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STATE OF THE UNION

Celebrate your Family San Antonio!



The Holidays are coming and its time to celebrate 2009! Join us Friday December 18th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Union Hall. Our Xmas Committee is up and running. They will be meeting on an as needed basis beginning on Monday November 9th at 6pm. We have planned a special appearance by SANTA. We are planning pictures with SANTA on his Sleigh as well as gifts for the children. The gentlemen at Public Works Brooks are working on getting to-

gether BBQ plates for everyone as well. If you would like to participate please contact Committee Chair Velia San Miguel at (210) 584-5287. Friends and Family are more than welcome but space is limited so you must RSVP no later than Thursday December 10 with Stephanie Felix at (210) 213-7167 or Juanita Mayberry at the (210) 225-1967.

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Faces of the Union– Velia San Miguel PD

Velia has been a long time member and has made great contributions to our Union no matter what she is faced with. Velia has overcome many obstacles, been an active member of her community and has continued to be very politically involved in our city. Her message has always been very clear... "Its our union, lets take charge of it!" Velia is right. It is our Union, leaders like her need to continue to step up and take charge. When members take charge we all win and we win big. On behalf of every SEIU member, thank you Velia for all your hard work and continue to help build and grow our Union. We applaud you and need more people like you!

Special points of interest:

- Want up to date information by text message? Text "SEIUTX" to 787753
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- Visit www.seiutx.org for up to date information



Faces of the Union– Welcome New Members

From one member to another, we would like to congratulate all those COSA employees that have recently become part of the Winning SEIU team!

You truly believe in fighting for your life and the life of your family. Welcome to our family.

Congratulations!

<u>Name</u>		<u>Department</u>	<u>Dates joined Winning Team</u>
Acosta	Robert	Community Initiatives	September
Rodriguez	Lorenzo	Convention Center	September
Escamilla	Paul	Convention Center	September
Garcia	Juan	SWMD	September
Reynoso	Juan	Metro Health	September
Ybarra	Camelio	PW Brooks	September
Padilla	Xavier	PW Brooks	September
Rios	Alex	PW Brooks	September
Valencia	Arnorld	PW Brooks	September
Escamilla	Luis	PW Brooks	September
Herida	David	PW Brooks	September
Acuña	Lupe	PW Brooks	September
Thompson	Joseph	Fire	September
Kennelly	Gregg	ITSD	September
Muñoz	Marsha	PW Brooks	October
Leyva	Daniel	PW Brooks	October
Betancourt	Isaac	PW Brooks	October
Ayala	Juan	PW Brooks	October
Diciolla	Michael	PW Brooks	October
Boldt	Russell	PW Brooks	October
Olivares	Anna	Metro Health	October
Cloor	Ralph	Convention Center	October
Rodriguez	Pedro	Parks & Rec.	October
Garza	Santiago	Aviation	October
De la O	David	Public Works	October
Gonzales	Santiago	P&G	October
Jimenez	Alvaro	P&G	October
Ochoa	Robert	P&G	October
Angulo	Alex	ITSD	October

View from the Director's Chair—Ogden Chamberlain



As an Insured COSA Employee...

Why Should I Care about a Public Option???

FACT There is little competition among those who provide health insurance plans as only a small number of companies have an overwhelming number of participants in their plans. There are those who believe that it is that lack of competition that is creating increases in Health Care costs 3-4 times the rate of inflation and that the creation of another competitor- **The Public Option- will hold down cost increases in the future.**

COST must be contained to the rate of inflation or ultimately it will drive more and more families into the ranks of the uninsured who then end up requiring the most expensive care available- an Emergency room. We know who pays for that kind of Health Care. We all as taxpayers do!

FAMILIES will become uninsured either because the employer can no longer afford to offer Health Care to their employees or the employer will be forced to pass on to their employees premium increases which the individual employee can no longer afford to pay.

INCREASES in the cost of Health care are out of control and soaking up funds that otherwise would be available for other kinds of employee compensation- like cost of living increases or market wage adjustments or even additional Health benefits or out of pocket reductions.

PUBLIC OPTION is an issue to take a look at. If we do not resolve the lack of competition which is driving up costs then more and more families will do with less and less in all areas of employee compensation.

ITS ABOUT COMPETITION !!!


PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT TODAY! CALL 866.308.6259

WWW.SEIUTX.ORG is up and running !

The website is up and running! We have been trying very hard to keep you up to date on how to protect you and your family and the website is one important factor. You can now DOWNLOAD Membership cards. Remember the one time your friend wanted to join you on your winning team and you just got caught without a card. You can now go to the website and print on out! You can also keep track of your Newsletters as they are all posted and ready for you to download. If you are not receiving yours in the mail make sure to contact us to update your information TODAY!.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Mtg w/ HR	7
8	9 Xmas Cmte Mtg	10	11 Veter- ans Day	12	13	14 Austin Trip
15	16	17	18	19 Leader Mtg 6pm	20	21
22	23	24	25 Closed	26 Closed	27 Closed	28
29	30					