

# Trades fair will focus on careers for women

Women and teenage girls can learn more about possible careers in construction, mechanical, utility, and other trades at the 20th Annual Women in Trades Career Fair, sponsored by Oregon Tradeswomen Inc.

This year's fair will be held Thursday, May 17, through Saturday, May 19, at the NECA/IBEW Electrical Training Center, 16021 NE Airport Way, Portland.

Employers and successful tradeswomen will be on hand to lead workshops and to talk about job opportunities, paid training programs, and more.

Past workshops have included topics such as: Concrete Stepping Stones, Wind Power, Wire a Light and Switch, Building Bird Feeders, Highway Transportation, Climb a Utility Pole, Operate a Jackhammer, Make Sheet-metal Flower Pots, and much more.

Admission is free, along with parking, on-site childcare, and a shuttle service from the Gateway Transit Center.

Saturday, May 17 is "Careers For Women Day," and will be open to the general public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. At 10:30 a.m., a special workshop for dads and daughters will take place. Coffee and refreshments will be served and the first 20 daughters attending with an adult will receive a free gift.

On Thursday, May 17, middle-school students will tour the fair, and May 18 is reserved for high school students. An estimated 1,400 students from more than 50 middle and high schools across Oregon and Southwest Washington are expected to participate.

For more information, call 503-335-8200, or go to their Web site at [www.tradeswomen.net](http://www.tradeswomen.net).

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## Top Union Fire Fighter in Portland

International Association of Fire Fighters President Harold Schaitberger (right), was in Portland April 17 for the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council convention hosted by Portland Local 43. In the photo above, Schaitberger and Council President Kelly Bach (left) present the inaugural OSFFC Presidents Award to Bob Livingston, legislative director for the council. Also receiving an award was Jason Katzenstein, president of Albany Fire Fighters Local 845. The Presidents Award recognizes longtime service and dedication to Oregon firefighters. At the convention, held April 15-18, Bach was re-elected president and Jeff Hamilton was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Also re-elected were vice presidents Jim Forquer, District 1, Portland; Kevin Gray, District 2, Springfield; Lance Gray, District 3, Medford; Karl Koenig, District 4, Clackamas; Rocky Hanes, District 6, Tualatin Valley; and Joe Seibert, District 7, Eugene. Jeff Puller was elected by acclamation as vice president for District 5 in Redmond. He succeeds Jon Wooten. Livingston was re-appointed legislative director.

## Unions for Kids seeks volunteers for community outreach

Unions for Kids is in search of a few volunteers for outreach in the community. The 501(c)3 organization raises money to benefit the kids at Doernbecher Children's Hospital through a motorcycle poker run and raffle for a new Harley-Davidson.

In its 10th year, the group has donated \$271,000 to Doernbecher.

Unions for Kids is looking for an individual ... or two or three to contact local sports teams and media for support, either financially, with donations for a silent auction, or for publicity.

"There's no pay, no benefits, but we do promise a warm feeling when the check is presented to Doernbecher," said Lee Duncan, a member of IBEW Local 48 and coordinator of the event.

Duncan said the positions will require a lot of e-mailing, occasional phone calling, and a commitment to follow through. If you're interested, you can "apply" by sending contact info to Duncan at

[lee@unionsforkids.org](mailto:lee@unionsforkids.org) or call 503-260-5905 for more information.

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