



# Courses & Resources

...For an Active and Informed Membership.

## Scholarships Awarded

Five SEIU Local 503, OPEU members will benefit from five days of learning, sharing and building leadership for working women at the 21st Annual Western Region Summer Institute for Union Women in California, sponsored by the AFL-CIO and other labor organizations.

**Tera Martinez-Gaeta**, of Department of Human Services Local 200 in Baker City; **Chris Powell**, of Department of Human Services Local 200 in Klamath Falls; **Frances Martinez**, of Justice Local 137 in Portland, **Wanda Eickhoff**, of Justice Local 137 in Portland, and **Melissa Blaylock**, of Oregon Youth Authority Local 415 in Astoria, were given scholarships by the SEIU Local 503, OPEU Board of Directors to attend the training conference on the campus of the University of California, Santa Cruz, in early July.

The Summer Institute for Union Women celebrates working together and promotes an agenda for action. It brings together rank-and-file members, staff and officers from different unions to share ideas, learning and problem-solving.

Among the courses offered are ones on collective bargaining, leadership skills, political action and advocacy, organizing to win in our jobs and communities, universal health care and media.

## Stewards Gather in Salem



Chief stewards from a variety of SEIU Local 503, OPEU Locals Trained to develop the skills they need to effectively represent their co-workers. They discussed the new Grievance Database Tracking System which, once fully developed, will enable stewards to maintain an informational tracking system that will follow the progress of a grievance, as well as allow research on similar grievances. At the early June training, held at Salem Headquarters, they discussed ways to build the stewards' program at the local level.

## Trainings and Conferences

**July 26-27** – Leadership Training, Level 1 – Salem Headquarters – Contact Donna Glathar at Headquarters for more information.

**July 27** – Tualatin, Tigard, Beaverton & Wilsonville Coordinated Bargaining Conference – Tigard City Hall – Contact Sharon Brogan or Heather Conroy at the Portland Field Office for more information.

**August 2-4** – AFL-CIO Summer School – University of Oregon, Eugene – Contact Anne LaPorte at Salem Headquarters for more information.

**August 9-10** – Leadership Training – LaGrande – Contact Pendleton Field Office for more information.

**August 16-17** – Leadership Training Level 2 – Portland Field Office – Contact Debbie Murray at the Portland Field Office for more information.

**September 7** – Local Officers Training – Bend – Contact Salem Headquarters for more information.

**September 13-14** – Leadership Training, Level 1 – Salem Headquarters – Contact Donna Glathar at Salem Headquarters for more information.

**September 21** – Local Officers Training – Salem – Contact Salem Headquarters for more information.

**November 15-16** – Leadership Training, Level 1 – Salem Headquarters - Contact Donna Glathar at Salem Headquarters for more information.

## Educate. Advocate. Act. WILLPOWER Women in Labor Leadership +conference



Attracting young women (left) to leadership and the labor movement was one of the goals of this year's Women in Labor Leadership

WillPower conference. SEIU Local 503, OPEU President **Kathie Best**, (below, far left) was joined by other women labor leaders whose union sponsored WillPower, on a panel launching the early-June conference: **Debbi Covert**, President of AFT Oregon; **Merlene Martin**, President of the Oregon School Employees Association; **Kris Kane**, President of the Oregon Education Association, **Susan McCaffrey**, President of the Chemeketa Community College Classified Association; **Diane Rosenbaum**, a State Representative from Portland and a member of Communications Workers of America Local 7901, and **"Rosie the Riveter"** (below, back to camera). Over the course of a day, union members and youth from throughout Oregon learned about leadership, organizing, national and state political issues, health care equity issues, quality public services, stress management and raising strong daughters.



## The Great American Beach Cleanup

One of Oregon's more popular public projects is the semi-annual beach clean up sponsored by Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism, SOLV.

The SEIU Local 503, OPEU Board of Directors has made a financial contribution for the fall clean up and now it is time for Union members to save the date and prepare to pitch in on Saturday, September 28.

Our Union's "zone sponsorship" will place our name and logo on 27,000 brochures going out to the public, business and other organizations. Our name will be included in SOLV's statewide news releases and on signage at registration sites within our zone.

The SEIU Local 503, OPEU zone (Zone 5) is in the northern part of the coast, roughly from Neskowin and Cascade Head to just north of Pacific City. It is easily accessible from Corvallis, Salem, Portland and Astoria.

Volunteers — lots of them — are needed.

Recently, 4,100 volunteer beach-combers picked up more than 16 tons of trash from Oregon's beaches.

More information will become available as the date gets closer. The clean-up lasts from 10 am to 1 pm. Our participation on September 28 will help reduce harm to coastal wildlife, as well as keep our public beaches clean, attractive and safe.

