

Conference Schedule

Friday, March 4, 2011

5:00 p.m. Registration

6:00 p.m. Reception

Welcome

Charles Wowkanech
New Jersey State AFL-CIO President

Laurel Brennan
New Jersey State AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer

Tom Tighe
Middlesex/Somerset CLC President

Leadership Through Solidarity

Senator Linda Greenstein stated that union solidarity was the decisive factor in her recent election victory. Sheriff Millie Scott is the first woman to be elected Sheriff in Middlesex County; she is a graduate of WILD and a union sister. During this talk, Senator Greenstein and Sheriff Scott will explain how solidarity is essential to effective leadership as well as political and legislative success.

Speakers: Senator Linda Greenstein (District 14)

Millie Scott, Middlesex County Sheriff

International Leadership Research Findings

Dr. Mary Gatta will unveil research findings from the US/UK exchange program and present an historic account of our own New Jersey union sisters who crossed the pond to advance union women's leadership in the United Kingdom.

Speaker: Dr. Mary Gatta, Senior Scholar
Wider Opportunities for Women

Leadership Perspectives

Women leaders from all sides of the table will gather to discuss strategies for developing leadership skills and promoting personal growth in this difficult economy. The panel will also focus on the qualities that contribute to sustainable leadership.

Facilitator: Dianne McKay, Chairperson
Gender Parity Council, S.E.T.C.

Saturday, March 5, 2011

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Plenary Session

Political Action Through Solidarity

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO has built the country's best Labor Candidates Program achieving 639 union member election victories since 1997. Union members represent working families in offices ranging from the State Senate and Assembly to Committee and Council as well as Fire Commissioners to School Boards. During this segment of WILD, you will learn about our winning strategies and how you too can translate union solidarity into political action—and perhaps consider a bid for office yourself. We will also hear from two union sisters who won election to public office in 2010.

Speakers: John Shea, New Jersey State AFL-CIO
COPE Director

Helen Dela Cruz, SEIU 1199NY
Lacey Committee

Colleen Archer, CWA 1085
Westville Council

10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Workshop

Winning Outcomes

Participants will thoughtfully develop and apply the concept of solidarity to promote political action and expand their own leadership roles. We will set goals for the future, taking into consideration factors such as the economic and political climates. By the end of the workshop, participants will create their own personal solidarity action plans.

12:00 noon Lunch and Wrap-up

Leadership Lunch

We will discuss the strategies which were developed during the workshops and prepare to put our ideas into action. By reviewing our personal growth plans, we will determine what we can do to build the labor movement and produce results as leaders. We will also show how solidarity and sisterhood will be the greatest asset to our success.

REGISTRATION

Conference Fee: \$100

Includes: Meals, Program, and Materials

Please fill out the information below and mail it, along with a check payable to the "New Jersey State AFL-CIO", to the following address:

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New Jersey State AFL-CIO
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The Heldrich Hotel
10 Livingston Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Book your room by calling **(866)-609-4700** or book online at **www.theheldrich.com**. From the main webpage click the "BOOK NOW" link. At the top of the next page, select the "Groups" link and fill in your information. For all phone and online reservations use the **Attendee Code 128563** to receive the discounted room rate of **\$85.00**.

To guarantee room availability, the deadline is **Friday, February 11, 2011**.

Parking: Valet service is available at the hotel entrance for **\$10.00** per vehicle.

Women In Leadership Development

We are pleased to announce that the eighth annual (WILD) Women In Leadership Development Conference will be held at the newly organized Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick, March 4-5, 2011.

Our focus will be about increasing political action and leadership roles through solidarity. Solidarity, the cornerstone of the labor movement, has proven to be the key to organizing and building power within our unions. By applying the same concept of solidarity in the political arena, we can likewise achieve greater legislative and political success.

Union women know a thing or two about solidarity, and therefore, we want our sisters in organized labor to be a major component of our political efforts. At WILD this year, you will learn about how you can help translate union solidarity into political strength for yourselves, your union, and our labor movement.

To play a proactive role during these unprecedented economic times, solidarity is essential—solidarity among labor, business, and legislative leaders.

At WILD, we will join together with our peers and accomplished leaders representing all sides of the table. After engaging in interactive discussions and workshops, we will develop a comprehensive list of actionable takeaways and discover how we can all become leaders in promoting solidarity.

For further information or any questions, please call New Jersey State AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Laurel Brennan, at (609) 989-8730.

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