

Salem Roofers local merges with Local 49 of Portland

The United Union of Roofers, Waterproofer, and Allied Workers on May 1 merged Springfield, Oregon-based Local 156 into Portland-based Roofers Local 49.

Local 156 represented 66 workers at two shops in Salem and Eugene, said Mike Thompson, business manager of Local 49. The shops are McGilchrist & Sons Roofing & Sheet Metal and Umpqua Roof Company, Inc.

The merger brings Local 49's members to nearly 600 statewide. The union

has contracts at 16 shops in Oregon, including a new contractor in Banks — Diversified Roofing and Construction.

"We signed them just last week," Thompson said, noting that he and Local 49 president/business rep Darrell Hopkins will, for now, service the entire state.

Thompson said the defunct local's Executive Board will remain intact in Lane County, sans the former business manager, Rick Shaw, who plans to leave the trade.

Washington CLUB golf charity June 17-18

Spots are still open for the Washington CLUB Charity Golf Classic June 17-18 at Gold Mountain Golf Complex in Bremerton, Washington.

CLUB stands for Contractors, Legislators, Unions and Business.

The organization is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. In nine years, the non-profit group has raised over \$675,000 for its three benefiting charities — Holly Ridge Center, The Children's Hospital-Seattle, and the Diabetes Research Institute.

Last year the tournament raised close to \$100,000.



There are various levels of participation, with all proceeds raised going directly to the charities. For more information about the tournament, contact Brian Remington at 206-432-9014 or e-mail him at: brian@golfcorp-solutions.com.

Helping Hands under reconstruction

Labor's Community Service Agency announced that its Helping Hands program will be down May 17 through May 31 in order to implement new procedures that will streamline the referral process.

"There will be absolutely no change to the services Helping Hands provides when the program resumes on June 1," said Interim Director Vickie Burns. "Our goal over the next two weeks is to increase the ease of access to Helping Hands by creating a dedicated phone

line for referrals, simplifying the process for making a referral, and standardizing overall procedures. These are changes that will make a great program even stronger and better in the long run."

During the suspension of the Helping Hands program, Burns suggests unions refer members with an immediate need to 2-1-1 Info, the statewide clearinghouse of information for all local social and family services. Dial 2-1-1 to connect to the service by phone or online through www.211info.org.

Transit Union's Susan Stoner wins international book award

Susan Stoner, in-house attorney for Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757 and author of "Timber Beasts: A Sage Adair Historical Mystery," won the Independent Book Publishing Professionals Group's 2010 Indie Book Award for Mystery Fiction.

The contest had entrants from around the world. The Indie Book Awards were established to recognize the most exceptional independently published books and are presented in cooperation with Marilyn Allen of the Allen O'Shea Literary Agency in New York.

Timber Beasts is a western mystery set in 1902. The action takes place in

the cities, towns, farms and logging camps of the Pacific Northwest. Relying on extensive historical research, it weaves an historic timber industry scandal into the fictional adventures of Sage Adair, a man seeking economic justice in a country controlled by America's 20th Century robber barons.

Last Fall, Timber Beasts was honored by the Oregon Historical Society.

"Regionally, the book has been growing in popularity, receiving praise from both reviewers and readers," Stoner said. "The idea, however, that a regional book has won international praise is thrilling and amazing."

Still time to buy tickets to win motorcycle

Time is running out to buy a ticket to win a new Harley-Davidson motorcycle and to donate to the Motorcycle Poker Run and Chili Cook-off Fundraiser for Dornbecher Children's Hospital.

The event will be held Saturday, June 12, starting and finishing at the IBEW Local 48 hall in Northeast Portland.

Unions for Kids is a non-profit all-volunteer organization that hosts the poker run.

Harley tickets are \$10 each, and only 4,000 will be sold. Registration to enter the poker run is \$10.

This year, Unions for Kids is asking union members to donate an hour of their net take-home pay to the cause. Corporate and union donations of cash and prizes for a silent auction also are welcome.

To be a sponsor, to donate an hour's pay, or to buy a raffle ticket for the motorcycle (a 2010 Heritage Softail Classic in red-hot sunglo; retail value \$18,804), go online to www.unionsforkids.org or call Lee Duncan at 503-260-5905.

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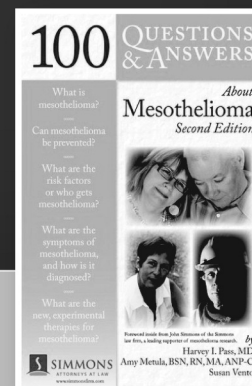


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