote. Several of us discussed the apathy among Union members things like "It doesn't matter who we vote for, they're all the same." "There isn't any difference between the parties" are examples of what we heard from Union members in reference to the Governor election. I wrote in the fall newsletter that if we didn't get out the vote and vote for candidates that support working families "shame on us".

Over the years, I have also questioned the difference between political parties. It is easy for us to get frustrated when the party you support doesn't accomplish all your goals. But while at times I waivered, I have always supported the candidates that the AFL-CIO or the Local Union supported.

In our worst dreams we could have never imagined the extremely radical agendas that have been put forth in this state and country that go against hard working families and their values.

By the time this newsletter arrives in your home, we will have a new voter ID bill in Wisconsin, which will put obstacles in place for people voting. Wisconsin has a long and proud history of clean elections. With sane day registration Wisconsin is among the highest states in voter turnout. This is a healthy democracy. In fact, after a 2 year investigation; the State Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen only found 20 valid cases of voter fraud out of 3 million votes. Is that enough reason in your mind for the state to spend additional resources to correct a problem that doesn't exist? Estimates are that this will cost \$7-8 million dollars to accommodate the changes proposed. Wisconsin primaries are in September and the new law will require that people that are not residents of the district they wish to vote in for 28 days, will not be allowed to vote. This is a slap in the face to students that relocate in August/September to attend Universities away from home.

In Wisconsin and across the country, public employees are being made out as the villains in our budget struggles when they have done nothing more than serve us as taxpayers. We all know this recession was caused by Wall Street and irresponsible banking and investment policies. Politicians think nothing of bailing out these institutions but squeal like pigs headed to slaughter when individuals need a helping hand.

Another recent proposal is a bill to end the early release program in Wisconsin for non violent criminals with good behavior because we want to be tough on crime. Well there have been 545 prisoners released early under this program at \$30,000 per year to house them, we are talking about an additional \$16 million dollars cost to the state. Where is the concern for the budget? What happened to "We're broke"?

When Milwaukee citizens voted 70% in favor of paid sick days (democracy) the uproar started; now the ruling party in the state is drafting legislation to repeal retroactively what the voters voted for.

Some politicians argue on behalf of oil companies to continue receiving billions of taxpayer dollars in subsidies, while earning 100's of billions in record profits. The same politicians argue in favor of keeping tax cuts for the wealthy in place while cutting domestic programs for the most vulnerable among us. Companies like Boeing, Citigroup, Exxon Mobile, General Electric and Wells Fargo didn't pay one dime in federal income tax. I have no problem with shared sacrifice but I have a huge problem with balancing the budget on the backs of hard working American families and not asking those that have been the most fortunate among us to help our nation during these critical times.

This may not be a revolution but this sure as heck is our call to action. Those of us that have prayed for the day to come when we rise up and make our voices heard – this is our time. Our time to make the hypocritical politicians that told us the last election was about "Jobs, Jobs, Jobs" only to turn around and assault the very class that we stand with.

If you want democracy, get out and help during the recall elections.

If you want democracy, get out and vote.

If you want democracy, "Stand with Wisconsin" and take it back.

On the other hand, if you aren't concerned about the way things have changed feel free to sit on your hands and criticize those working for change for not doing enough.

We all know the money interests can spend 10 times more money in an election, but they can't buy our vote. If we vote, they can't buy our democracy either.

To get involved please contact the Union Office.

## De Reversa en América

Más veces de las que puedo contar o recordar en los últimos 30 años, miembros, sus familias y otras personas me han dicho una y otra vez "Lo que necesitamos en este país es una revolución de los trabajadores para recupera la clase media." ¡No hemos escogido estos tiempos o batalla, pero la realidad es que estamos en media de tal!



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Wisconsin es el punto central en la lucha para proteger a familias trabajadoras. A través del país, las máximas leyes en contra de los derechos de trabajadores se han puesto en marcha.

En Missouri - Un proyecto de ley fue presentado en el Senado estatal de cual permite que niños de 13 y 14 años de edad, puedan laborar hasta 40 horas por semana y así eliminar la aplicación de las leyes laborales infantiles de la División de Normas Laborales.

En Michigan - Se aprobó una ley que permite al gobernador nombrar un Administrador Financiero para entrar en un municipio y despojar todas las decisiones realizadas por anteriores funcionarios electos, incluyendo la cancelación de Acuerdos Laborales de los trabajadores públicos. Si usted piensa que esto es extraño, nunca va a pasar – el 19 de abril del 2011, la ciudad Benton Harbor, Michigan, población de 10,000 tomo cargo. La ciudad tiene una deuda de 6 millones de dólares o alrededor de \$600.00 por persona. Los funcionarios electos sólo tienen la autoridad para convocar reuniones, aprobar minutos y aplazar reuniones - WOW!

Pregúntese así mismo, ¿cómo puede suceder esto en una democracia? ¿Acaso nuestras elecciones no significan nada? Si \$600.00 por persona para cubrir tal deuda es suficiente para anular nuestro voto, entonces \$47,000.00 por persona para cubrir la Deuda Nacional será incentivo suficiente para anular nuestros votos si seguimos eligiendo a políticos que no tienen respeto por la democracia.

Como siempre, el otoño pasado, yo, el presidente Eiden, nuestro personal y muchos de ustedes participamos en el Día de Trabajo 2010. Servimos como voluntarios, hicimos llamadas telefónicas y fuimos de puerta en puerta animando a miembros Sindicales a salir a votar. Varios de nosotros escuchamos la apatía de nuestros miembros. Escuchamos comentarios como "No importa que votemos a favor de tal, todos son iguales" "No hay ninguna diferencia entre los partidos" en referencia a la elección del Gobernador. En el boletín de otoño escribí que debería darnos "vergüenza" si no votábamos por candidatos que apoyan a familias trabajadoras.

A través de los años, también he cuestionado la diferencia entre los partidos políticos. Es fácil frustrarse cuando la persona que uno apoya no cumple todas sus promesas. Sin embargo, aunque a veces me he querido dar por vencido, siempre he apoyado a los candidatos que la AFL-CIO y el Sindicato Local apoyan.

Ni en nuestros peores sueños hubiéramos imaginado estas agendas radicales en contra de las familias trabajadores y sus valores que se han presentado en este estado y país.

Cuando usted reciba este boletín, ya tendremos una ley que obligan a las personas a presentarse ante las mesas de votación con su identificación con fotografía. Esto pondrá obstáculos ya que se calcula que muchas personas carecen de una identificación con fotografía. Wisconsin tiene una estable y orgullosa historia de elecciones limpias. Permitiendo que los votantes se registren para votar el día de las elecciones, Wisconsin tiene una alta participación electoral. Se trata de una democracia saludable. De hecho, después de una investigación de 2 años, el Fiscal General del Estado JB Van Hollen sólo encontró veinte casos válidos donde se cometió fraude de votación entre 3 millones de votos. ¿Usted cree que esto es suficiente para que el estado gaste recursos adicionales para corregir un problema que no existe? Se estima que el costo por tal ley será entre \$7-8 millones de dólares para adaptar tal ley. Las primarias de Wisconsin que se llevarán a cabo en septiembre y la nueva ley requerirán que las personas que no son residentes del distrito más de 28 días, no se le permitirá votar. Esta es una bofetada a los estudiantes que se trasladen en agosto y septiembre para asistir a universidades fuera de su distrito.

En Wisconsin y el país entero, están caracterizando a los trabajadores públicos como los villanos en nuestra lucha en contra del déficit fiscal cuando no han hecho más que servirnos. Todos sabemos que esta recesión fue causada por la Bolsa de Valores (Wall Street) e irresponsables reglamentos bancarios de inversión. Los políticos no piensan en rescatar a estas instituciones, pero chillan como cerdos rumbo hacer masacrados cuando las personas necesitan una mano amiga.

Otra propuesta reciente es un proyecto de ley para poner fin al programa de libertad anticipada por buen comportamiento para criminales no violentos en Wisconsin, para ser duros en contra de los criminales. Bajo este programa, se han liberado 545 prisioneros en vez de pagar \$30,000 por año para hospedarlos, estamos hablando de \$16,000,000 dólares adicionales hacia los costos del estado. ¿Dónde está la preocupación por el presupuesto? ¿Qué pasó con "Estamos Pobres"?

Cuando los ciudadanos de Milwaukee votaron el 70% a favor de días de enfermedad con gozo de pago (democracia), el escándalo comenzó; ahora el partido gobernante del estado esta estableciendo la política necesaria para anular retroactivamente lo que los votantes votaron a favor.

Algunos políticos argumentan a favor de las Empresas petroleras para seguir recibiendo miles de dólares de contribuyentes en subsidios, mientras que ganan 100 miles de millones en ganancias. Los mismos políticos argumentan a favor de mantener los recortes de impuestos para los ricos en su lugar mientras corta los programas nacionales para los más vulnerables entre nosotros. Empresas como Boeing, Citigroup, Exxon Mobile, General Electric y Wells Fargo no pagaron un centavo en impuesto federal. No tengo ningún problema con el sacrificio compartido, pero sí con el equilibrio del presupuesto a espaldas de las familias trabajadoras estadounidenses y de no pedir a los que han sido los más afortunados entre nosotros ayudar a nuestra nación en estos tiempos críticos.

Esto no es una revolución, pero si es nuestro llamado para tomar acción. Aquellos de nosotros que deseábamos por el día del cual nos levantáramos e hiciéramos escuchar nuestra voz. Nuestro día ha llegado es hora de que esos políticos hipócritas de cual nos dijeron en la última elección "Empleo, empleo, empleo", sólo para dar la vuelta y atacar a la misma clase con la que estamos nos escuchan.

Si desea democracia, salga y ayude en las peticiones para retirar a senadores.

Si desea democracia, ¡vote!

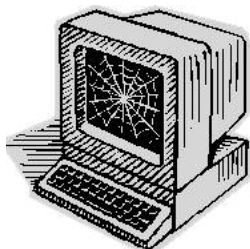
Si desea democracia, "Únase con Wisconsin" y obténgalo de nuevo.

Pero, si usted no está preocupado por la manera que las cosas han cambiado no dude en sentarse con los brazos cruzados y criticar aquellos que luchan por el cambio de no hacer suficiente.

Todos sabemos que los interesados en dinero pueden gastar 10 veces en una elección, pero no puede comprar nuestro voto. Si votamos, tampoco no puede comprar nuestra democracia.

Para involucrase por favor comuniquese con la Oficina del Sindicato.

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# WPS Corner

By Chad Whiteside

The attacks on organized labor by Governor Scott Walker through his proposed budget were meant to do one thing and one thing only...destroy the public sector employees Union. Governor Walker's attacks have been cold and calculated, seeking to divide and conquer, aimed at taking the right of public sector employees to have a voice on the job through their Union.

The one item Governor Walker did not count on was the strong will and determination of ALL Union brothers and sisters who have stood in solidarity to fight these vicious attacks on Wisconsin workers. The motto stands true, an injury to one is an injury to all and has been proven by the hundreds of thousands of Union supporters who braved the harsh Wisconsin winter to rally in support of their brothers and sisters on the steps of our Capitol.

The fight however is far from over. Recall petitions have been filed on six Republican Senators and three Democratic Senators. As a Union, we must finish this fight, working to recall the six Republicans and defend the three Democratic Senators. The recall elections are organized labor's only means of balancing the power in Wisconsin politics. We must meet this challenge by taking back control of the Senate to serve as a buffer between Governor Walker and the Republican controlled Assembly who seek to diminish our voices and our livelihood.

UFCW Local 1473 would like to thank the members from WPS who joined the fight and stood in solidarity with their brothers and sisters. We would also like to take this time to encourage the members of Local 1473 to join the Active Ballot Club, which is our Union's only means to raise funds to support pro worker candidates. Our Active Ballot Club Drive is currently underway. Members may obtain an Active Ballot Club authorization either from the stewards in your building, or with me during scheduled times in your lunchroom. We are asking members who participate to contribute one dollar per week, less than a 20-ounce soda at a local convenience store! Join the fight, be active, support your brothers and sisters, CONTRIBUTE to the Active Ballot Club! SOLIDARITY FOREVER!

# In Memoriam



Local 1473 has lost one of its finest and well liked members. On May 19, 2011, Lori Storey of Metro Market Bluemound passed away. Lori was a very active member of Local 1473, serving on the bargaining committee and as a Union Steward. For close to twenty years, Lori was also very dedicated to helping out with the annual Leukemia Bowl-A-Thon, donating time and getting prizes from vendors.

Lori will be truly missed by co-workers, customers, Union staff, friends and family. Our sincere condolences go out to her family. She will be missed.

# The Benefits of Checking Accounts

In today's busy world, many of us have a need for additional convenience. One of the ways that we can help to simplify our daily lives is with a checking account. Checking accounts provide convenience. They allow us to write checks, pay our bills online, and have access to funds 24 hours a day by using a debit card at an ATM. If you strive for additional time savings, we encourage direct deposit of payroll funds to limit the amount of checks you must cash.

In addition to providing convenience, checking accounts can save money. Cashing checks for free is a service many financial institutions will provide to customers who have a checking account with them; this can be a great alternative to cashing checks at other establishments. Some institutions will order checks and debit cards free of charge. Paying bills online can also save money and time by not having to pay for postage and send out multiple envelopes each month.

Almost every financial institution offers a checking account so it is important to know what services you value to find the checking account that's right for you. Monthly maintenance fees, the cost of checks and debit cards, minimum balance requirements; these are all things to keep in mind when searching for the right checking account.

Marine Credit Union specializes in individualized products, and understands the need for quality services at a low price. We offer free checks for life, free debit cards, free online billpay, and other services that will help to simplify your life. We invite to come to a branch or call us to see if we can help service your financial needs. Our funds are insured by the NCUA so your money is safe!

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