



Painters get bonus checks for safety, skills training

Cash, jackets, gift certificates and trips totaling \$67,450 were given away April 23 to members of Painters and Drywall Finishers Locals 10 (Portland), 724 (Salem) and 1277 (Eugene), as part of a labor-management safety incentive program conducted by Painters and Allied Trades District Council 5 and the Signatory Painting Contractors Organization. "This was the largest group (93 members) we've had since the inception," said Painters Apprenticeship Coordinator Bill Regan. A provision in the union contract gives journey-level painters the ability to qualify for cash bonuses if they complete six classes and/or certifications, plus an additional 24 hours of skill advancement training over a one-year period. The program is funded by employer contributions into a special fund. Classes — held in the evenings and on weekends at the Painters Training Center in Northeast Portland — include first aid, CPR, fall protection, OSHA 10 and others. This year, 93 members received \$500, a Carhartt jacket, a \$50 gift certificate, dinner, and a chance to win a vacation package worth \$1,000. Winners of the vacation packages were Marshall Simpson, Patrick Mitchell, Randall Howell, Matt Svetich, Jeff Sheets, Daniel Norman, and Pete Gonzales.

...Dembrow runs in House District 45

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are key to winning state house races. Dembrow has been a union foot soldier in many elections, going door-to-door to elect Larry Galizio or Ted Kulongoski, or work with other union activists to help pass or oppose a ballot measure. Now he's talking to neighbors about his own campaign.

Since December, he's knocked on 5,000 doors, and has just one minor hand wound to show for it — a dog bite he downplays as just a bark with

teeth. Dembrow's campaign sends out cards ahead of time telling neighbors he'll be coming by in the next few days, and if they're not there when he knocks, he leaves a handwritten note along with his campaign brochure.

His agenda: Reduce class sizes and make college more affordable, provide health care to all Oregonians without burdening working people; fund full-day kindergarten and Head Start; institute paid family leave; unite labor and environmentalists behind a good-jobs,

clean environment agenda; make corporations pay a fair share of state taxes; and bring community colleges together with trade union apprenticeship programs so that they're not working at cross-purposes in training the next generation of workers.

At the door, he has a soft touch. He looks voters in the eye. He's friendly, open, a good listener. Dembrow's not a politician, and it's not a sales job. Dembrow believes in what he's doing.

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Mike Fahey

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Judy Shiprack

COMMISSIONER DIST. 4
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Craig Roberts

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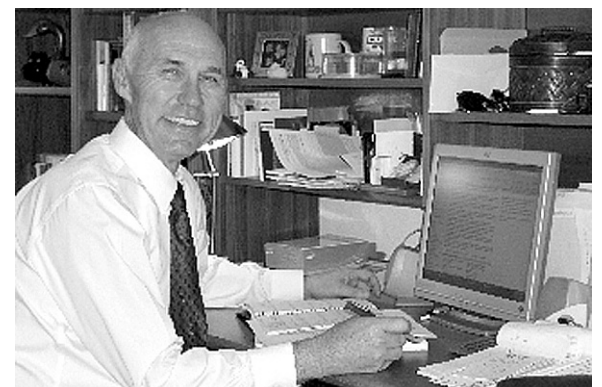
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