

Help Your Union Fight for Working Families and You Could Win Big!



The Active Ballot Club (ABC), UFCW's political action committee, leads the charge to elect pro-worker candidates around the country – at the federal, state, and local levels. The funds we raise through ABC are critical to our success we have in fighting for workers and their families.

From now until the November 2 elections, UFCW locals in every region will be participating in a contest to increase participation in ABC. The goal of the contest is to sign up new ABC contributors at the \$1 per week rate and to upgrade existing contributors to the \$1 per week level.

Two locals in each region will win grand prizes – the local that signs up the most new ABC contributors and the local that increases its ABC participation by the greatest percentage. Those locals will get to keep 100 percent of the new revenue they raise for their local ABC program *and* will receive an award at the International Executive Board and UFCW Advisory Committee Winter Meetings.

The more UFCW locals encourage members to sign up their coworkers and talk to their fellow members about the importance of ABC, the more successful the contest will be, and the stronger the ABC program will be in the future. To give members an extra incentive to get involved in the contest and in ABC, all members who sign up at \$1 a week or upgrade their existing ABC

contribution to \$1 a week, will be eligible to win a \$500 American Express gift card (four \$500 gift cards will be awarded per region).

In addition, three union representatives from each region who increase their route's participation in ABC at the \$1 per week level by the greatest percentage will win \$1,000 American Express gift cards. In each region, the following union representatives will win:

- The representative with a route size of over a 1,000 members that increases the percentage of ABC participation at the \$1 a week level by the greatest percentage.
- The representative with a route size of 500-1,000 members that increases the percentage of ABC participation at the \$1 a week level, by the greatest percentage.
- The representative with a route size of up to 499 members that increases the percentage of ABC participation at the \$1 a week level, by the greatest percentage.

Locals will receive an electronic copy of a new ABC worksite flyer that includes all of the ABC contest information. You can also find information about the contest and a copy of the new flyer online at www.voteufcw.org.

Remember to fax all new and upgraded ABC signup forms to the Legislative and Political Action Department at **202-728-1830** so they can be tallied. Stay tuned to future editions of *OnPoint* for updates on the contest!

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Local 22 Joins Lawsuit Against Fremont Immigration Law

Local 22 in Fremont, Nebraska, has joined in a lawsuit seeking to stop enforcement of their town's unjust immigration law. The law, passed by referendum, is similar to the infamous Arizona S.B. 1070 immigration law that legalizes racial profiling and sanctions harassment and discrimination that UFCW and the U.S. Department of Justice have sued to stop.

The lawsuit, filed by the Nebraska branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, seeks to prevent Fremont from enforcing an ordinance that makes it illegal to rent to undocumented persons and requires all Fremont employers, such as Local 22, to participate in the voluntary federal “E-Verify” immigration enforcement program.

“This law is an injustice and affects both our members and all workers in Fremont,” said Dan Hoppes, President of Local 22. “Immigration needs a comprehensive federal solution, and cannot be fixed by poorly thought out local laws like this one.” **OP**

Update: Local 1245 Alden Leeds Workers Illegally Locked Out, Ordered Back to Work

Members of Local 1245 who were locked out of the Alden Leeds pool chemical manufacturing facility in South Kearny, N.J., have been given their jobs back by a federal judge.

The 50 members of Local 1245 were abruptly locked out by their employer mid-negotiations in November. The National Labor Relations Board found that the company had failed to bargain with Local 1245, that the lockout was illegal and filed suit to force the company to return Local 1245 members to work. **OP**

ICWUC Dedicates Renovated Worker Education Center in Cincinnati

The International Chemical Workers Council of the UFCW dedicated a newly renovated Worker Education Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 30th. The Center, which was founded in 1988, provides state-of-the-art worker safety and health training, with a specialty in chemical spill emergency response.

The Center’s impact is well beyond just the workers it trains. Activists from around the country attend classes then take chemical spill response training worker-to-worker to make workplaces across the country safer. **OP**



At the dedication of the new Worker Education Center, ICWUC President Frank Cyphers (right), recognizes the contributions of former President Frank Martino (with his wife Phyllis) who founded the Center.

New Environmental Study Finds BPA in Register Receipts

A new study from the Environmental Working Group has found the chemical bisphenol A, or BPA, in receipts from major stores across the country. Health concerns have been raised about BPA as it can disrupt normal reproductive development in human beings, and you may remember concerns about its use in baby bottles and canned food previously.

The study found levels of BPA in receipts of major retailers and U.S. government agencies across the country although exposure to customers and cashiers that handle receipts on a regular basis is still unknown. Earlier analysis by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention leads researchers to believe that over time, cashiers may accumulate more BPA in their bloodstream from handling these receipts than the average American.

Aware of this concern, UFCW has been participating in a federal Environmental Protection Agency working group to study the problem and reduce the use of BPA in receipts. We will continue to stay abreast of the latest developments on this issue, advocating for our members, and inform you should there develop a need for action and concern. Keep watching *OnPoint* for the very latest on this and other workplace safety and health issues. **OP**