

## Dorothy Lyman clocks out after 31 years at Iron Workers Local 516

Dorothy Lyman, a 31-year member of Office and Professional Employees Local 11, retired as office manager of Portland-based Iron Workers Shopmen's Local 516 after ... 31 years at the union.

"I trained quite a few new business managers," Lyman quipped a day after she received a plaque from Local 11 for her years of membership.

Lyman worked for five business managers, starting with the late Tony Mongelli, who hired her in September 1978.

She had heard about an opening for a secretary at Local 516 after answering a newspaper ad placed by Local 11. Having worked at a bank and for an appliance distributor, Lyman was experienced, but none of those jobs paid very well.

"I needed a union job," she said.

Lyman said she hounded Mongelli for several weeks

after submitting her application. "Finally, I called him before the start of Labor Day weekend and said, 'Do you want me to start on Tuesday or not?'" she said.

Fortunately for her, Mongelli said yes.

Three hundred seventy-two months, and five business managers later (including Tony Butkovich, Richard Gardner, Bruce Bunnell, and current business manager Mike Lappier) Lyman, 65, filed the paperwork necessary to retire. Her last day was Sept. 18.

Lyman attended union meetings and served for several years as a Local 11 trustee. She also was a union representative on the Western States 401(k) pension fund for the past seven years.

Lyman enjoys quilting and gardening and, as a retiree, plans to do some volunteer work.

Her successor at Local 516 is Kim Andrew.



Dorothy Lyman receives a plaque from Local 11 Financial Secretary Mike Richards recognizing her 31 years of membership in Office and Professional Employees International Union. Lyman retired Sept. 18.

## History committee puts out call for WTO photos

The Northwest Oregon Labor Council's Labor History Committee is in need of photographs, testimonials, and other paraphernalia related to the 1999 World Trade Organization (WTO) march in Seattle to use in its Labor His-

### NOLC to sponsor forum for veterans in Portland Nov. 11

As part of Labor History Month in Oregon, the Northwest Oregon Labor Council will sponsor a Veteran's Day forum to honor those who served in the military.

"Veteran Workers Tell Their Story: Our Living History," will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Multnomah County Central Library, 801 SW 10th Avenue, Portland.

The event is free and open to the public. Space is limited and seating is available on a first-come, first serve basis. In addition to scheduled speakers, the program will include readings from the recently published, "Voices of Vets: A Bridge Back to the World."

Labor History Month was enacted in 1991 by the Oregon Legislature.

"This is an opportunity to recognize and honor Oregon's veterans by listening to their experiences in the service and back home on the job. We will hear about current experiences returning to the workforce. We encourage family members attending to share stories and memories," said NOLC History Committee Chair Jim Cook.

For more information or to schedule an opportunity to speak, call Cook at 503 703-1693 or the NOLC office at 503 235-9444.

tory Month presentation at the NOLC delegates meeting on Monday, Nov. 23.

November is Labor History Month in Oregon, and every year the council's Labor History Committee presents a program looking back at a major labor event.

Labor History Chairman Jim Cook and Jerry Fitzsimmons of the National Association of Letter Carriers are developing a PowerPoint presentation showing the WTO protest. Photographs from that event are needed for scanning

to include in the presentation.

The program also will include reflections of the WTO protests by Arthur Stamoulis of the Oregon Fair Trade Campaign, and Don McIntosh, associate editor of the Northwest Labor Press, who spent five days in Seattle reporting on the event.

WTO photos and items of interest should be sent to NOLC via e-mail at [nolc@qwestoffice.net](mailto:nolc@qwestoffice.net) or to their office at 1125 SE Madison St., Suite 100-D, Portland, OR 97214.

## Union volunteers help in campaign to quash Washington tax initiative

Union members in Southwest Washington are fully engaged in the "No on I-1033" campaign. The statewide initiative is on the November General Election ballot.

I-1033 is the work of initiative profiteer Tim Eyman, and would limit increases in state and local government revenues to a formula based on inflation and population growth. Eyman is trying to cast the measure as a necessary restraint on state government spending, but the initiative's result would be a crippling blow to counties and cities as well.

The nonpartisan Washington State Office of Financial Management estimates the state would lose \$5.9 billion over the next five years. Cities are expected to lose \$2.1 billion and counties another \$694 million.

Union officials say I-1033 would permanently lock in billions of dollars in recessionary cuts to education and social services, fire and police, parks, roads, and other infrastructure.

"It would kill job growth and cut public services," said Shannon Walker, president of the Clark, Skamania, West Klickitat Central Labor Council. "Our economy is already unstable. It's starting to get better, but this initiative could make it worse."

I-1033 is similar to the misnamed "taxpayer bill of rights" (TABOR) passed in Colorado several years ago that ultimately forced drastic cuts in public services in that state.

That is why organized labor has joined a wide range of business and religious leaders, educators, advocates for the mentally impaired, environmental, civic and other groups in denouncing I-1033.

A Washington State Labor Council fact sheet says that by imposing the cap when revenue is down due to the recession, the initiative "would lock in thousands of layoffs among teachers, nurses, firefighters, police, road maintenance and other public service workers," and also lead to a ripple effect of private sector job losses. Those who kept their jobs would be stuck with unpaid leave, furloughs and pay cuts.

Walker is asking union members in Clark County to volunteer for phone banking Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the International Air & Hospitality Academy, 2901 E Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver.

For more information, contact Heather Melton-Stuart at 360 521-6255 or e-mail her at [Heather@no1033.com](mailto:Heather@no1033.com).

Walker can be reached at 360 606-7317.

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My name is Nita. I worked for Fred Meyer for over 19 years. I am 70 years old. On June 29, 2009 I was called into my store director's office and told that I had handed a customer back their check in the amount of \$12.30 and was being terminated for this. I told my store director "You know I'm raising my granddaughter." He told me it was out of his hands, it's a corporate policy. I asked him about my medical coverage and he responded that I only had medical coverage for 2 more days.

During my 19 years with Fred Meyer I was a very dependable employee, received great reviews and had no other disciplinary issues. I had built relationships with customers and coworkers and considered Fred Meyer my family. I worked hard for my job and loved it. Fred Meyer never gave me a penny. I worked hard for every penny I earned. How am I going to find another job with these wages and benefits?

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