

CWA Local 9410 Bulletin ~ September 2011

September 5	Labor Day		Nationwide
September 13	Executive Board Meeting	10:00am	Union Hall
September 20	General Membership	10am and 5:00 pm	Union Hall
	Nominations of Officers and Executive Board		

CWA, IBEW REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON: MEMBERS RETURN TO WORK TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2011

Following is a statement by the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers:

Washington, D.C. – Members of CWA and IBEW at Verizon Communications will return to work on Tuesday, August 23, at which time the contract will be back in force for an indefinite period.

We have reached agreement with Verizon on how bargaining will proceed and how it will be restructured. The major issues remain to be discussed, but overall, issues now are focused and narrowed. We appreciate the unity of our members and the support of so many in the greater community. Now we will focus on bargaining fairly and moving forward.

CWA and IBEW represent 45,000 workers at Verizon covered by this contract from Virginia to New England.

NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Nominations will be taken at the regularly scheduled membership meeting for all CWA Local 9410 Officers and Executive Board positions as follows:

Date: Tuesday, September 20, 2011
Time: 10:00 am and 5:00 pm
Place: CWA Local 9410 Union Hall
240 2nd Street - 2nd Floor, SF

Nominations will be taken for the office of President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer and for the following Executive Board seats: AT&T Plant, AT&T Marketing, AT&T Mobility, and Palcare; AVAYA, CWA Retirees, CWA Staff, FMI, and SEIU Local 1021 are combined into the At-Large seat. To be eligible for nomination, you must be a member in good standing, and for Executive Board, you must be part of the unit you want to represent.

United Way Grand Prize Winner 2011 is.....

HEY EVERYBODY, it's that time of the year. United Way, CWA and AT&T are having their annual Employee Giving campaign and raffle for 2011-12. Last year's campaign was a fantastic success and we thank you for all your support. Our Grand Prize winner was Eugene Mah from 610 Brannan Street who won an IPAD. This year's Grand Prize is a trip to Las Vegas!

Our team members are Al Williams-Chair, Ken Craft, Rodney Blanchard and Roland Andersen. We hope to continue the success we had last year to be able to donate to the charities and community services in the San Francisco Bay Area that so need our help in these tough economic times.

CARA Alert

California Alliance for Retired Americans

September 1st – National Day of Action to Tax Wall Street

On September 1, nurses across America will lead Main Street actions to publicize support for a Financial Transaction Tax on Wall Street to repair Main Street and begin restoring economic fairness to our nation. CARA has signed on as a sponsor of this event, and would like to encourage **YOU** to attend the event in your area. Each event is focused on a particular member of the U.S. Congress to ask them to sign a pledge to support the Transaction Tax on Wall Street so that the very financial institutions that are at the root of our financial crisis start paying their fair share.

San Francisco Board of Supervisors OK U-VERSE VRADs IN CITY

Wow! The Board of Supervisors approved AT&T plan to install hundreds of utility boxes on San Francisco sidewalks without undergoing an environmental impact study.

AT&T found this out the hard way when they proposed the installation of 726 utility boxes on San Francisco sidewalks as part of U-verse, the company's cable, Internet and phone service bundle that would effectively end Comcast's citywide home telecom monopoly. Earlier this year, Planning Department officials determined AT&T didn't need to submit the plan for the comprehensive environmental study that's usually required under state law. AT&T has been outreaching to community for over a year, there were a coalition of neighborhood groups opposing the city planning department ruling under California Environment Quality Act of placing 726 VRAD boxes throughout the city. The Board of Supervisors voted 6 to 5 to uphold AT&T exemption, paving the way for U-Verse installations. An agreement by AT&T to give neighborhoods advance notice of the VRAD installations so a supervisor or neighborhood group object, \$25,000 a year to abate graffiti, and hire 33% of the workers from the city. The first installation from the proposal will begin in the Outer Richmond District.

PALCARE

Local 9410 is still bargaining the Palcare contract which is due to expire on September 1, 2011.

On September 25, 2011, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Palcare will have their Grand Opening celebrating the completion of their renovation project. The renovation is allowing Palcare to serve more families and bring their current classrooms up to date with National quality standards.

Palcare is still the only childcare center in the Bay Area that offers care and education for extended hours (6:00 am -11:00 pm) Monday through Saturday.

Proceeds from their event will support the purchase of equipment and materials needed in the classrooms to complete the quality enhancement.

If you need quality childcare, Palcare can be reached at 650-340-1289.

San Francisco Hotels Under Boycott

We need to support our brothers and sisters at Unite Here Local 2 working at the Hyatt Regency and Grand Hyatt for a fair contract. While many of the hotel industry's largest employers have reached a fair contract with the Union, Hyatt refuses to move. Hyatt workers have demanded that their contract include a new "solidarity clause" that permits Hyatt workers to honor picket lines and boycott their hotel in solidarity with non-union workers fighting to have a voice on the job.

Among the other issues on the table are: Union rights, room cleaner workload, wages, and health and safety issues. We need to force Hyatt to STOP THEIR EXCUSES and sign the contract now! Join the March this Labor Day Monday, September 5, 2011 at 10:30am in Union Square (Powell and Geary).

DO NOT PATRONIZE THESE HOTELS

Grand Hyatt Hotel

Union Square Hyatt Regency Hotel

Embarcadero Hyatt Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf

HEI Le Meridian Hotel

Financial District Hotel Frank, Downtown

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary/Treasurer



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