

# Unions for Kids poker run asks for one hour of pay

**To The Editor:**

If there is one thing that I have learned in the last 14 years working with union people, it is that they care about their community. For the past eight years union members have stepped up to support Doernbecher Children's Hospital by participating in the Unions for Kids Motorcycle Poker Run. While we understand that these are challenging times, the Unions for

Kids volunteer committee knows that we can count on our union members to come through once again.

This year we are asking every union brother and sister to contribute just "one hour of pay" to this most deserving of causes. The union organizations continue to be most generous, so with additional help from individual members we can really make a difference.

Your tax deductible donation can be

easily made online at [www.unionsforkids.org](http://www.unionsforkids.org), or by mailing it to: Unions for Kids, Attention: Lee Duncan, 17101 SE Royer Rd., Damascus, OR, 97089.

Remember that 100 percent of the proceeds go to Doernbecher. Can you imagine how many kids will be helped? Please sign on and donate now, as time is running out.

The 9th Annual Poker Run and

Chili Cook-Off will be held on Saturday, June 11, at IBEW Local 48's union hall, 15937 NE Airport Way, Portland. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

For more information on activities and opportunities to donate, visit the website at [www.unionsforkids.org](http://www.unionsforkids.org).

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## OPEN FORUM

### Consumers, voters can affect change

**To The Editor:**

As described in the May 6, 2011, issue of the Northwest Labor Press, capricious, destructive forces are hard at work to eliminate or circumvent our basic rights as citizens, much less workers, both locally and nationally.

Bob Tiernan and his ilk make it clear that dignity and integrity have no place in management's approach to labor relations. And Congressman Kurt Schrader appears driven by the idea that a *bad* trade deal is better than *no* trade deal.

As consumers and voters, we really do have the power to make necessary changes. If a locally-owned company doesn't know better than to associate with the likes of Mr. Tiernan, then consumers can quickly and directly address that problem with their wallets.

If Congressman Schrader and others can't/won't distinguish between foreign governments asserting their sovereignty and foreign governments that have lower human and labor standards than ours, then voters should show him the door if he won't change his stance.

Make no mistake brothers and sisters, giving money and votes to businesses and politicians who don't stand with us takes us one more step toward the creation of a slave state, where votes don't matter and our rights as workers are commodified, then traded in back-room deals, without public knowledge or oversight, to a much greater degree than it's happening now.

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### State offers free training for unemployed members

SALEM — The Office of Administrative Hearings is offering union locals special training to assist jobless members on the ins and outs of unemployment insurance benefits hearings.

With unemployment in the state hovering at 10 percent, the Office of Administrative Hearings has seen a spike in the number of requests for hearings. "The consequences of these hearings can be very significant," said presiding administrative law judge David Gerstenfeld.

To help participants better understand the hearings process and be better able to present their case to an administrative law judge, the agency is offering special informational sessions.

If your local is interested, call Gerstenfeld at 503-612-4280.

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- ▶ Hamburger Helper Chili Cheese
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- ▶ Armour Vienna Sausages & Potted Meat
- ▶ SPAM Single Classics
- ▶ Chips Ahoy!
- ▶ Hidden Valley Harvest Dill
- ▶ Del Monte Sloppy Joes
- ▶ Del Monte Canned Organic Tomatoes
- ▶ Del Monte Spaghetti Sauce
- ▶ La Victoria Green Chilies & Enchilada Sauce
- ▶ Prego Fresh Mushroom Pasta Sauce & Meat Pasta Sauce
- ▶ Betty Crocker Pasta Alfredo
- ▶ Kraft Pasta Salad
- ▶ Betty Crocker Suddenly Salad
- ▶ Cracker Jack Original
- ▶ Fritos Chili Cheese
- ▶ Banquet Chicken Fingers Dinner, Nuggets Dinner & Chicken Pot Pie
- ▶ Banquet Meat Loaf Dinner
- ▶ Banquet Mexican Style Chicken Enchilada Dinner
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- ▶ Lays Limon Potato Chips
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- ▶ Dial Hand Soap
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- ▶ Scotch Tape
- ▶ 3M Sponges

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