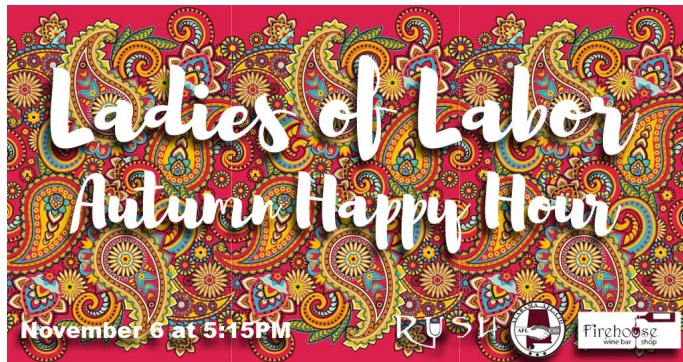


# SWALC Newsletter

AFL-CIO SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL



Did you know? For the vast majority of seniors living outside of nursing homes, Medicare does not pay for adult diapers nor do any of the other governmental assistance programs. For homeless the issue is even more complicated, especially for women. Adult diapers are usually not the first thing you think about when donating to the homeless.

However, conflicts around when and where “to go” are part of the homeless’s daily struggle. Adult diapers provide homeless women needed sanitation, safety, and dignity when they need it the most.

The Ladies of Labor will host the 3rd Annual Autumn Happy Hour on Wednesday, November 6th from 5:15 to 7:15PM at Firehouse Wine Bar & Shop. The LoL Autumn Happy Hour Admission is a donation of a women’s adult incontinent product (adult diapers) that will be given to the United Way of Southwest Alabama Women United Diaper Drive. All the donations collected from the drives will be equally divided between the partner agencies that have clients that need them.

We will as always celebrate women in the labor movement and the contributions that all women make to our community. SWALC will provide appetizers. Drinks will be Dutch treat but there will be a special on a wine or bubbles (TBD). If you plan to attend please RSVP to Leslie Schraeder at 251.0101 or [lschraeder@uwswa.org](mailto:lschraeder@uwswa.org) or Joyce Salter at 251.476.0625 or [joyce@UALocal119.org](mailto:joyce@UALocal119.org). We thank our faithful sponsors: AFL-CIO Southwest Alabama Labor Council, Firehouse Wine Bar & Shop, and Rush Wines. If you can’t attend but you would like to contribute, visit <https://swalc-lol-hh.eventbrite.com>.

## Veterans’ Day Parade

Once again we have entered the SWALC float in the Mobile Bay Area Veterans Day Commission Veteran’s Day Parade. The parade will start promptly at 9:45 AM on Monday morning, November 11th from the Mobile Civic Center parking lot. The parking lot will be open at 8:15 AM to line up. We must be in position ready to go by 9:00 AM. If you are interested in riding on the SWALC float this year, contact Leslie Schraeder at 251.0101 or [lschraeder@uwswa.org](mailto:lschraeder@uwswa.org) or Joyce Salter at 251.476.0625 or [joyce@UALocal119.org](mailto:joyce@UALocal119.org) to reserve your space by Friday, November 8th.

If there is bad weather like in 1995, 2002 2012, and in 2018 which caused a last-minute cancellation of the parade you may call the hotline number for update information on parade status. CITY OF MOBILE ACTION CENTER 251.208.7999.

**Next Meeting**  
SWALC Monthly E-Board &  
Delegates Meeting

Monday,  
October 21  
908 Butler Drive, 36693

### Upcoming Events

AL AFL-CIO 32nd  
Biennial Convention  
Montgomery, AL  
October 21-23

Veteran’s Day Parade  
November 11

Mobile BTC  
Christmas Party  
December 13

SWALC Christmas Party  
December 21

# United Way Program Spotlight: FamilyWize



UWSWA announced that 55,675 Southwest Alabama residents have saved \$5 million on their prescription medications, thanks to its partnership with FamilyWize, an organization focused on improving the health and well-being of individuals, families and communities.

Through this partnership, the United Way has helped promote the free, easy to use FamilyWize Prescription Discount Card, which has helped more than 15 million Americans save more than \$1.5 billion on their prescriptions.

“People should never have to choose between putting food on the table or taking their prescription medication,” Jill Chenoweth of the UWSWA “That’s why we formed a partnership with FamilyWize. Their free prescription discount card can reduce the costs of prescriptions for anyone who uses it. It’s an extremely valuable

resource that everyone, regardless of their financial situation, should use.”

The FamilyWize card immediately lowers the cost of prescription medications by an average of 45% percent for people with and without insurance. Just by presenting the FamilyWize card or mobile app at their local pharmacy, people can save on the cost of their medicine, with no strings attached.

“We’re excited to see the people of Southwest Alabama realize the benefits of our prescription discount card,” said Vickie Nisbet, Director of Community Relations at FamilyWize. “We hope that they continue to use the card and share it with others, as it can provide a significant savings.”

The Free FamilyWize Prescription Discount Card can be used by anyone: uninsured, insured, and even people with Medicaid or Medicare. The use of the card is unlimited, does not require any personal information from the user and has no eligibility criteria.

To take advantage of the savings that FamilyWize offers, consumers can print a card from FamilyWize.org, can call 1-866-810-3784 and request a card be mailed to them, or download the free FamilyWize app.

## About FamilyWize

Since 2005, by aggregating large groups of patients, FamilyWize advocates and negotiates for deep discounts on prescription medications which it then passes on in full to patients. FamilyWize partners with some of the most respected community groups and health care providers in the country, including United Way Worldwide, National Council for Behavioral Health, Mental Health America, and American Heart Association, among thousands of other community organizations. To use FamilyWize, download our card or mobile app at <https://familywize.org/free-prescription-discount-card>.

For more information, visit <https://uwswa.org/our-work/our-programs/familywize/>

## IBEW 505 Job Fair

The IBEW and its Electrical Contractors hosted a Job Fair on September 24th at their hall on Halls Mill Road. Their contractors were hiring Industrial and Commercial Electricians with at least 5 years experience for work primarily in Mobile and Baldwin counties.



## Building Trades Alliance

Sheet Metal Worker Local 441 Business Manager Robert Payne was featured in two Building Trades Alliance videos in a series featuring the importance of



the skilled crafts, their apprenticeship programs, and their benefits. To see all the videos, visit <https://www.facebook.com/southernunions/videos/>

## Holiday Projects

The holidays begin in a few short weeks Let’s start planning now. We know how generous all of our affiliate members are especially during the holidays. If anyone interested in doing a special project (toy drive, food drive, volunteer day, adopt a family, etc.) for a local non-for-profit organization please contact Leslie Schraeder at 251.431.0101 or [lschraeder@uwsa.org](mailto:lschraeder@uwsa.org). She will assist you to plan your project and coordinate it with the agency of your choice.

Last year SWALC provided “More Art for Mobile Arc” through an art supply drive. The Pipefitters Local 119 hosted a book drive for Child Dare Care Association and a new year meal for the families at Ronald McDonald House. Each beneficiary are United Way partner agency.

## Save The Date SWALC Christmas Party

The SWALC Christmas Party this year is on December 21st from 6PM to 11PM at the Grand Hall (3556 Halls Mill Road, 36693).