

SWALC NEWSLETTER

AFL-CIO SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL

AUGUST 4, 2018



MEETING REMINDER

SWALC Monthly E-Board & Delegates Meeting

Monday
August 20th at 6PM
908 Butler Drive, 36693

UPCOMING EVENTS

Safe & South Week
August 13 - 19

United Way
Campaign Kickoff
August 16

ATU Local 770
Anniversary
August 22

Labor Day Parade
Set Up
September 2

Labor Day Parade
September 3

World Teachers Day
September 5

Let's once again celebrate the achievements of America's working people. In the spirit of the holiday, the parade honors the everyday people of South-west Alabama who not only work hard to provide a better life for their families and keep our communities strong, but who also are driving local and national movements to build a stronger economy based on worker values.

PARTICIPATION

- The parade launches and returns to the Mobile Civic Center parking lot
- Rolls rain or shine (unless there is a hurricane)
- Line up begins at 9:00 AM & Parade begins at 9:45 AM
- Position is decided on a first come first serve bases. All floats must be loaded BEFORE entering the line. Either bring the float pre-loaded or pull off the fenced area to load. This is for safety and efficiency. Rick Lambert will direct floats to the correct area
- Spouses, significant others, oth- er family members, and children are welcome.
- We ask each union to wear one of their union shirts. This helps the community see the various unions in our community and shows our union pride.

OTHER SUGGESTIONS

- Many of the unions have retired members that cannot walk the parade route, please make sure you have seating on the float or have a vehicle to transport them.
- September can be particularly hot. Please provide your members with water. Other beverages are welcome as well.
- The gates of the Civic Center parking lot will be open at 4:30 AM for our TV interviews. You may arrive any time after that time.

PARADE ROUTE

Civic Center parking lot the parade goes down Civic Center Drive to Government Street to Royal Street to St. Francis around Bienville Square to Conception to Government back to Civic Center Drive and ends at the Civic Center.

PAPER PRODUCTS

The other unions may purchase discounted products from Dees Paper Company. Unions may order it through Joyce Salter, SWALC Financial Secretary, at 251.476.0625 joyce@UALocal119.org.

HAPPY HOUR DIGNITY DRIVE

The Ladies of Labor met on Tuesday, June 12th for their second Happy Hour Dignity Drive. The ladies met at The Cheese Cottage, a new locally owned shop and cafe downtown. Admission was the donation of female hygienic products to donate to The Haven of The Salvation Army. Thank you to all that attended and our sponsors; Rush Wines and The Cheese Cottage.

Hygienic products are not qualifying as "treatment or prevention of illness or disease in human beings." and therefore not iprovided by any governmental safety net programs. In fact, all but 6 states consider them "luxury items".

SOURCE: Menstral hygiene plight of homeless women, a public health disgrace



THANK YOU!

You have joined the fight through your generosity. We are grateful for your passion and the resources you provide the United Way. Together we can help the fight become a win - a win that is not just a short-term contribution, but a long-term solution that improves the lives in our community.

Thanks to you we raised \$4,026

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: JULY 10, 2019

**UNITED WE FIGHT.
UNITED WE WIN.**

**THANK YOU FOR
LIVING UNITED.**



**AL State Building & Construction
Trades Golf Tournament**



AFL-CIO Community Services and United Way Partnership



BEAT THE HEAT: Extreme Heat

Heat related deaths are preventable

WHAT:

Extreme heat or heat waves occur when the temperature reaches extremely high levels or when the combination of heat and humidity causes the air to become oppressive.

WHO:



WHERE:



HOW to AVOID:



On August 5, 1993, the Family and Medical Leave Act went into effect. This was an important, if not world-changing, piece of legislation that demonstrates the historical difficulties of groundbreaking expansions of the welfare state in the U.S.

COMMUNITY SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: GULF COAST EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES



Gulf Regional

Early Childhood Services

Programs provided: **Early Head Start** – Comprehensive services for infants and toddlers of families who live in poverty. **Early Childhood Education Professional Development**

Programs– Face-to-face workshops and training events; Online and distance learning courses for CEU credit; Quarterly newsletters; Reproducible resources for parents and Early Childhood Education professionals. **The Resource Place** – A lending library of developmentally appropriate materials, teacher workroom and reusable resource materials. **Alabama Pathways Professional Development Registry** – Supports services for state-wide Professional Development Registry for those programs eligible to participate in Alabama Quality. **Stars Caring for the Caregiver** – Programs to prevent the abuse and neglect of children. **Reading is Fundamental** – Early literacy initiative that provides books and resources to over 2,000 children annually. **Families in Transition** – Short-term child care scholarships for families in crisis. Find out more at www.grecs.org

MEET THE CANDIDATE: KARLOS FINLEY MOBILE COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE PLACE 6

Karlos Finley will speak at the August SWALC Meeting scheduled for Monday, August 20th at 6PM. Please make your best effort to attend.