

LABOR HISTORY

Major labor history conference in Portland

As many as 150 labor historians, students, and union members interested in learning more of our movement's history will gather May 3-5 for the 51st annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Labor History Association. The conference rotates annually through Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia.

This year's conference will mark the centennial anniversary of the Seattle and Winnipeg General Strikes, the Centralia Massacre, and the wave of state sponsored repression of immigrant workers during the Palmer Raids.

The conference will begin with an reception and the performance of a rock opera about the Seattle General Strike written in the 1980s. The keynote speaker is Lane Windham, author of the award-winning his-



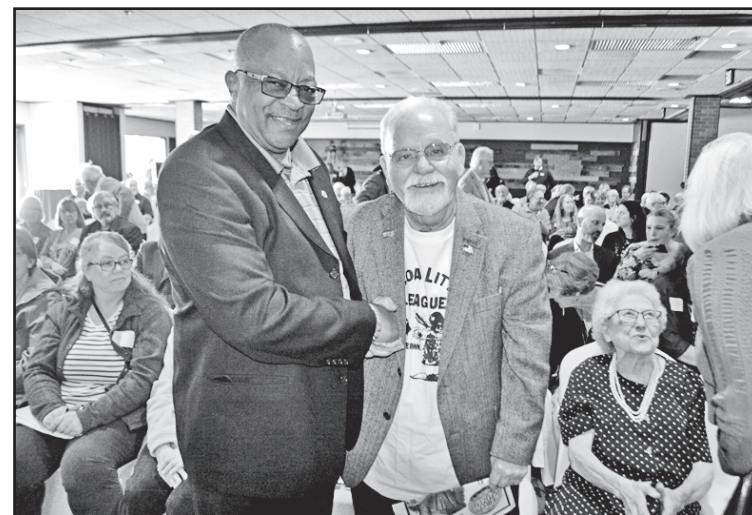
tory Knocking on Labor's Door: Union Organizing in the 1970s and the Roots of a New Economic Divide. The book tells the untold story of how tens of thousands of women, people of color, and young workers fought to unionize in the 1970s against overwhelming odds.

- **When:** May 3-5
- **Where:** University Place Hotel and Conference Center, 310 SW Lincoln, Portland
- **Cost:** Regular \$95, Student \$30; Saturday Lunch \$20; Saturday Evening Awards Banquet, \$50
- **Full agenda:** pnha.wordpress.com

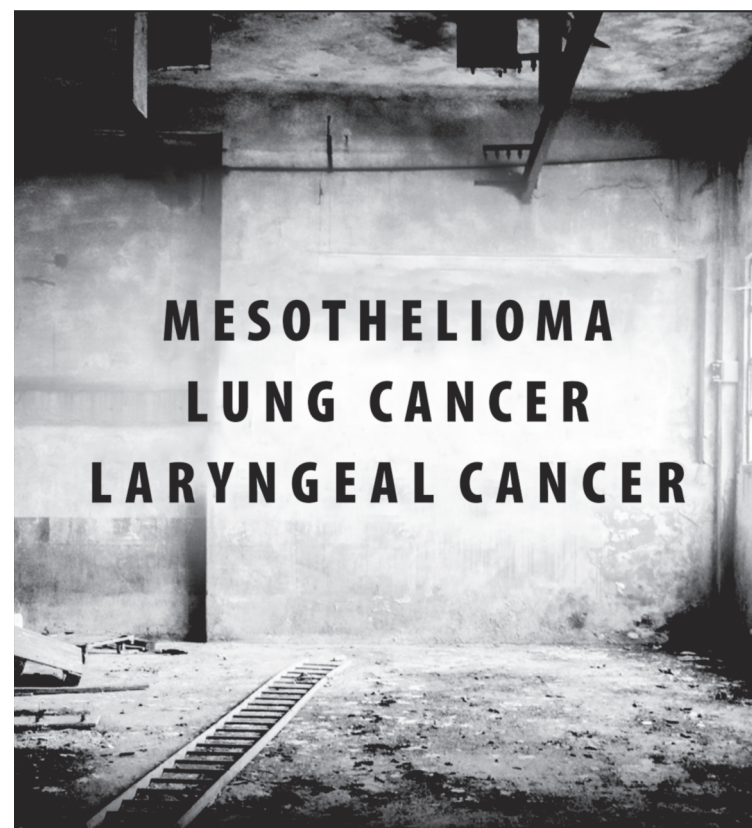
Labor contingent will march in Portland Pride Parade

The Oregon AFL-CIO and affiliated unions will be marching in the Portland's Pride parade June 16 in solidarity with the

LGBTQ community. Union members interested in marching or being involved in planning can contact Emily Sahler at Emily@orafcio.org.



ED BARNES, FIRST CITIZEN OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. More than 200 people turned out April 25 for a reception at Warehouse '23 on the Vancouver, Washington, waterfront to honor Ed Barnes as the 2019 Clark County First Citizen. (See NW Labor Press, Dec. 20, 2018.) The award is presented annually by The Community Foundation to a Clark County resident "who has modeled exemplary citizenship through actions and services to the community." It dates back to 1939. Barnes is the first union official to receive the award. Barnes, 85, is a retired business manager of IBEW Local 48, and currently serves as second vice president of the Northwest Oregon Labor Council. In his acceptance speech, Barnes praised all the good work organized labor has done for the community — both paid and volunteer. Barnes is pictured above (right) with Keith Edwards, also a retired business manager of Local 48, and retired international rep for the IBEW.



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