

SWALC Newsletter

AFL-CIO SOUTHWEST ALABAMA LABOR COUNCIL



Next Meeting

SWALC Monthly
E-Board & Delegates Meeting
Monday, February 15 at 5:30PM

In-person Meeting
908 Butler Drive, 36693

Zoom Meeting
<https://aflcio.zoom.us/j/93014525006?pwd=UG1weGtX-Q281eklkSzFKV1VSMEtvZz09>
Password: 193670 or call
888.844.9904 (US Toll Free)
Conference code: 543216

UPCOMING EVENTS

Groundhog Day
February 2

Mardi Gras Day
February 16

Find the Fairway Golf Tournament
April 12

Ladies of Labor Champagne Brunch
June 5

February is Black History Month

For Black History Month, the AFL-CIO is spotlighting various African American leaders and activists who have worked at the intersection of civil and labor rights. To read the spotlights and see the who they add to this prestigious list, visit <https://aflcio.org/2019/2/6/afl-cio-profiling-labor-leaders-and-activists-black-history-month>.

New 2021 profiles include:

- Arlene Holt Baker
- William Burrus
- Isaac Myers
- Kenneth Rigmaiden
- Diann Woodard

AFL-CIO past profiles:

- Muhammad Ali
- Ella Josephine Baker
- Rachel Bryan
- Hattie Canty
- Charlene Carruthers
- Septima Poinsette Clark
- Echol Cole
- Fannie Lou Hamer
- Fred Hampton

- Elle Hearn
- Charles Horhn
- Velma Hopkins
- Marsha P. Johnson
- William Lucy
- Doug Moore
- Bree Newsome
- OUR Walmart workers
- Lucy Gonzales Parsons
- A. Philip Randolph
- Fred Redmond
- Keith Richardson
- Bayard Rustin
- Umi Selah
- Augusta Thomas
- Rosina Tucker
- Robert Walker
- Sue Cowan Williams

Find the Fairway Golf Tournament

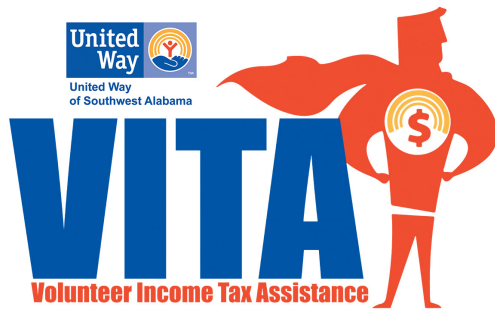
The *Inaugural Find The Fairway Golf Tournament* is Monday, April 12, 2021. Tee time is at 8:00AM. Registration and breakfast begins at 7AM. The tournament is at Lake Forest Yacht & Country Club. Proceeds will go to United Way of Southwest Alabama and the SWALC Community Service Fund. For more information or to register, visit <https://swalc-findthefairway.eventbrite.com>.

Thank you to our wonderful sponsors:
(Breakfast) Alabama AFL-CIO, (Beverage) AFLAC - Alison Washington and Mobile Building & Construction Trades Council, and (Hole)Teamsters Local 991 (2). There are plenty more sponsorship opportunities available. Contact Leslie Schraeder at swalc-schraeder@hotmail.com / 251.431.0101 or Rick Lambert at 251.404.0133.



Proceeds to benefit the United Way of Southwest Alabama and the Southwest Alabama Labor Council Community Service Fund.

Free Tax Preparation Available



The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. The VITA program has operated for over 50 years, offering free tax help to: people who generally make \$57,000 or less; persons with disabilities; and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns.

In addition to VITA, the TCE program offers free tax help, particularly for those who are 60 years of age and older, specializing in questions about pensions and retirement-related issues unique to seniors.

VITA/TCE services are not only free, they are also a reliable and trusted source for preparing tax returns. All VITA/TCE volunteers who prepare returns must take and pass tax law training that meets or exceeds IRS standards. This training includes maintaining the privacy and confidentiality of all taxpayer information. In addition to requiring volunteers to certify their knowledge of the tax laws, the IRS requires a quality review check for every return prepared at a VITA/TCE site prior to filing. Each filing season, tens of thousands of dedicated VITA/TCE volunteers prepare millions of federal and state returns. They also assist taxpayers with the preparation of thousands of Facilitated Self-Assistance returns.

UWSWA is now taking VITA appointments for the four available United Way of Southwest Alabama (UWSWA) sites in Mobile County. To make an appointment, call 251.219.0606 or visit <https://taxes.uwswa.org>. If you would prefer to do a facilitate self-assistance return, call 251.431.0110 to find out how.

Day of Caring
REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW
VOLUNTEER & LEAVE A MARK
ON SOMEONE'S HEART

Deadline to apply is March 15
Virtual & in-person
projects are available

For more information, contact Katherine Pitman
at kpitman@uwswa.org or 251.431.0115
REGISTER HERE - https://supersaas.com/.../UWSWAPRO.../DOC_PARTICIPATION_2021

EVEN WITHOUT PARADES
IT'S MARDI GRAS!
LET'S ALL EAT, DRINK
AND BE MERRY!

**WORKERS FIRST
AGENDA**

- WORKER EMPOWERMENT
- WORKER SAFETY AND THE PANDEMIC
- GOOD JOBS AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT
- RACIAL JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY
- ECONOMIC SECURITY

SAVE-THE-DATE
Ladies of Labor Champagne Brunch
Saturday, June 5, 2021
Ruth Chris SteakHouse

SWALC Monthly Delegates Meeting

The next meeting is on Monday, February 15 at 5:30PM. SWALC delegates may attend in the manner in which they are most comfortable. They can attend the meeting in-person, via zoom, or by telephone.

- IN-PERSON: 908 Bulter Drive, 36693
- VIA ZOOM: <https://afclio.zoom.us/j/93014525006?pwd=UG1weGtXQz81eklkSzFKV1VSMEt-vZz09> - Password: 193670
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