

Memo to Members



by Larry Mazzola
Business Manager

As you can tell from the front page of this *Pipe-lines*, we're mad as hell, and we're not going to take it anymore.

For decades Republicans and their right-wing, big business cronies have been steadily chipping away at the rights of working people and their unions. And since the mid-term election last year, that has become a feeding frenzy.

NOT ABOUT DEFICITS

The anti-union forces would have you believe this is about cutting spending, but that's not true. In Wisconsin public employee unions agreed to cutbacks, and were told that wasn't enough. Governor Scott Walker still went after their right to collective bargaining.

Throughout the country we are seeing attacks not just on spending or deficits, but on the right to unionize.

A BASIC RIGHT

I have always believed the right to form a union is a basic human right, like freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. We have the right to come together for our own protection, and for our own betterment. We have the right to work together for a better future for each and every one of us.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt agreed with that right when he signed the Wagner Act, back in 1935, and it has been driving opponents crazy ever since. They passed Taft-Hartley in 1947 to limit our right to organize, and they continue to fight even the most basic workplace rights.

A NEW OFFENSIVE

With a number of Republican victories in the mid-term elections, conservative forces believed they had a mandate, and the time to finish union once and for all had come. So they went on the attack in Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Florida and numerous other states.

Well, they're wrong. In Wisconsin thousands of workers took to the streets protesting the cuts, and at least one Republican lawmaker is up for recall. And on March 4 hundreds of thousands of workers attended more than 1,100 "WE ARE ONE" rallies across the country, voicing their support for workers and their right to organize and bargain collectively.

Several polls show that the majority of Americans now side with public workers, and not with those who would destroy the middle class. Our financial crisis was not caused by teachers, fire fighters, police officers or nurses. It was caused by corporate greed and Wall Street fraud, and workers shouldn't have to pay the price alone.

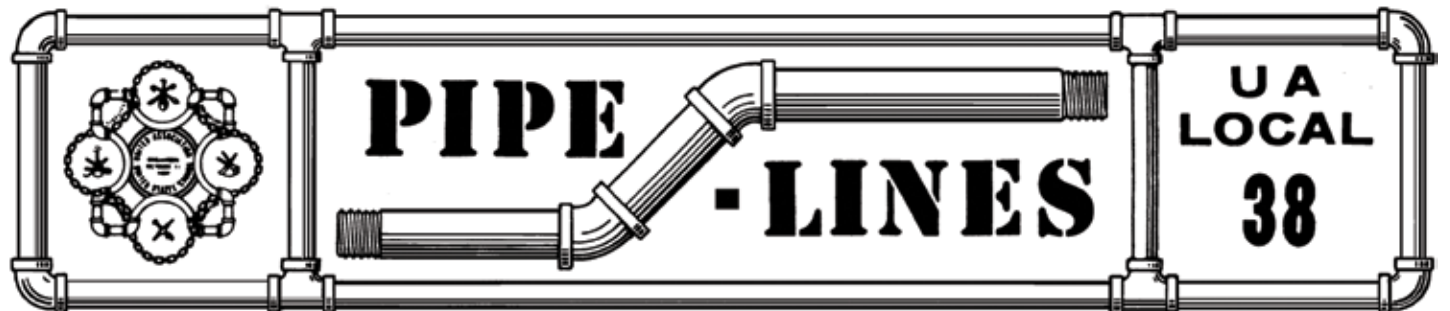
In San Francisco more than 3,000 union supporters, including more than 100 Local 38 members turned out to make their voice heard, and I want to thank everyone who man-

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Labor Fights Back

The Battle in the Streets...



SAN FRANCISCO, CA



APRIL 2011

...And In the Legislature



California Assemblyman Tom Ammiano was one of ten legislators who met with San Francisco and San Mateo labor union members to discuss the problems facing workers and the state.

SF Marchers Join Union Activists Across the Country

More than 3,000 union members and supporters took to the streets of San Francisco earlier this month to voice their opposition to the recent attack on unions, including the campaign of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker to end public workers unions in his state.

Marching to shouts of "This is what democracy looks like," and "Union Power" workers began at the Bank of America headquarters on California St. and marched to the Federal Reserve building on Mar-

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Lobbying at the State Capitol

Hundreds of trade union representatives descended on Sacramento last month to tell their state legislators that labor is still a force to be reckoned with, and that labor's legislative agenda is important to all working people, union and non-union alike, throughout the state.

The Joint Legislative Conference sponsored by the California Labor Federation and the State Building and Construction Trades Council, included workshops on important legislative issues, a dinner with

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Taking the Fight to Washington

Local 38 Business Agents Frank Reardon and Steve Jennings joined more than 1,500 building trades representatives from throughout the country in Washington, DC earlier this month, for the annual Building and Construction Trades Department (AFL-CIO) Legislative Conference.

The three day conference includes a series of speakers, workshops designed to educate union leaders about the BCTD's legislative priorities, and then a full day

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Camp Konocti Ready For Another Season

Tetherball, hockey, badminton, volleyball, tennis, basketball, and other sports games events will be available to Camp Konocti campers this year with the addition of a new sports court at the camp.

The multi-use sports court will be located in what was the upper parking area, immediately above the camp's swimming pool area. The facility is a multi-use area that can quickly transform from a half court basketball court to games requiring a net, such as tennis and volleyball, or can be opened up for dodge ball, 4-square, or a score of other games.

The court is the latest in a number of improvements Camp Konocti has seen over the past few years, which has made the already exciting summer camp even more attractive and enjoyable.

A PROUD ACHIEVEMENT

"Camp Konocti is one of Local 38's proudest achievements," said Local 38 Business Manager Larry Mazzola in announcing the upcoming season. "Camp Konocti has always been a first rate facility and the improvements we've managed to make over the past few years—a new dock, the recreation center, rebuilding the kitchen and bathrooms, painting the entire camp and now adding the sports court—the camp just keeps getting better. It is one of our most exciting benefits. And the sons and daughters of Local 38's members can't seem to get enough of it. It a great benefit for our families and kids."

Returning as Camp Director



will be Bill Olinger, a 23 year veteran of Camp Konocti--seven years as a camper and 16 years as a staff member.

A CHILDREN'S BENEFIT

Throughout the camp's almost 50 years, thousands of Local 38 children have enjoyed their summers on the shores of Clear Lake. They have learned to swim, sail, water ski, hike, and simply have fun in the outdoors with others their age.

It has created a sense of belonging and family among Local 38's children, who have learned the value of unionism, and that workers working together can provide the same opportunities as are available to the children of the wealthy.

Campers are housed in tent cabins, which provide the outdoor experience with the added safety of cabin style protection from the elements. Facilities include swimming pool, dock and boating facilities (sailing, power boating, canoeing

and water skiing), a campfire area, a modern kitchen with a full time dietician, and even a camp nurse and on call physician.

OPEN TO ALL

Originally created for Local 38 families only, in recent years Camp Konocti has opened its doors to all children. Local 38 Building Trades members who work the required number of hours for a contributing employer are eligible to send their sons or daughters to a session of camp based upon their age, with no charge.

Qualified active or retired Local 38 members who wish to send their grandchildren to Camp Konocti will be charged \$800 per child. Members of other UA locals will be charged \$1,250 per camper for the two-week sessions, and members of the general public will be charged \$1,500.

The rate was set by the Local 38,

and is designed to offset the cost of lodging, activities, insurance and other expenses for the program. The Camp Konocti season is divided into four sessions, with children of like ages grouped together.

There is no transportation to or from Camp Konocti. Parents must drop their children at the camp on the day the session begins, and pick campers up when the session ends. Camp Konocti is unable to accept any child who is not seven years old on or before June 13, 2010. Parents may be asked for verification of their child's age if questions arise.

REGISTRATION

To register for Camp Konocti fill out the accompanying registration form and return it to the Camp Konocti Office, 1621 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

Campers who do not receive health coverage through Local 38, must provide proof of eligibility in the form of copies of marriage licenses, dependent birth certificate, and/or recent 1040 tax forms. For the safety of all campers no child will be allowed to attend camp without a completed health certificate.

All necessary forms, documentation and payments must be received at the Local 38 union office no later than two weeks prior to the start of the camper's session.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

If you have questions regarding Camp Konocti you can call Local Union 38, at (415) 626-2000. These calls are for information only! No registrations will be accepted over the telephone.

Camp Konocti Registration Form

Camp Konocti Office, 1621 Market St., San Francisco CA 94103
(415)626-2000

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

SSN: _____

Child's Name	Age	Birth date	Sex
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

I wish to enroll my child in Camp Konocti. Please circle the session your child will be attending.

1st Session - 7-8 years old - June 19-July 2

2nd Session - 9-10 years old - July 3-16

3rd Session - 11-12 years old - July 17-30

4th Session - 13-14 years old - July 31-August 13

I certify that I am the legal parent, grandparent or guardian of the above-named children, that I am a member in good standing of the United Association, and that he/she has my permission to attend Camp Konocti.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

Return this form to Camp Konocti, 1621 Market St., San Francisco CA 94103.

Equipment List

Camp Konocti is a fully equipped summer camp providing all the basic needs of its campers. There are shelters, a structured educational and recreational program, a well-trained, professional staff of counselors and managers, a wide variety of recreational equipment, and expertly prepared, nutritious meals and snacks. Campers need only bring those personal items and equipment they will use during their free two-week vacations at Camp Konocti.

Laundry is done once a week at camp, so campers should bring sufficient clothes for seven days. Each item of clothing and equipment should be clearly marked with the camper's name, in a manner that won't wash off.

The following is a basic list to help you organize everything your son and daughter may need for camp, but it does provide some basic guidelines.

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| Jeans or slacks | Laundry list |
| T-shirts | Flashlight |
| Shorts | Toiletries and towels |
| Underwear and socks | Stationary, pens and stamps |
| Sun hat | Sandals |
| Shoes, hiking and tennis | Fishing tackle |
| Swimsuits | Baseball glove |
| Warm jacket | Musical instrument |
| Sweater | Sun glasses |
| Sweatshirt | Sun screen lotion |
| Pajamas, robe, slippers | Camera & film |
| Sleeping bag | |

If your camper has special needs, such as activity restrictions or medical needs, be sure to provide written instructions with your registration paper work, and for the camp staff when you drop off your camper.

22nd Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Local 38 Golf Tournament Moves To San Geronimo

Local 38's Annual Charity Golf Tournament finds itself housed in a new, spectacularly picturesque location this year. The Tournament, scheduled for June 18, 2011, will be held at the San Geronimo Golf Course in San Geronimo, California, about 10 miles west of Fairfax in beautiful west Marin County.

This year's tournament will benefit the UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Children's Cancer Research program. Tee time for the tournament is 1:00 p.m., and the format will be shotgun, with players playing their own balls.

A PROUD TRADITION

"The Local 38 Charity Golf Tournament has become one of our proudest traditions," said Local 38 Business Manager Larry Mazzola, in announcing this year's event.

"We started the tournament as a way to spend some time on the golf course with friends, families and other union members. However, the tournament has become Local 38's major annual charitable event. Thanks to the support of players, sponsors and donors, we have been able to make major contributions to many deserving charities. Over the years the Local 38 Charity Golf Tournament has raised more than \$434,000 for a wide variety of charities ranging from the fight against breast and prostate cancer to the rebuilding of Mission Dolores.

CHILDREN'S CANCER

UCSF's Benioff Children's Hospital focuses on a wide range of children's diseases, including research in Children's Cancer and working with childhood cancer survivors.

DIFFERENT WAYS TO DONATE

The Local 38 tournament provides three ways for people to contribute; by playing in the tournament, by sponsoring a hole on the course, or through donations. Playing in the tournament costs \$150 per person for Local 38 members or \$200 per person for nonmembers.

The entry fee includes green fees, tee prizes, lunch and drinks on the course and dinner following the tournament. This year an additional dinner option has been added, so diners have a choice of prime rib, chicken or vegetarian entrees.

Sponsoring a hole costs \$250, which buys a colorful sign located

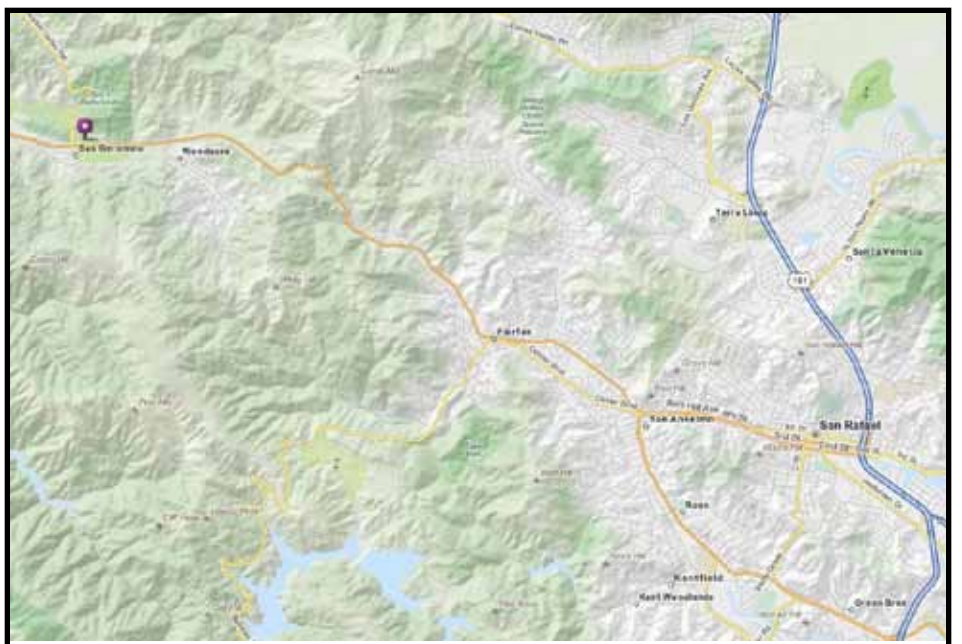
at the tee area of a hole. Signs can include corporate logos or other information.

While players are the backbone of the tournament, it is corporate hole sponsorships and donations that raise the majority of money for the tournament's charitable donation.

LIMITED NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Accompanying this article you will find a Registration Form for those interested in playing in the tournament or sponsoring a hole. Because there are only 144 playing spaces available for the tournament, those interested in playing should reserve their spaces as soon as possible.

To reserve a spot you must fill out the accompanying form and mail it, along with your check payable to the Local 38 Charity Golf Tournament, to 1621 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94103. Reservations will only be held for those who actually pay their entry fees.



FROM THE SOUTH

Take the Greenbrae/San Anselmo exit from Highway 101, and follow Sir Francis Drake Blvd. west through San Anselmo and Fairfax, and over White's Hill. Approximately 5 miles past Fairfax on Sir Francis Drake you will see the clubhouse for the San Geronimo Golf Course on the right side of the road, immediately before the turnoff for Nicasio Valley Road.

FROM THE NORTH

Take the Downtown San Rafael exit from Highway 101 and follow Heatherton. Turn right on Third Street, and proceed west along Third and the Miracle Mile, and merge with Sir Francis Drake Blvd. Follow Sir Francis Drake west through San Anselmo and Fairfax, and over White's Hill. Approximately 5 miles past Fairfax on Sir Francis Drake you will see the clubhouse for the San Geronimo Golf Course on the right side of the road, immediately before the turnoff for Nicasio Valley Road.

All proceeds benefit UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Children's Cancer Research

The 22nd Annual

U.A. Local 38 Charity

Saturday, June 18, 2011

San Geronimo Golf Course, San Geronimo

\$150 for Local 38 Members
 \$200 for non-Local 38 Members
 \$250 for Hole Sponsorship
 \$50 for Dinner only
 Fee includes Cart, Tee Prizes, Barbeque Lunch and Dinner
REGISTRATION - 10:30 am.
LUNCH - 11-Noon
TEE TIME - 1:00 pm, Shotgun Format
 Play your own ball
NO-HOST COCKTAILS - 6 pm, DINNER - 7pm

IMPORTANT!
Dress Code
 Collared shirts are required, denim jeans are allowed, shorts must be bermuda-length
Inappropriate Attire
 Tank tops, T-shirts, Cut-offs
Golf Spike Rule
 Soft spikes only. Metal spikes are not allowed. No rentals or changeovers available. Tennis shoes are permitted

Yes, I want to play in the 22nd Annual Local 38 Charity Golf Tournament. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ tickets.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Dinner Choice: _____ Prime Rib _____ Chicken _____ Vegetarian

My company/group would like to sponsor a hole at the Local 38 Charity Golf Tournament. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ for _____ hole sponsorships at \$250 each.

Foursome preferences:

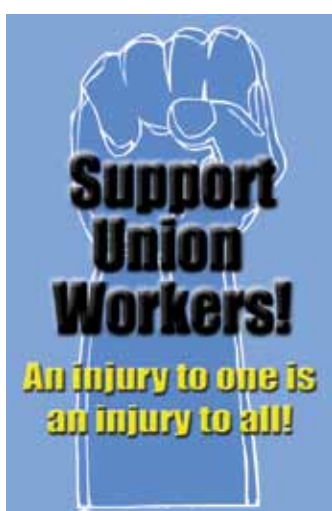
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3. _____ 4. _____

Mail Registration Checks to Local 38 Charity Golf Tournament, 1621 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

There are limited spots in the Tournament, so get your registration in as soon as possible. Make checks payable to the Local 38 Charity Golf Tournament and mail to 1621 Market St., San Francisco, CA 94103

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ket St. Along the way they stopped at Citibank and Chase, calling for additional taxes on corporations to help ease the state's deficit.

More than 100 Local 38 members, families and supporters took part in the rally.

NATIONWIDE SOLIDARITY

Entitled the "We Are One" march, the event was sponsored by the San Francisco Central Labor Council and the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, and coincided with more than 1,200 rallies held throughout the country on April 4. Across the country hundreds of thousands of workers took to the streets calling for worker solidarity.

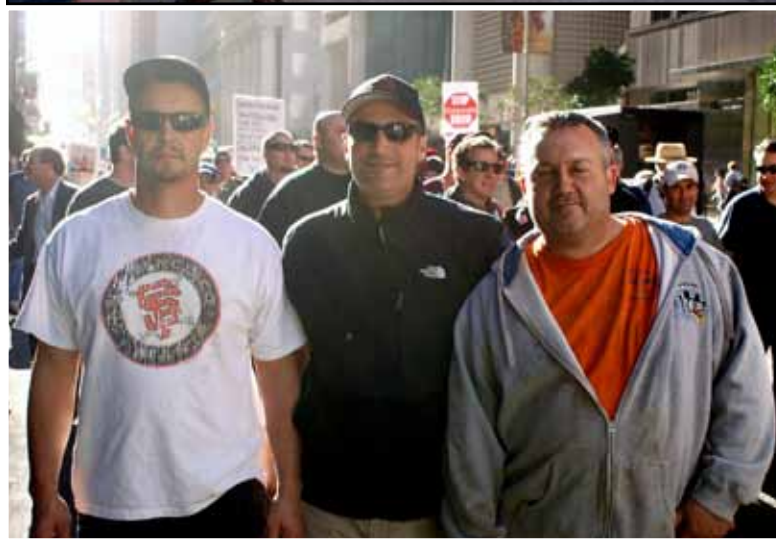
"Our unions are under attack," said Local 38 Business Manager Larry Mazzola, Sr., who put out a special call for members to participate in the action. "We need to let people know that we are going to fight for our right to be union. Corporations and their right-wing allies know that if they can get rid of unions, they will be able to push their anti-worker, anti-family conservative agenda."

SUPPORTING WISCONSIN WORKERS

While the march focused primarily on supporting Wisconsin public workers—who have been the subject of a brutal assault by Gov. Walker since his election in November—the message labor has sent for years, "An attack on one is an attack on all," was clear. Workers expressed their concerns about the economic crisis in California and throughout the country, calling for an end to blaming public workers for the economic destruction from Wall Street.

"This is not a fight for Wisconsin workers," said Local 38 Assistant Business Manager Larry Mazzola, Jr. "or for public workers. It's a fight for all workers. We're already seeing attacks on Project Labor Agreements and prevailing wage laws. Privatizing, outsourcing, pre-fabrication, it's all part of the same fight to break the unions and reduce wages and benefits to the lowest level possible.

"We need to stand up for all unions to protect our own union and our own future," he concluded.





Business Agent Frank Reardon represented Local 38 at the California Joint Legislative Conference last month. Here he is pictured with Assemblyman Michael Allen (left), State Senator Noreen Evens and Marin Building Trade President Bill Scott (middle) and with Assemblyman Tom Ammiano and SF Building Trades Secretary Treasurer Michael Theriault. At the far right is Governor Jerry Brown, the conference's keynote speaker.

Legislative Conference...

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keynote speaker Governor Jerry Brown, and sessions with individual legislators.

Among the highlights of the event was a visit by a number of Tunisian Labor leaders who played key roles in the Tunisian uprising that has led to democratic movements throughout the Middle East.

Solidarity in the face of the attack on labor was the theme throughout the conference. "Remember that when you make a fist and hold it up in solidarity," Bryan Kennedy, the president of the American Federation of Teachers-Wisconsin told an appreciative audience, it's in the shape of the state of Wisconsin."

CLOSE TO HOME

Closer to home representative of the Orange Council Employees Association (OCEA) described the fight in Costa Mesa, California, where the City Council is attempting to privatize virtually all city jobs. "The GOP believes it can take California, city by city," Nick Berardino of the OCEA told the gathering, "starting with Costa Mesa."

A similar attack is underway in Carlsbad, California, where the city has decided to make all city employees "at-will" employees who can be fired at any time, and to contract out for city services.

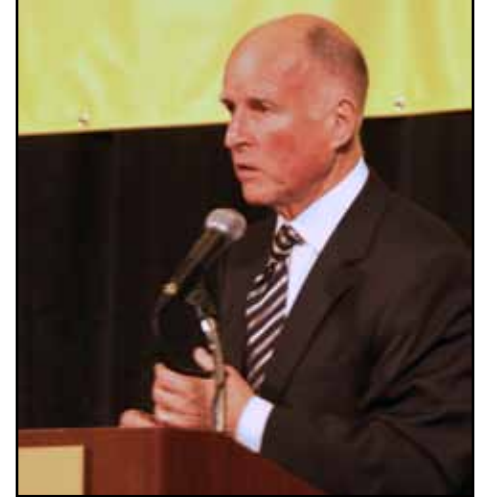
LET US VOTE

A second theme running throughout the conference was the

refrain of "Let us vote." Faced with an unprecedented budget crisis, California's Republicans have decided the \$25 billion deficit must be solved with cuts alone. Governor Brown has proposed a series of extensions on existing taxes that would stave off an additional 12.5 billion in cuts. Brown wants California voters to decide, a move that has been blocked by Republicans.

TALKING TO LEGISLATORS

On the conference's second day, delegates took the message to their legislators. In a session hosted jointly by the San Francisco Labor Council, the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, the San Mateo Central Labor Council and the San Mateo Building and Construction Trades Council, more than 10 legislators appeared one by one to be quizzed about their position on labor's various legislative priorities.



Included were bills protecting prevailing wages, apprenticeship programs, ending enterprise zones, protecting homeowners from illegal foreclosures, and regulating the cash cards some companies are using to pay their workers.



Local 38 Business Agents Frank Reardon and Steve Jennings were among more than 1,500 Building Trades representatives from across the country who attended the Building and Construction Trades Department's Legislative Conference in Washington, DC earlier this month. The conference included two days of workshops outlining legislative issues, and a full day of lobbying with our representatives in Congress. Pictured here are Reardon (left) and Jennings (right) with United Association General President Bill Hite and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi.



Local 38 Officers Attend BCTD Legislative Conference

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of lobbying with regional Congressional leaders.

Although the theme of this year's Legislative Conference was "Building a Better America...One Project at a Time," the real focus of the conference was the need to fight the growing attack on America's unions and middle class.

THE SOUL OF AMERICA

"The building trades have their own issues," BCTD President Mark Ayers an enthusiastic gathering, "but our future lies with all of labor and with any group willing to join

us in fighting to protect the middle class and working people.

"Whether we like it or not we have been pulled into a brutal struggle in America. And it's a struggle for the very soul of our nation and our democracy. The attacks we see today on unions all across America are being instigated by an ultra-radical conservative movement. Yes, their initial focus is to shred public employee unions under the guise of fiscal responsibility; but make no mistake about it their real purpose is the eradication of ALL unions from the American landscape. That is why all unions must come together as ONE to fight these right-wing assaults on our

unions."

When it came to Lobbying, Local 38's representatives got a warm reception from House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. They discussed, among other things, federal

stimulus projects in the Bay Area, including the geothermal project at the Geysers, and the importance of protecting prevailing wage legislation and project labor agreements.

PIPE - LINES

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aged to make the march. We need to show our elected officials that we are serious, and that we want action, and we can only do that with numbers.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

They are also wrong if they think we are going to lie down politically. This month union delegates met with their elected representatives to discuss issues that affect not only building trades and other labor unions, but all working people.

In both Sacramento and in Washington DC union workers discussed issues, set legislative priorities, and took their arguments to both the state and national capital.

I want to thank both Frank Rear-don and Steve Jennings for the excellent job they did in representing Local 38 in Sacramento and Washington DC. And I want to say a personal thank you to all our elected representatives for the warm welcome they extended to our delegates. Thanks to the hard work of labor and their supporters, and voters throughout California, we have a Sacramento and Washington delegation open to our input.

CAMP KONOCTI

On page 2 of this Pipelines you'll find the information and registration form for the upcoming season at Camp Konocti. We have another exciting new addition to camp, a multi-use sports and gaming court, where campers can play basketball, tennis, tether ball, badminton, volley ball, and numerous other sports. It will be a great facility and add a lot of variety to the daily camp program.

CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Page 3 of this issue you'll see the information for the upcoming 22nd Annual Local 38 Charity Golf Tournament. This year's tournament will be held at the San Geronimo Golf Course in West Marin, one of the prettiest courses in the Bay Area.

The course is challenging, but the day will be lots of fun, and I'm looking forward to seeing you there. Get your reservations in early so you're sure of a spot.

CONGRATULATIONS

A couple of congratulations are also in order. First to Local 159 Business Manager Aram Hodess and Local 38 Field Organizer Tony Guzzetta for the success of their campaign against Augusto Plumbing in Novato. This battle has been going on for a long time. Augusto has blatantly ignored public works apprenticeship requirements, and taken work from legitimate contractors. This is an important victory for union contractors.

I also want to congratulate Josh Kitching, Brian Price and Derek Ottinger for being chosen to represent Local 38 in the statewide level of the UA Apprentice Contest. Good Luck in Modesto.

NATIONAL PLUMBER'S DAY

Finally, don't forget Monday, April 25 is National Plumbers Day. Finally, a day we can all celebrate!

New Local 38 Sign at AT&T Park



Local 38 has new signs at the San Francisco Giant's AT&T Park, both on the concourse and in the rest rooms. Proudly displaying the world champion Giants colors, the signs urge builders to hire skilled Local 38 workers. Local 38 has been advertising at AT&T Park since its opening, and is proud to point out the role our plumbers and fitters played in building the stadium

Novato Plumber Fined, Barred

Christopher Augusto, the owner and operator of Christopher J. Augusto Plumbing Company in Novato was recently fined more than \$500,000 for not complying with apprentice requirements for public works projects.

The fine, levied by the Department of Industrial Relations Division of Apprenticeship Standards, came after an extensive investigation by Business Manager Aram Hodess of UA Local 159, and Field Organizer Tony Guzzetta, from Local 38, who filed a complaint with the state agency.

In addition to the fine, the agency issued a debarment, which blocks Augusto from bidding on public projects in the state either directly or through management of a bidder through November of 2013.

"This is an exciting victory for union workers," said Guzzetta, when asked about the ruling. "This contractor was operating without any affiliation with an accredited apprenticeship program, and without employing any apprentices. And this is the second time

he was caught. Local 159 had been chasing him for years, and we managed to actually catch him on projects related to the Junipero Serra playground and the Richmond District Library, both in San Francisco."

A New Perspective

Garrett Lamp, a firefighter with the Orlando, Florida Fire Department, is a lifelong Republican. He is socially conservative and has been active in several election campaigns. But last week Lamp, a member of the International Association of Firefighters, made his way to the local Supervisor of Elections to change his party identification to Independent. And he launched a Facebook campaign to have other Republicans join him.

"It's almost like the Republicans are in a feeding frenzy, decimating working-class families," Lamp says. "You can't do away with taxes for corporations and put it on the backs of middle-class working people, and that's what they're doing."

Three Apprentices in State Competition

Three 10th period apprentices will be representing UA Local 38 in the statewide level of the 2011 UA Apprentice Contest, scheduled to be held in Modesto on May 12 and 13.

The apprentices competing in the contest are Steamfitter- Joshua Kitching, employed by ACCO, Plumber Brian Price, employed by O'Brien Mechanical, and HVAC/R-Technician Derek Ottinger employed by Carrier.

All three of the apprentices qualified to compete at the statewide level by scoring highest on the Local 38 level of the apprentice contest.

"We are very excited about the apprentices we have competing in the contest," said Training Director Steve Mazzola. "We're are sure they will do an outstanding job of representing Local 38."

May Union Meeting Cancelled

Local 38's May union meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, May 4, has been cancelled because of a scheduling conflict with California Pipe Trades Convention, scheduled for the first week in May in Anaheim, California. Local 38's officers, along with other Pipe Trades convention delegates will be attending the convention and will be unavailable for the meeting.

The May meeting is traditionally the final meeting before the summer break. The next union meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 6 pm, at the union hall, 1621 Market St., San Francisco CA.

Hug A Plumber for National Plumbers' Day



They don't bug you about dieting, or nag you to quit smoking, but plumbers are great doctors. They all but cured typhoid, Smallpox, Cholera and more--all through clean water supplies and wastewater disposal. For instance, in 1853, after a cholera outbreak had killed 10,000 people, Joseph Bazalgette devised a drainage system that disposed of sewage DOWNRIVER of the city's drinking water supply. He is credited with saving more lives than any other Victorian public official.

From *Flushed: How the Plumber Saved Civilization*

April 25, 2011
National Plumbers' Day