

Labor Council 'appreciates' its friends at annual dinner

A large crowd turned out June 7 for the 17th annual Labor Appreciation and Recognition Night dinner sponsored by the Northwest Oregon Labor Council (NOLC). The dinner recognizes people for their commitment to helping better the lives of workers and people in their communities — and also doubles as a fundraiser for Labor's Community Service Agency (LCSA). This year's event raised \$3,621.66.

Top recognition is the Del Ricks Community Service Award in honor of the late Del Ricks, who was LCSA's executive director for 17 years. The 2014 recipients were **Vickie Burns**, executive director of LCSA, and **Robin Zimmerman**, a longtime member of Bakers Local 114. Zimmerman spearheaded a political drive that ultimately changed Oregon law to add bereavement leave to the Oregon Family Leave Act. Zimmerman became politically active in 2008, following the death of his wife to melanoma.

The labor council's "Heritage Award" was presented to **Ambrose Bittner**, **Paul Stuckenschneider**, and posthumously to **Phil Parker**.

Bittner is a retired apprenticeship and training official of the U.S. Department of Labor, who also served as secretary-treasurer of Plasterers Local 77 and secretary-treasurer of the Northwest Conference of Plasterers and Cement Masons. **Stuckenschneider** is a retired mediator with the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services. Both men are active in the community. **Parker**, a retired member of IBEW Local 48, was serving as president of the Labor Roundtable of Southwest Washington when he died of a heart attack in April.

A "Business Appreciation" award was presented to WorkSystems Inc. WSI was cited for nearly 30 years "standing in solidarity with labor on behalf of workers and workforce development programs, not just in the Portland metro area, but throughout the state ... our shared goals for registered apprenticeship training and family living wage jobs with benefits have served as the foundation for this important and valuable partnership."

Recognition awards went to: **Richard Schwarz**, retired executive director of AFT-Oregon; University of Oregon professor **Steven Mayer**; Teamsters Local 223 member and American Medical Response shop steward **Charlie Savoie**; **Rob Williamson**, an employee at IBEW and United Workers Federal Credit Union and member of Office and Professional Employees Local 11; **Belinda Reagan**, president of Portland Federation of School Professionals Local 111; Machinists Lodge W24 Union Reps **Britt Cornman** and **Joe Kear**; **Adam Crawford**, labor liaison for United Way of the Columbia-Willamette; **Lori Waldner-Vaughn**, a member of Office and Professional Employees Local 277 at American Income Life; **Glenn Shuck**, retired executive director of LCSA and an active volunteer for the Oregon Military Support Network; **Ben Fain**, a retired member of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757 who is an active volunteer with the Portland Bus Project; **Jane Carlson**, a member of the Oregon School Employees Association (OSEA) state board of directors; **Richard Ramirez**, OSEA director of organizing; **Barry Stevahn**, a 35-year member of Boilermakers Local 104 and active member of the Portland Metal Trades Council; **Ken Morgan**, retired business manager of Laborers Local 296; Local 296 member **Anjanet Baneulos**; IBEW Local 48 member **Dave Parker**; **Bob Petroff**, president of NOLC and assis-



Pictured seated in front row from left to right: **Richard Schwarz**, **Barry Stevahn**, **Rob Williamson**, **Prof. Steven Mayer**, **Glenn Shuck**, and **Lee Duncan**. Seated back row from left to right: **Linda DeLucia**, **Vickie Burns**, **Jane Carlson**, and **Belinda Reagan**. Standing from left to right: **Robin Zimmerman**, **Jenny Weller**, **Lori Vaughn**, **Charlie Savoie**, **Richard Ramirez**, **Ben Fain**, **Bob Petroff**, **Elana Guiney**, **Ambrose Bittner**, **Paul Stuckenschneider**, **Adam Crawford**, and **Dave Parker**.

tant directing business representative of Machinists Lodge W24; **Elana Guiney**, legislative and communications director for the Oregon AFL-CIO; and **Linda DeLucia**, vice president of the Oregon Alliance for Retired Americans.

Additionally, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette President **Keith**

Thomajan presented Bakers Local 114 with the "Labor Partner of the Year" award for 2013. An official presentation will be made June 25 at United Way's annual banquet.

Guest speakers were U.S. Reps. **Suzanne Bonamici** and **Kurt Schrader**, and Oregon Labor Commissioner **Brad Avakian**. Dignitaries in attendance in-

cluded Multnomah County commissioners **Judy Shiprack** and **Loretta Smith**; Clackamas County commissioners **Jim Bernard**, **Paul Savas** and **Martha Schrader**; Washington County commissioners **Greg Malinowski**, **Roy Rogers** and **Dick Schouten**; and state Reps. **Lew Frederick** and **Barbara Smith Warner**.

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