



Mike Housley of Machinists Lodge 1005 rolls a strike at a labor fundraiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Housley has participated in the event for the last four years.

Labor Bowl raises over \$12 grand for MDA

A near-record turnout of union members raised \$12,363 at the 26th annual Muscular Dystrophy Labor Bowl, held April 12 at Sunset Lanes in Beaverton. Since its inception in 1989, union members have donated nearly \$373,000 to MDA.

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

Ninety-three bowlers from 11 labor organizations, Northwest Priority Credit Union, and the law firm Bennett, Hartman, Morris & Kaplan, participated in the event.

The top individual fundraiser was Cal Eddy, a retired Portland firefighter and member of Local 43. He raised \$1,440. Matt Moore of Letter Carriers Branch 82 captured the men's high series, and Letter Carrier Gayle Hatch took home women's high series.

Organizations at the MDA Bowl included the National Association of Letter Carriers Branches 82 and 1104; the Northwest Oregon Labor Council; Fire Fighters Local 43; Machinists Lodges 63, 1005, and 1432; United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555; American Federation of Teachers Local 6732; the Oregon School Employees Association; Labor's Community Service Agency; and Teamsters Joint Council No. 37.



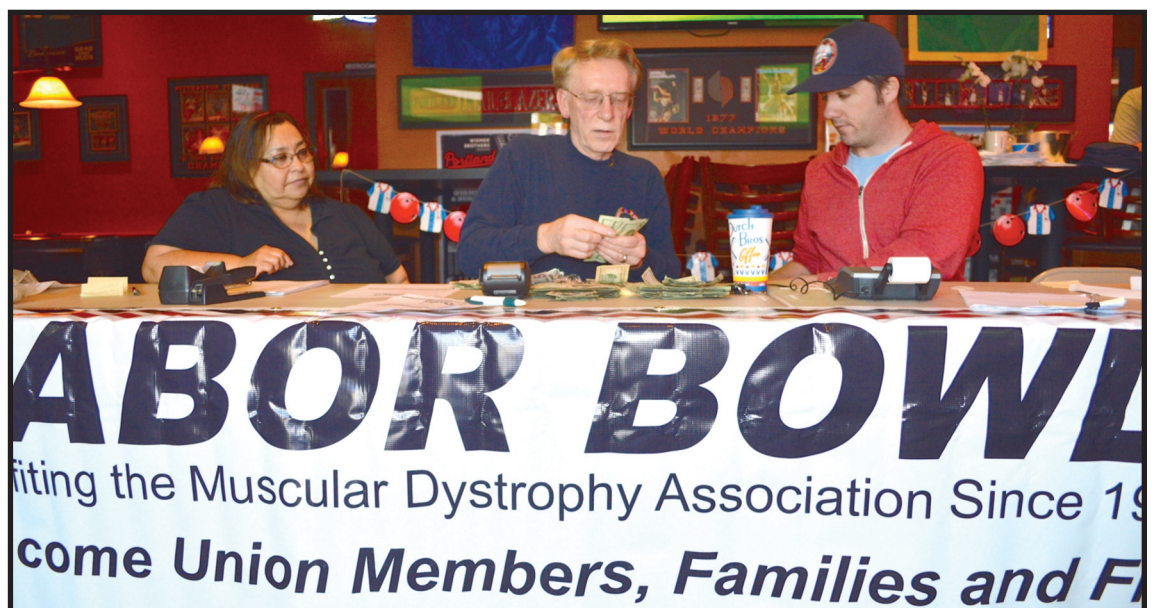
OSEA member Kirk Wilkins



12-year-old Jordyn Valdez, MDA ambassador for the Portland metro area, was on hand with her family to thank union members for their efforts. In its 26th year, the Labor Bowl for MDA has raised \$373,000. Pictured with Jordyn is her father Framil, mother Ana, and brother Landen.



A portion of the money is raised from a silent auction. Items are donated. Here, participants look over the goodies.



NALC Branch 82 retiree Brad Melland (center) counts cash from the Labor Bowl for MDA. Assisting him are Matt Pierce, secretary-treasurer of NALC Branch 82, and Betty Nash, a Branch 82 Executive Board member. Fifteen members of the Letter Carriers Union volunteered for the event, held April 12 at Sunset Lanes in Beaverton.