



**RETIRES LUNCHEON:** A record crowd of more than 400 retirees of Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757 attended the annual Retirees' Christmas luncheon Dec. 1. The response was so overwhelming that the union had to change venues, moving it to a banquet room at the Monarch Hotel & Conference Center in Clackamas.



### Hate crimes at work? Oregon AFL-CIO says it could be a union issue

Following reports of hate incidents and crimes in the media and a recent report by the Southern Poverty Law Center showing Oregon as having the highest per capita rate of hate incidents nationally in the two weeks following the November election, the Oregon AFL-CIO has pledged to take a stand against hate incidents, particularly when it happens in the workplaces.

The state labor federation's Executive Board on Dec. 2 passed a resolution calling for the AFL-CIO to pursue a strategy to help workers report hate incidents and crimes and find resources when their civil rights are violated.

"The labor movement was built on a simple but powerful idea: when one person is wronged, we are all wronged," said Oregon AFL-CIO President Tom Chamberlain. "We are hearing reports of hate incidents and crimes happening more frequently in the workplace. The job of our federation and the job of the labor movement is to help working people stand together to protect their rights, both civil and economic."

As part of the resolution, the Oregon AFL-CIO will launch a telephone hotline in the coming weeks where workers can call to report incidents and be directed to appropriate resources. Information about the hotline will be available on the state federation's website, [www.oraflcio.org](http://www.oraflcio.org).

"We are going to focus on providing tools for workers to report these incidents and begin training union representatives to provide help directly to union members in their workplaces," said Chamberlain. "It falls upon those of us entrusted to stand up for working people to do everything we can to protect all of our rights."



Seated from left to right: Executive Secretary-Treasurer Bob Tackett, President Jeff Anderson, 1st Vice President Everice Moro. Standing from left to right: Board members Terry Lansing, Sam Gillispie, Janet Irwin, Scott Zadow, Will Lukens, Dave Tully, and Sandy Gillis. Not pictured 2nd Vice President Ed Barnes, and Board members Rose Etta Venetucci, Mike Pucik, Willy Myers and Mike Bridges.

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