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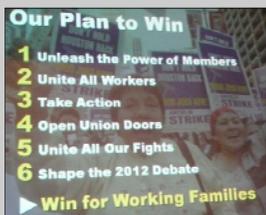
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TORONTO HOSTS SEIU INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

International President Mary Kay Henry meets with Local 2 E-Board

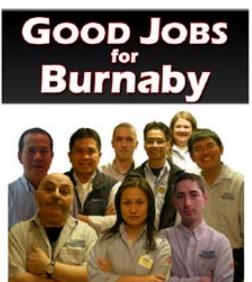
SEIU brought the Fight For A Fair Economy to Toronto in June as the International Executive Board met at the Park Hyatt Hotel to continue developing its' campaign for economic fairness and increased unionization across North America.



"SEIU Canada was pleased to host this very important IEB meeting in Toronto and to highlight the important fact that the fight for a fair economy is not limited to the U.S. or Canada but is a truly International crisis that needs a strong international union response", said SEIU Local 2 President, Cam Nelson.

Discussion revolved around the core elements of the **Fight for a Fair Economy** campaign: politics, organizing and member leadership & action, how they interact, and how they can lead us to win for working people.

The IEB decided to mount a massive '**Good Jobs**' demand through every campaign in political campaigns, contract fights and in every possible organizing campaign.



SEIU Local 2 already has an ongoing 'Good Jobs' campaign in 'Justice for Janitors,' which to date has organized nearly 5,000 cleaners Ottawa, Toronto, Edmonton, and Vancouver.

Earlier this year Local 2 successfully launched a Good Jobs for Scarborough, campaign in Ontario which helped save the jobs of close to 40 cleaners at the Scarborough Town Centre. Good Jobs campaigns were also launched in Burnaby, B.C. and have yet to conclude.

Despite the intensifying attacks on workers, SEIU has successfully organized 30,000 workers in North America so far this year.

International President Mary Kay Henry met with the Local 2 Executive Board before the IEB. She spoke of the urgent need to organize private sector workers and congratulated Local 2 on being one of the fastest growing SEIU private sector locals and on building a cross- Canada SEIU presence in the private sector.



Mary Kay Henry, SEIU International President



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2011 LABOUR DAY

Remembering Our Roots

At a time when many workers in Canada seem to be working harder just to keep pace, it's worth remembering the origins of Labour Day in our country.

On April 14, 1872, a demonstration was held by workers in Toronto to show solidarity with the striking Toronto Printer's Union members, who were demanding their work week be *reduced* to 58 hours. At the time workers regularly worked in excess of 12-hours a day.

Full story at www.seiulocal2.org



Call the Local 2 office in your area to find out about 2011 Labour Day events close to you! Phone numbers are on next page.

Jorge Rivas with family members at the 2010 Toronto Labour Day Parade.

FOOD SAFETY FIRST FOR WORKERS AT UNIVERSITÉ SAINTE-ANNE

Cross Country Check-Up: Nova Scotia



Sainte-Anne food service workers. (See website for names)

"I think food safety is extremely important; sanitizing, getting the right temperatures. People's health are at stake," says Joanne Flynn, a food service worker at Université Sainte-Anne in Pointe-de-l'Église (Church Point), Nova Scotia.

Full story at www.seiulocal2.org

OTTAWA MEMBERS GO TO CITY HALL

Cross Country Check-Up: Ottawa

Local 2 members in nation's capital attended an important vote at Ottawa City Hall in late June. They were there to support a movement to push city council to pass The Poverty Reductions Strategy, which includes a living wage motion.



Local 2 Member Anne Esso at Ottawa City Council Chambers.

Full story at www.seiulocal2.org



UNIT PROFILE

Local #1 Labatt London Plant



Labatt plant in London, Ontario.

Local #1 members have a long and proud tradition of working at the brewery in London. The Brewery was founded in 1847 and the Union was first chartered as a Local in 1907. John Clare was the first Union President and enjoyed 49 years of service working at the Brewery.

Local #1 was known as the Nation Brewery Workers until a merger in 1989 with the Brewery General & Professional Workers Union which became SEIU Local 2 in 2005. Currently in London there are approximately 250 full-time employees, making about half a billion bottles of beer every year. Cheers!

MEMBER PROFILE

John Vogel, Delta, B.C.



Truck Driver & Operator John Vogel, has been a Union member since 1988.

Ever wonder who's cleaning up after an oil spill or attending to a clean-up after a raging warehouse fire? Look no further than Local 2 member John Vogel.

Back in the summer of 2007, a pipeline was ruptured in a neighbourhood of Burnaby, B.C. Some witnesses said the oil shot 30 metres into the air like a geyser for 25 minutes.

John was involved in the emergency response and then attended to the clean-up of that particular mishap. "We were hauling the waste, cleaning rocks, shorelines, it all had to be cleaned-up," he recalls. "We worked on it for three months."

John, who has been a Union member since 1988, is a truck driver and operator with McRae's Environmental Services Limited.

Full story at www.seiulocal2.org

LOCAL 2 WELCOMES NEW TORONTO AREA MEMBERS

Cross Country Check-Up: Toronto



Berke, Sadia, and Nataly, are three of Local 2's newest members.

124 workers at the Schenker – Winners' Warehouse joined Local 2 this spring. "Local 2 now represents over 330 Schenker employees," said Myron Ticlo. "We're really excited to be joining Local 2 and pooling our strength."

As part of the ongoing Justice for Janitors campaign, 40 Apollo 8 cleaners at two different buildings became members of SEIU. "Much improvement is needed in the cleaning industry," said Mario Gatica. "Together we can make sure rights are respected and violations come to an end for everyone."

Full story at www.seiulocal2.org

U OF A JANITORS PREPARE FOR WAGE RENEGOTIATIONS

Cross Country Check-Up: Alberta



Tarik Accord, Chief Steward at UofA.

"We are working hard to build our union here," says Chief Steward Tarik Accord, "so it's a relief to know that we won't have to start from the beginning with a new contractor."

Full story at www.seiulocal2.org

BARGAINING UNIT UPDATES

Check Website for Details

- St. James Cemetery
- Township of Marathon
- Université Sainte-Anne Food Service Workers

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