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***"RETIRED AND STILL WORKING FOR
THE LABOR MOVEMENT"***

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The NJ State AFL-CIO established the NJ State AFL-CIO Retirees Committee in 1997 to provide an opportunity for New Jersey's union retirees to stay involved in the labor movement through education, advocacy and activism. The Retirees Committee's goals are :

- To ensure that trade unionists are able to remain active in and informed of the programs, policies and the activities of the NJ State AFL-CIO, affiliated labor organizations and developments which affect the trade union movement of working men and women.
- To enable local councils and clubs of retired AFL-CIO trade unionists to coordinate their activities within this state and provide representation for them within the NJ State AFL-CIO Retirees Committee;
- To develop programs that educate, assist and mobilize NJ's retired union members and their families.

**For more information or to join
The NJ State AFL-CIO Retirees Committee, please contact:
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**The calendar of Retirees meetings and events are
posted at www.njafclcio.org.**

“Decisions are made by those who show up”
The West Wing

LEGISLATION

Practically all of the problems that concern union retirees - utility rates, healthcare, senior housing, tax laws, etc. - involve legislation. Informed union retiree groups have a crucial role to play in guaranteeing that sound state and national policies are enacted for all current and future retirees.

Over 150,000 union retirees living in New Jersey make their voices heard through the NJ State AFL-CIO Retirees Committee:

- Working with the Legislative arm of the NJ State AFL-CIO;
- Through representation on NJ State and Federal Congressional Delegate's senior advisory committees;
- Sending representatives to town meetings;
- Sponsoring an annual **Retirees Legislative Conference** addressing the impact of current and pending legislation on union retirees and their families.

EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY

Increasing numbers of seniors and retirees are living longer, healthier and more independently. At the same time, the need for home care-giving and long-term care is reaching crisis proportions for seniors, retirees and their families. Policy makers have also begun to recognize the impact that this trend will have on coming generations.

The NJ State AFL-CIO Retirees Committee sponsors an annual **Eldercare Awareness Conference** enabling union retirees and caregivers to learn about Federal, State and community-based services and programs that assist and advocate for retirees, seniors, and care-givers.