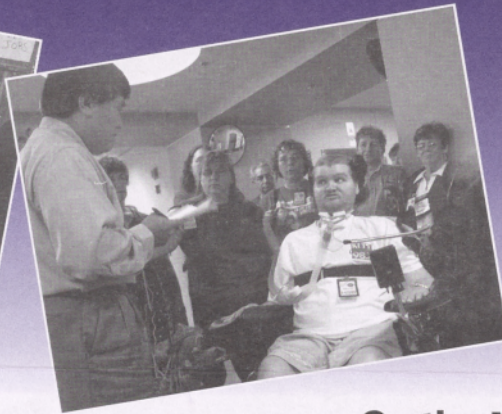
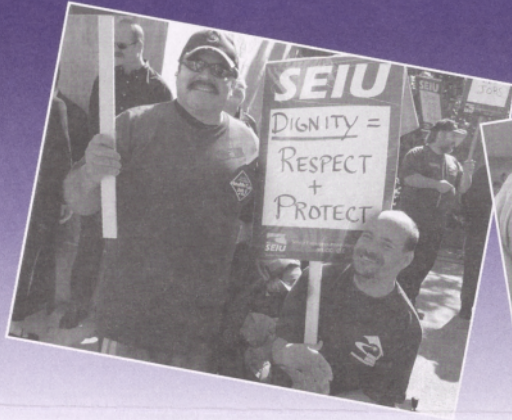


Homecare workers taking action to make it happen...



Legislative Wrap Up

Throughout this legislative session, homecare members have participated in lobby efforts, rallies letter writing and phone calls to urge support for services for our clients, funding our contract and the training fund.

Unfortunately, the legislature did nothing to close loopholes, raise the corporate minimum tax from \$10/year and make any meaningful reforms in health care.

"The homecare workers were one of the shining lights of our political program during a session where we had a lot of bright moments," said Arthur Towers, SEIU Local 503 Political Director

The passion and determination we demonstrated was dramatic and made it possible for us to celebrate some big

victories. The threat of "Agency with(out) Choice", which would have created less choice for our clients and more cost was "postponed". Threats to cap the number of clients enrolled in the homecare program were eliminated. In addition, OPI was not cut and emerged with a more stable funding source. Dental coverage for our clients was also restored

Our success this session is defined by what we fought to protect, our successes in the future will depend on our ability to elect legislators who care more about real people than they do about corporate interests. To everyone who participated in our efforts this legislative session, congratulate yourselves. You made a real difference.

Tax Help Available

Questions about completing W4's for state and federal tax withholding and earned income tax credit can be answered by calling the IRS at 800-829-1040 or the Department of Revenue at 800-356-4222. If you have not yet completed a W4, please contact your local AAA or SPD office or visit <http://www.irs/pub/irs-pdf/fw4.pdf> to access a form to complete and turn in at the local office.

Homecare Council Meeting

Homecare Local 99 will be meeting on October 29 at our Salem offices.

Proposed changes to the By-laws: creating a statewide chief steward and including that position as a member of the Executive Committee.

All meetings are open to homecare workers.

On the Move to Organize Childcare Workers

“SEIU Local 503 welcomes homecare workers caring for our elderly, and childcare workers caring for our children. Together we have an opportunity to improve our quality of life as well as those we serve.”



Mary Wood, Homecare Worker and volunteer member organizer for our Childcare Campaign

For more information on our childcare campaign call Penny at 800-527-9370, ext. 113.



Welcome New Officers to the Homecare Local

Joye Willman was sworn in as the new president of the Homecare Local, assuming the position after the passing of our first president, Karen Thompson. Deb Davis, from Coos Bay, won her bid to become the vice president of the local in an election conducted earlier this summer.

Come to a Ratification Meeting!

City/Area	Date and Time	Location
Eugene	6pm-8pm	Eugene Office 488 E 11th Avenue, Suite B-100
Salem	Thursday, August 18 5:00 Dinner, 6pm-8pm	Headquarters - West Room 1730 Commercial St. SE
North Bend	Tuesday, August 23 6pm-8pm	North Bend Labor Temple 3427 Ash Street
Pendleton	Thursday, August 25 6pm-8pm	St. Anthony's Hospital 1601 SE Court Street
Medford	Thursday, August 25 3pm-7pm	Valley of the Rogue Park, I-5 Exit 45B (12 miles SE of Grants Pass)
McMinnville	Thursday, August 25 6pm-8pm	McMinnville Manor-Community Ctr. 1602 NE Riverside Drive
Waldport	Thursday, August 25 5:30pm-7:30pm	Sa-Da-Mun Apts. Community Ctr. 485 West Willow Street
Astoria	Friday, August 26 5:30pm-7:30pm	Astoria Public Library 450 10th Street
Bend	Tuesday, August 30 6pm-8pm	Bend Office 925 SE Second Street, Suite C
Roseburg	Tuesday, August 30 6pm-8pm	Knights of Columbus Hall 1069 Willow Avenue
Hillsboro	Wednesday, August 31 6pm-8pm	Shute Park Library Meeting Room 775 SE 10th Avenue
Klamath Falls	Thursday, Sept. 1 3pm-6pm	DHS Building 500 Main Street
Portland	Thursday, September 8 5:30 Dinner, 6pm-8pm	Local 49 Office 3536 SE 26th
Salem (Russian)	Wednesday, September 14 6pm-8pm	Headquarters - West Room 1730 Commercial Street SE
Portland (Russian)	Thursday, September 15 6pm-8pm	Portland Office 10401 NE Halsey

For more information call Judy Hemingway at 800-452-2146, ext. 199.