



Thank you, Senator Merkley

In a special holiday gesture, staff from Working America delivered 100 "thank you" letters Dec. 20 to U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-Oregon) expressing appreciation for his votes against three free trade agreements. The letters were penned by Working America members from Beaverton and Portland. In a statement, Working America said that at a time when corporations are shipping jobs overseas and domestic jobs have an average of nearly five applicants per opening, Working America's 150,000 Oregon members look to their elected leaders to protect American working families. In rejecting the free trade agreements, Sen. Merkley stood up for the middle class and the local economy. Unfortunately, all three trade deals received majority votes. Working America is a community affiliate of the AFL-CIO, with three million members nationwide. Standing on the far right is Ed Hall, Merkley's labor liaison.

Oregon labor law conference Friday, Jan. 27, in Portland

Mark your calendars for Friday, Jan. 27, date of the 16th annual Oregon Labor Law Conference.

The conference is for business managers, business agents and union officers. The goal is to provide information that will help them do their jobs better and to help avoid legal liability.

The focus this year is on the basic mechanics of running a union. There will be classes on arbitration, collective bargaining, the National Labor Relations Board, the Oregon Employment Relations Board; classes on how to conduct union elections and required recordkeeping; a class on the world after Wisconsin; and classes on workers'

compensation and Social Security.

The conference is sponsored by IBEW Local 48, Oregon AFL-CIO, Northwest Oregon Labor Council, the Labor Education and Research Center of the University of Oregon, the Oregon and Columbia Pacific building and construction trades councils, and the Center for Worker Rights.

For registration information, go to www.laborlawconference.com or contact Norman Malbin by email at Norman@IBEW48.com, or call 503 889-3669; or Kristi Straight by email at Kristi@IBEW48.com, or call 503-889-3660.

Avakian to speak at LERA breakfast

Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian will be the featured speaker at a Jan. 17 breakfast program sponsored by the Oregon Labor Employment Relations Association (LERA). Avakian will give an update on activities at the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry, including changes in laws and decisions and regulations that may impact work sites in 2012 and beyond.

The breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. at

the Clackamas Community College, 29353 Town Center Loop East in Wilsonville. The cost for LERA members is \$25, or \$35 for non-members.

To register in advance, e-mail oregonlera@gmail.com, or contact Anna Roberts at Annar@seiu49.org.

LERA is an organization that brings labor, management, neutrals and academics together to improve labor-management relations.



Lifetime Free Teeth Whitening

For new patients only, as long as the patients keeps 6 month checkup appointments

- **No out-of-pocket costs for most union trust plans!** Call ahead to see if your plan qualifies.
- **Refer a friend.** Receive a \$20 gift certificate or credit to your account for every person that you refer to Sunrise Dental (talk to our staff for details).
- **Mileage Reimbursement!** For any patients traveling 30 miles or more each way, you will receive a \$30 gift certificate or credit to your account. (Talk to our staff for details.)
- **25% off Orthodontics!** Braces or Invisalign for union members and their families (not available at all locations, please call for details).
- **No Insurance or Retired?** 35% off most dental procedures; specialties are not included. (Talk to our staff for details.)



Open Monday -Saturday at most locations!

Call a Sunrise Dental location in your neighborhood to make an appointment

Sunrise Dental of Beaverton

12755 SW2nd Street
Beaverton, Oregon
503-641-4207

Sunrise Dental of Battle Ground

1401 NW1st St
Battle Ground, WA 98604
360-666-5700

Sunrise Dental of Gresham

13908 SE Stark Space B
Portland, Oregon
503-253-4979

Sunrise Dental of Salmon Creek

2621 NE 134th Street, Ste. 300
Vancouver, WA 98686
(360) 718-2355

Sunrise Dental of Portland

2850 SE 82nd Ave.
Portland, OR 97267
503-788-1415

Sunrise Dental of Longview

1422 16th Avenue
Longview, WA 98626
(360) 758-9999
Coming Soon!

Sunrise Dental of Salem

436 Lancaster Dr. NE
Salem, Oregon
503-391-8920