



Jim Cook, president of NALC Branch 82 in Portland, greets 96 bowlers participating in the 23rd annual Muscular Dystrophy Labor Bowl. Union members raised \$11,202 at the event held on April 29. Since inception, the Labor Bowl has donated \$339,025.75 to MDA.

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Money is raised through pledges and from a silent auction and goes to buy wheelchairs and braces for children, as well as for research and sum-

mer camps. Muscular dystrophy is a hereditary condition marked by a progressive weakening and wasting of the muscles over time.

This year's event, held on Sunday, April 29, at Sunset Lanes in Beaverton, had a "Western Wear" theme. Ninety-six bowlers from 11 union locals and one credit union participated.

The top individual fundraiser was Cal Eddy, a retired Portland firefighter and member of Local 43.

Jim Mruk, a traveler from Las Vegas Plumbers and Fitters Local 525, captured the high bowling series with a 204 average. Mruk is working out of UA Local 290 in Tualatin.

A low score trophy went to Sarah Groshell of the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 82. She rolled an 82.

Denise Harding of Branch 82 was awarded "Best Western Wear" bowler.

Union locals represented at the MDA Bowl were Bakers Local 114; Bricklayers Local 1; Fire Fighters Local 43; Machinists District W24; NALC Branch 82, Portland; NALC Branch 916, Eugene; NALC Branch 959, Albany; NALC Branch 1104, Vancouver, Washington; Roofers Local 49; UA Local 290; United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555; and NW Priority Credit Union.



Kay Nelson of UFCW Local 555 shows good form as she rolls a strike at MDA Labor Bowl. Nelson, of Coos Bay, joined union members from Eugene, Albany, and Las Vegas for the annual bowling fundraiser in Portland.

Unions, Kaiser reach tentative agreement

Kaiser Permanente and the nearly 100,000 members of the Coalition of Kaiser Permanente Unions, reached

tentative agreement May 11 on a new, three-year national contract. The deal covers workers at hundreds of Kaiser health care facilities in nine states, including Oregon and Washington. The current agreement expires Sept. 30.

The tentative agreement includes wage increases and maintains current benefits, plus improves the dental plan.

Kaiser also has committed \$19 million annually to two existing educational trust funds to ensure career development for its workforce.

The workers are represented by 28 different local unions, and include hundreds of job classifications, including registered nurses, pharmacists, maintenance workers, technicians, and others.



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