

# Motorcycle Poker Run June 11

The Unions for Kids Motorcycle Poker Run and Chili Cook-off, a benefit for Doernbecher Children's Hospital, will be held Saturday, June 11, at the IBEW Local 48 Hall, 15937 NE Airport Way.

The poker run starts and finishes at the hall. Registration is from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and costs \$10. The poker run itself is a scenic and challenging 90-mile round-trip ride with four checkpoints. Riders will receive a playing card at the IBEW hall and one at each checkpoint. An option of one extra (draw) card before the first card and one extra (draw) card after the last card will be available for \$5 each. Visa gift cards will be awarded to the high and low hand.

The chili cook-off pits chefs from the various trades. Chili will be sold and customers will vote on their favorite. Hot dogs, hamburgers and soda also will be available.

A drawing for a 2011 Harley-Davidson Softail Classic motorcycle will take place at 4 p.m. Drawings for other raffle prizes begins at 3 p.m. Tickets are still available to win the Harley. They are \$10 each, with only 4,000 tickets sold.

Money is also raised through a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. On this year's list of auction items is a Hamer "Slammer" stratocaster guitar autographed by John Kay and Steppenwolf. The instrument was donated by MIR Music in Hillsboro.

All money raised is donated to Doernbecher Children's Hospital. Since its inception in 2003, the Poker Run has raised \$221,000.

For more information, go online to [www.unionsforkids.org](http://www.unionsforkids.org) or call Lee Duncan at 503-260-5905.

## Help Midwest tornado victims

Labor's Community Service Agency is advising union members who would like to help families in the Midwest that have been devastated by Category 5 tornadoes to donate money to the Heart of Missouri United Way.

LCSA Executive Director Vickie Burns said she has received some inquiries on where to send donations. Burns said union members can feel confident that their donations to United Way will be used to help families.

"United Way chapters are working with private, public, faith-based and community partners to assess the long-term recovery needs of the community," Burns said in an e-mail. "Additionally, United Ways are assisting response agencies in the provision of food, shelter, emergency health and transportation for those affected by the tornado."

For more information, go online to [www.uwheartmo.org](http://www.uwheartmo.org). You can also text JOPLIN to 864833 to give a gift of \$10 to the disaster relief effort.



## 'STAR' painters are union

One hundred and seventeen union Painters (photo above) received \$500 bonus checks May 20 at a Safety Training Awards Recognition (STAR) banquet hosted by Painters and Allied Trades District Council 5 and the Signatory Painting Contractors Organization. The STAR program was initiated by the Painters Union Management Partnership (PUMP) seven years ago in a commitment to field the best-trained, highest educated workforce in the industry. To receive the cash bonus, painters must complete six classes and 24 hours of skill advancement training over a one-year period. Classes are held in the evenings and on weekends at the Painters Training Center in Northeast Portland. As an added incentive this year, the 117 union members were eligible for a drawing to win \$5,000. Angel Cuellar (photo right) was one of six winners. He selects the next winner as Apprenticeship Coordinator Bill Regan (left) and District Council 5 Assistant Business Manager Bud Bartunek look on. The other winners were Jim Taylor, Norman Owens, Jonathan Jaimes, Hernando Magallanes, and Rick Bracamontes. All are members of Painters and Drywall Finishers Local 10. Additionally, Benchmark Coatings, Inc. received the Contractor Safety Award. It is the second year the committee has recognized a contractor for its commitment to providing and maintaining a safe workplace.



## NW Oregon Labor Council recognition dinner is June 4

The annual Labor Appreciation and Recognition Night dinner is Saturday June 4, at Milwaukie Elks Lodge, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd. A no-host bar opens at 5 p.m. with dinner served at 6 p.m.

Dinner tickets are \$15 per person. This year's fare is a Mexican buffet, featuring steak, chicken and vegetable fajitas, rice, beans, salad and dessert.

Raffle tickets also will be sold for \$1 each or seven for \$5. Prizes are all Made in America.

The 14th annual event is sponsored by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council and serves as a fundraiser for Labor's Community Service Agency (LCSA). It also provides a forum for labor to recognize outstanding union members, employers, and community leaders.

Additionally, one person will receive the Del Ricks Community Service Award, recognizing them for their service to labor and the community at large. Ricks served as LCSA's executive director for 17 years before suffering a heart attack in 1992 that ended his career.

For more information, call the labor council at 503-235-9444.

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