



IBEW's Barnes to kick up his heels at fundraiser for Fort Vancouver

Look for the cardboard cutout of Ed Barnes, or Ed Barnes himself, at the Labor Day picnic at Oaks Park. Barnes, 78, a retired business manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48, is soliciting donations for the "Dancing with the Local Stars" fundraiser for Fort Vancouver National Trust. The trust was established in 1998 as a private non-profit to operate Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. Barnes has committed to raise \$5,000, with a challenge to beat dance competitor Ryan Hart. Hart is district director for U.S. Rep. Jamie Herrera Beutler (R-Wash.). Barnes will perform the foxtrot to the tune Minnie the Moocher. The event is Sept. 15 at Pearson Air Museum, 1115 E. Fifth Street, Vancouver. If you miss Barnes at the picnic, donations can be made online at www.fortvan.org/dancers, or mail a check to: General O.O. Howard House, 750 Anderson St., Vancouver, Wash., 98661.



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Blood drive challenge issued at Labor Day picnic at Oaks Park

The Northwest Oregon Labor Council and American Red Cross are teaming up this Labor Day for a blood drive competition at the Labor Day picnic at Oaks Park.

Regular attendees of the picnic know that the Red Cross always brings a bloodmobile to the picnic for blood donations. Typically, 30 to 35 pints of blood are collected, with the record being 70 pints.

This year, the challenge is to collect 104 pints of blood, which would be a record for a one-day collection by a business or organization (excluding high schools). The record is held by Ben & Jerry's, which got 103 units in a "Pint for Pint" drive where everyone who donated got a pint of ice cream.

"We are trying to beat our own record (70) and set the bar high at 100. If we can beat Ben & Jerry's 103, we can really claim bragging rights," said Bob Tackett, executive secretary-treasurer of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council.

According to the Red Cross, every two seconds someone in America gets a blood transfusion. Five million patients will need blood this year, but blood donations are down in the first seven months of 2012, with an urgent need for types O negative (the uni-

versal blood type), and B negative.

One pint of blood can save up to three lives.

Three bloodmobiles will be parked at this year's Labor Day picnic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Teresa Rodriguez, donor recruitment representative for the American Red Cross, is asking that union members pre-register so that donations can be collected as quickly as possible. The blood donation process takes about

an hour.

When registering, union affiliations will be tracked. The union with the most members donating will receive a "traveling trophy" to keep in their union hall until next Labor Day. Other participation awards will be presented to individuals and unions.

You can pre-register on line at www.redcrossblood.org; plug in sponsor code: NWLP; or call 1-800-733-2767.

Labor agency will provide limited free food scrip at Labor Day picnic

Labor's Community Service Agency (LCSA) will provide free food and drink scrip for union families who are out of work and want to take part in the Labor Day picnic festivities at Oaks Park. Scrip will be limited to a certain amount per family on a first-come, first served basis.

"We just want everybody to be able to come out and have a good time," said LCSA Executive Director Vickie Burns.

To make arrangements for scrip, call Labor's Community Service Agency at 503-231-4962 and leave a message that

you would like some scrip for the picnic. "We'll verify their union membership and call members back with instructions on where to pick up their scrip at Oaks Park," Burns said.

Additionally, Union Plus Mortgage area coordinator Ted Hillison is sponsoring a dunk tank at Oaks Park to raise funds for Labor's Community Service Agency. Look for the dunk tank on the midway.

Volunteer "dunkees" also are needed.

To volunteer, call Labor's Community Service Agency at 503 231-4962.

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