

NW Oregon Labor Council recognizes its friends at annual dinner

Twenty-eight people received awards May 30 at the 12th annual Labor Appreciation and Recognition Night dinner sponsored by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council.

The event was a fundraiser for Labor's Community Service Agency. This year, \$2,039 was raised on raffle tickets for cash and Made in the U.S. prizes donated by local unions and area businesses.

Recognized at this year's dinner were: Joe Esmonde, IBEW Local 48; Becky Steward and Michael Hanna, Multnomah County Employees AFSCME Local 88; Cameron Taylor and Victor Weekes, Bakers Local 364; Jodi Parker and David Tischer, Laborers Local 320; City Commissioner Nick Fish; Val Jack of the Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans; Linda Rasmussen, Communications Workers of America;

Harold King, NOLC Retirees Council; Joe LeBarron, retired member of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757; Barbara Mathey, CEO of IBEW & United Workers Federal Credit Union; Darel Aker, retired from Joint Council of Teamsters No. 37; Randy Fish and Terry Lansing, Bakers Local 114; Jesse Sackett, Insulators Local 36; Shelby Palmer and Evertt Roberts, International Longshore and Warehouse Union Local 8 and Local 40; Tyler Gorton, ILWU; John Mohlis, executive secretary of the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council; Lynn Lehrbach, Joint Council of Teamsters No. 37; Jack Roy and Gary Moore, Laborers Local 296; Terry Allen Moe, pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church and leader of Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good; Michael Arken, Oregon AFSCME Retirees; Aida Arada,



Pictured are Labor Appreciation and Recognition Night recipients from left to right: Val Jack, Barbara Mathey, Victor Weekes, Terry Lansing, Randy Fish, and Jodi Parker.

Oregon & Southern Idaho District Council of Laborers-Employers Training Center; and the late Earl Kirkland, retired executive secretary of the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council.

Mayor reappoints Building Trades' Mohlis to PDC

John Mohlis, executive secretary of the Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trades Council, has been appointed to a second term on the Portland Development Commission.

The action came as a consent agenda item at the May 20 Portland City Council meeting. Also reappointed at that time was PDC chair Charles Wilhoite.

Appointments to the PDC, the quasi-independent development arm of the city of Portland, are made by the mayor and confirmed by City Council.

Mohlis was first appointed to the commission in 2007 by then Mayor Tom Potter.

His and Wilhoite's new terms expire June 30, 2012.

Vancouver city employees forego cost-of-living raises for two years

VANCOUVER — Members of four unions representing workers at the City of Vancouver have agreed to give up cost-of-living raises for the next two years.

Office and Professional Employees International Local 11, which represents 172 city employees, approved the deal, along with the Joint Labor Coalition, which is comprised of the Machinists Union, Plumbers and Fitters Local 290, and Teamsters Local 58. The coalition represents 67 employees.

The contract does not impact step increases of 3.5 percent for roughly 100 employees.

The agreement will save the city approximately \$495,000 in 2009.

Earlier this year, Fire Fighters Local 452 agreed to waive a previously negotiated cost-of-living increase for 2009, which resulted in a savings of more than \$700,000. Local 452 and sister Local 4378, as well as the Fire Marshal's Unit and Fire Command, also waived their wage increases for 2009 and 2010.

Two other unions, the American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees and the Police Command Unit, also represented by Local 11, are working under terms of expired contracts.

Additionally, all city managers and nonunion employees received no cost-of-living increases for 2009.

"We are well aware of the city's budget situation and knew we would be asked to forego pay increases for the biennium," said Rick Wilson, a business representative of OPEIU Local 11. "I am pleased to say that our members overwhelmingly pledged their support for this agreement to help the city meet their financial challenges."

The Vancouver City Council approved the two-year contract at its meeting June 1.

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