

SWALC Newsletter

AFL-CIO SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL



**FEBRUARY
E-BOARD & DELEGATES
MEETING
CANCELLED**

Next Meeting
SWALC Monthly E-Board &
Delegates Meeting

March 16, 2020
908 Butler Drive, 36693

Upcoming Events

United Way 211 Day
February 11

Mardi Gras Day
February 25

Women in Construction Week
March 1 - 7

Transit Driver Appreciation Day
March 18

National Work Zone Awareness Week
April 13 - 17

Ladies of Labor Champagne Brunch
May 2

Santa Swag for SAIL Seniors

This year SWALC collected Bingo Prizes for the Dumas Wesley Community Center's Senior Activities for Independent Living (SAIL) program. On January 14th, all the supplies from the SAIL wish list we collected and purchased were delivered. Dumas Executive Director Kate Carver and one of the SAIL seniors accepted our donation with appreciation and surprise at all the goodies we were able to give. Thank you to everyone that participated this year, especially the members of Teamster Local 991 and the members Pipefitters Local 119.

The SAIL Program provides daily activities for seniors 60 and older. The program serves an average of 63 seniors daily. A hot, nutritious meal is served to 25 seniors at the center and meals are transported to an additional 38 homebound seniors in the Crichton and Toulminville area. Participants may join in a variety of activities including games, nutrition education, guest speakers, health checks, exercise and computer classes. Some participants in Crichton and Toulminville are also provided transportation to and from the Center.



United Way Program Spotlight: Voluntary Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

In 2019, the South Alabama Free E-file (SAFE) Coalition led by the United Way of Southwest Alabama prepared 2,950 returns which provided \$3,535,382 in local returns.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$56,000 or less, persons with disabilities and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

In addition to VITA, the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) program offers free tax help for all taxpayers, particularly those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors. The IRS-certified volunteers who provide tax counseling are often retired individuals associated with non-profit organizations that receive grants from the IRS.

At select tax sites, taxpayers also have an option to prepare their own basic federal and state tax return for free using Web-based tax preparation software with an IRS-certified volunteer to help guide you through the process. This option is only available at locations that list "Self-Prep" in the site listing.

To find a local tax site call 2-1-1 or 251.431.5111. You can also visit <https://irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep/>



The 4th Annual Ladies of Labor Champagne Brunch celebrates women for all their hard work and their continuous support of organized labor in our community. Any and all of our female union members, spouses/significant others of union members, or women celebrating women are welcome to attend. All proceeds will go to benefit the United Way of Southwest Alabama and the SWALC Community Services Fund. Space is limited so get your tickets early.

WHAT: Ladies of Labor Champagne Brunch.

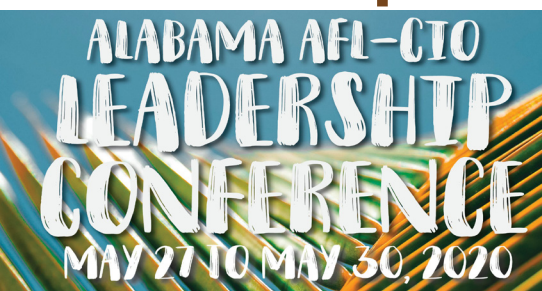
WHEN: Saturday, May 2nd, 2020 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

WHERE: Ruth's Chris Steak House - 2085 Airport Blvd., Mobile, AL 36606

TICKETS: Tickets are \$40 per person. Tickets at <https://swalc-ladiesoflabor.eventbrite.com>. Attendees must be 21 or older. To guarantee your spot, tickets must be paid for before the event. Ticket sales end on April 26th. Contact Leslie Schraeder at lschraeder@uwsa.org or 251.431.0101 for more information or for sponsorship opportunities.



Alabama AFL-CIO 36th Annual Leadership Conference



The 2020 Alabama AFL-CIO Leadership Conference will be held May 27 - May 30, 2020 at the Hampton Inn & Suites Orange Beach.

We will have sessions regarding Community Service, Organizing, the Labor Movement in Alabama, as well as other timely topic presentations will be made throughout the conference. We sincerely hope your organization will be able to participate. *Local unions may send as many delegate as they choose.* Registration is now open. Credit Cards and checks are accepted. Visit <https://aflcioleadership20.eventbrite.com> or contact Leslie Schraeder at lschraeder@uwsa.org / 251.431.0101 for registration forms.

Pre-registration check in will be in the hotel lobby on Wednesday, May 27th from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. On Thursday, May 28th registration will begin at 9:00 AM and the first session will begin at 10:00 AM. The conference will conclude at noon on Saturday, May 30th.

Hotel Reservations can be made by calling 1(800)HAMPTON or visit https://hamptoninn.hilton.com/en/hp/groups/personalized/M/MOBOBH-X-AFL-20200527/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

Hotel reservations must be made by May 7, 2020 to be eligible for the special conference rates. The Group Code is AFL. Hampton Inn Room rates: May 27 & 28, 2020 - Island View - \$235 / Side View - \$249 / Beachfront - \$289 / Studio - \$299. For May 29 & May 30, 2020 - Island View - \$319 / Side View - \$344 / Beachfront - \$369 / Studio - \$389.

NEW - We will hold a 50/50 raffle throughout the week to benefit United Way of Central Alabama and United Way of Southwest Alabama. Tickets are one for \$5 and five for \$20. The drawing will be held before the first session on Saturday.

50 / 50 RAFFLE

NEW IN 2020

TICKETS: ONE FOR \$5 & 5 FOR \$20

Proceeds will benefit
United Way of Southwest Alabama
& United Way of Central Alabama

AL State Building & Construction Trades 6th Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, July 22 at Craft Farms Golf Club in Gulf Shores. Registration will open this month. We will send more details as they are confirmed.

