

Union members go bowling, raise over \$12,000 for MDA

Union members raised \$12,287.75 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) April 27 at the Labor Bowl Challenge. Forty-two bowlers from a half-dozen locals participated in the 19th annual event. The money raised this year brings labor's total contribution over the years to \$288,328.75.

Portland Fire Fighters Local 43 topped all fundraisers with \$4,460. The National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 82 collected \$3,028 and had 26 bowlers participate.

Other contributors through bowling pledges or lane sponsorships were Plumbers and Fitters Local 290, Bakers Local 114, Bricklayers Local 1, Tualatin Valley Fire Fighters Local 1660, Machinists Lodge 63, Electrical Workers Local 48,

Elevator Constructors Local 23, Teamsters Local 162, the Northwest Oregon Labor Retirees Council and the NW Priority Credit Union.

As far as the bowling went, Pat Fuge of Fire Fighters Local 43 won a trophy for men's high game (231) and high series (604), and Evie Hill of American Postal Workers Union Local 128 captured women's high game (174) and high series (458).

Awards also were presented for low-game and low-series for both men and women, but we won't go there.

Money raised from the Labor Bowl Challenge helps provide wheelchairs and braces for youngsters, medical care, research and MDA summer camps.

How Presidential Labor Endorsements Stack Up

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...Union label candidates

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cal races.

In Portland, City Council Position 1 has two union members running: **Mike Fahey**, and **Amanda Fritz**. Fahey, a former state representative, is a retired member and leader of the Carpenters Union, and continues as a trustee of the union pension fund and director of a union food bank. Fritz, a registered nurse, is a member of the Oregon Nurses Association who was active in the 2001 nurses strike at Oregon Health & Science University. In City Council Position 4, incumbent **Randy Leonard**, former president of Portland Fire Fighters Local 43, is favored to win.

And running for Multnomah County Commissioner, District 3, Portland Habilitation Center public affairs director **Mike Delman** is a former part-time staffperson at the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

Besides union members, a number of office-seekers are members of the AFL-CIO's community affiliate, Working America. Among them are seven legislative candidates, including Oregon Bus Project founder Jefferson Smith, running a first-time campaign in House District 47, Portland; State Rep. Jackie Dingfelder, now running

for Senate District 23, Portland; and five incumbent state reps running for re-election: Peter Buckley, House District 5, Ashland; Brian Clem, House District 21, Salem; Dave Hunt, House District 40, Clackamas County; Tina Kotek, House District 44, Portland; and Ben Cannon, House District 46, Portland.

Three candidates in statewide races also belong to Working America: Lewis & Clark law professor John Kroger, running for attorney general; State Sen. Ben Westlund, running for state treasurer, and Oregon House Speaker Jeff Merkley, running for U.S. Senate. Merkley was the first state legislator in Oregon to join Working America.

Not every union member running for office has backing and endorsement from organized labor, but most do.

"There's nobody like union members to know how to do the hard work it takes to get people elected," Rosenbaum said.

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