

Open Forum

How many have read new Arizona immigration law?

To The Editor:

This is in response to your article in the June 4 Labor Press, "Opposition to Arizona's immigrant law continues to grow."

It seems to me that it wasn't that long ago that some union leaders were complaining about immigrant workers coming to the United States and taking jobs away from workers here.

I would like to know how many union officials have read the new law, or was it like some in the Obama Administration who didn't like the new law, but hadn't read it?

Also, you never mentioned the federal law concerning the border, which is more stringent than the one that Arizona passed.

As far as I've heard from the polls, more people are for it than against it. I am one of those for it.

John Schell
Bricklayers Local 1
Portland

Labor agency appreciates labor appreciation event

To The Editor:

Wow, what an event!

The halls of the Milwaukie Elks Lodge were decked to the hilt, the spaghetti sauce was superb, and the atmosphere was downright electric!

I don't quite know where to begin to thank the Northwest Oregon Labor Council, its affiliates and guests for such a wonderful evening. The number of people in attendance was inspiring, as were the special guest speakers who added to the camaraderie. The visual overhead presentation, the raffle prize contributions, the food and beverages — all outstanding.

The element of surprise for labor's award recipients was a joy to share with the labor community and our partners from United Way of the Columbia-Willamette.

Over at the Labor's Community Service Agency table, a steady stream of well-wishers offered heartfelt tributes to Glenn Shuck on the occasion of his retirement. What a memory you all helped make for Glenn, from personal words of congratulations by Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, to the sparkling, beautiful awards that the Shuck family can ad-

mire for years to come. A warm and fitting tribute to a long and successful career.

All of this, and one fundraising goal in mind: to benefit the Helping Hands program of Labor's Community Service Agency. To help pay the rent, keep the lights on, and provide a measure of hope to our brothers and sisters struggling to see themselves and their families through a temporary hardship. And in a legacy to Glenn Shuck's years of service and achievement, the raffle raised \$2,177 for those in need.

Thank you is such a small phrase, but in this instance it carries great meaning. On behalf of all those we serve here at LCSA, my thanks is from the heart. Thank you so much, for everything.

Vickie Burns
Interim Director
LCSA
Portland

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Longtime reader values Labor Press

To The Editor:

Please keep up the good work on reporting. The Labor Press is one of the few newspapers you can believe.

I've been an ironworker for 41 years and have read your paper for over 50 years. My father has been in the trade over 65 years and he told me a long time ago to always read the Labor Press.

I read the Labor Press and give it to

my neighbors. They read it and think it is lies. All they believe is Fox News. They still like George Bush, too. But I keep on being honest, listen to public radio, and smile at them as they shake their heads at me.

Such is life in a Republican small city.

Troy Garrett
Iron Workers Local 29
Arlington, OR

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