

# Labor Day PICNICS

**Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 5**

Every year, labor unions throughout Oregon hold Labor Day picnics. Here is a list of picnics taking place:

**BEND** — Solidarity Day Picnic, \**Sunday, Sept. 4*, at Pioneer Park in Bend. 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Central Oregon Central Labor Council. Contact Linda Bradetich at 541-350-0965 or Steve Williamsen at 541-678-0235 for more information. \**Note the date is not Labor Day.*

**EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD** — John Lively Picnic Shelters, behind SPLASH at 6100 Thurston Road in Springfield. Noon – 4 p.m. Please bring a side dish. SPLASH will offer a swim rate for picnic participants that wish to use the wave pool. Sponsored by the Lane County Central Labor Council. Contact Cj Mann at 541-913-0056 for more information.

**MEDFORD** — TouVelle State Park, 8425 Table Rock Road, Central Point. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donations accepted and there is a \$5 charge for parking. Sponsored by the Southern Oregon Central Labor Council. Call Kathy McUne at 541-664-0804 for more information.

**NORTH BEND** — Ferry Road Park in North Bend. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Southwestern Oregon Central Labor Council. For more information, call Robert Westerman at 541-756-3907 or e-mail at [ibew932@frontier.com](mailto:ibew932@frontier.com).

**PORTLAND** — Oaks Amusement Park in Southeast Portland. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., with a brief program at 1 p.m. Scrip sells for 50 cents. Deluxe ride bracelets are \$9. The Oregon Pacific Railroad Shuttle Train will transport people (\$2 per person roundtrip) to and from Oaks Park from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Parking will be available at the Portland Opera, 211 SE Caruthers St., and in the vicinity of SE Ivon and 4th Street. Sponsored by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. Call 503-235-9444 for more information.

**SALEM** — Riverfront Park in Salem. 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by Marion-Polk-Yamhill Central Labor Council. Cost: two food items per person. Call Judy at 503-362-7057 for more information.

**THE DALLES** — Sorosis Park Shelter in The Dalles. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Potluck. Sponsored by Mid-Columbia Central Labor Council. Call Walt Denstedt at 541-298-4783 for more information.

**OREGON STATE FAIR** - The Oregon AFL-CIO labor booth in the central canopy area continues to be staffed with union volunteers during the entire two weeks of the fair, including Labor Day.

# AFL-CIO won't hold endorsement vote until U.S. Rep. Wu's resignation is official

The Oregon AFL-CIO won't consider an endorsement in the soon-to-be vacant 1st Congressional District until the incumbent, David Wu, officially resigns.

The seven-term Democrat announced July 26 that he was leaving the U.S. House of Representatives following allegations that he made unwanted sexual advances on the 18-year-old daughter of a political supporter. The resignation was to take affect as soon as Congress resolved the debt ceiling issue. That vote had just taken place as this issue of the Labor Press went to press. Wu voted for the bill.

Two Democrats have already launched campaigns for the 2012 primary to challenge Wu. They are State Rep. Brad Witt, an official with United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555, and Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian. Others are expected to enter the race. No Republicans have announced their candidacy.

At the quarterly meeting of the Oregon AFL-CIO's Committee on Political Education July 29, the labor federation said it will not consider an endorsement until Wu's resignation is official and until Gov. John Kitzhaber has scheduled a special election — which he can't do until Wu formally notifies him that he

is stepping down.

The AFL-CIO's next gathering is its state convention Sept. 25-28 in Eugene.

Wu, the first Chinese American elected to the House, has been under fire for erratic behavior since his re-election. Six longtime high-level staffers resigned because of public outbursts and odd behavior leading up to the election. Questions of his mental health were raised, along with reports of possible prescription drug and/or alcohol abuse.

Wu, 56, said that he was under tremendous stress in 2010 as he dealt with the tough re-election campaign, a difficult divorce, taking sole custody of his two children, and caring for his elderly mother. He emphatically denied a drug or alcohol problem, but acknowledged having a bad reaction to diazepam and Ambien in the past.

Several newspapers said he wasn't fit for office and called for his resignation.

At a labor breakfast in March, Wu



At a labor breakfast in March, Congressman David Wu apologized for his erratic behavior leading up to the 2011 elections, and said he was ready and able to serve his constituents in the 1st District.

told union officials that he regretted some of the things he had said and the way he had acted that resulted in staff quitting. He said he was getting counseling.

On July 26, the Oregonian newspaper reported Wu had made unwanted sexual advances toward a teen-age girl. Wu said the encounter was consensual.

Shortly after that, several prominent Democrats, including U.S. Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, called for Wu to resign.

## TEETH LIKE A SWEET DEAL.

Members save 40%  
or more on their first  
dental visit.<sup>1</sup>

- Full service dentistry for members and their families
- Financing available
  - Minimum \$500 in financing with no credit check<sup>2</sup>
  - Flexible payment plans, including interest-free<sup>2</sup> or \$0 down<sup>3</sup>
- Same-day emergency appointments
- Convenient extended and Saturday hours

1-866-850-BRIGHT  
(1-866-850-2744)  
[www.brightnow.com](http://www.brightnow.com)

<sup>1</sup>Savings based on regular price. <sup>2</sup>\$500 financing and interest-free payment plans require valid photo ID and a checking account or credit card. <sup>3</sup>\$0 down payment plans available on approved credit. <sup>4</sup>Limit one offer per person. Cannot be combined with other offers and not valid on diagnostic and preventive services. Not redeemable for cash or credit. To be used for dental services only. May not be used towards existing balances. Offer coordinated with insurance, is subject to change, and expires on 12/31/11. Must bring coupon at time of appointment to redeem. © 2011 Smile Brands Inc. All rights reserved. Northwest Dental Associates, P.C. and Stirewalt, P.C.

SPECIAL OFFERS FOR MEMBERS<sup>4</sup>

**\$100.00**  
(value)

**Special offer Coupon**  
for members *with* benefits

**\$200.00**  
(value)

**Special offer Coupon**  
for members *without* benefits

**Bright Now! Dental**  
Smiles for Everyone.™

Join us for the Member Appreciation Picnic:  
**Lower Columbia Longshoremen's  
Federal Credit Union**  
August 20, 2011 11am-2pm  
Riverside Park Kelso, WA  
Free to members, guests \$10

AFCME Locals 334 & 1262	ATU Transit Local 758	AWPPW Locals 153, 580, & 633
Carpenter's Local 156 (formerly 1707)	IAFF Local 3828	IAM District 160
IBEW Local 77 & 970	IFPTE Local 17	ILWU Local 21
IUPAT Dist Council 5	Laborers Local 791	OPEIU Local 8, 11 & 277
Painters Local 5 & 78	Plumbers Local 26	Retired Public Employees Chapter 20
SEIU Locals 49, 755 & 9288	Service workers Watchmen Local 28	Teamsters Local 58
UFCW Local 555	Unite Here Local 8	USWA Local 305
	WFSE Local 28	Woodworkers (IAM) Local 536

**Lower Columbia Longshoremen's Federal Credit Union**  
629 14th Ave. Longview, WA 98632 [www.lclfcu.org](http://www.lclfcu.org)  
360-423-2770 Toll Free 888-337-4404  
Fax 360-577-8120

**Creating Financial Solutions for You and Your Family™**