



# WOMEN OF STEEL NEWS

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## FROM THE UNION

### USW prepares to welcome activists to International Women's Conference

The 2023 USW International Women's Conference will take place October 23 – 26, 2023, in Pittsburgh. The conference brings together Women of Steel from various industries and backgrounds to celebrate their accomplishments, gain knowledge, exchange ideas, and empower each other.

This year's conference theme, "Women of Steel – Know Your Power," aims to recognize the remarkable achievements of women in our union and beyond while educating and inspiring attendees to take action in their locals, their communities, and around the globe.



Have you registered? There's still time! [Click here to download the call letter or learn more about the conference and how to register.](#)

Already registered? To help you prepare, this year's conference will be featured on the USW phone app! The free app can be downloaded for Apple users at the App Store, [usw.to/apple](https://www.usw.to/apple), or for Android users at the Google Play Store, [usw.to/android](https://www.usw.to/android). You can also access the app by going to [gousw.org](https://www.gousw.org) from any web browser and signing in or signing up! Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Conference registrants will be able to view the agenda and a map of the hotel, choose workshops, find a close bite to eat, and much more! Make sure you are signed up and keep an eye on your email, the conference will be launching in the app very soon. Not interested in the App? No problem! All delegates will continue to receive paper packets during registration and workshop signup is not required.

Have questions? Call us at (412) 562-2250



## USW's Kelly Weaver joins Sen. Casey in celebrating Pregnant Workers Fairness Act



USW District 10 Sub-District Director and Women of Steel Coordinator Kelly Weaver spoke at a press conference on Tues., Aug. 29, at the Goodwill Store and Donation Center in Lawrenceville alongside Sen. Bob Casey to celebrate the passage of the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.

The law, which took effect on June 27, expands protections for pregnant employees and applicants by requiring employers with 15 or more employees to make reasonable accommodations to known limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions.

“Having this act become law is such a great benefit to pregnant workers everywhere,” said Weaver. “Now we can require employers to make accommodations, such as having a chair to sit on or being put on light duty.”

[Click here to learn more about the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act.](#)

## **CLUW convention to be held November 10-12 in Minneapolis**



The 22nd Biennial Convention of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) will be held on November 10-12, 2023, at the Minneapolis Hilton.

The registration fee covers attendance to the convention, convention kit and educational Materials. To ensure delivery of your convention kit, you must be registered by **October 9**.

This convention is about working together to set new goals and frame objectives from the group’s founding principles that guide the work of CLUW. Progress is made possible by networking, sharing information and developing ideas to form new programs and policies.

[Click here to learn more and register.](#)

## **SOLIDARITY IN ACTION**

### **Wisconsin Woman of Steel honored with prestigious labor award**

USW member Cindy Odden received the Werner J. Schaefer Labor/Community Service Award on September 6 for the great work she does on in the union's District 7.

Odden shouted out the Women of Steel, saying, "I was definitely surprised. Though it's the WOS that always step up! I appreciate all the work they do."



The Werner J. Schaefer Labor/Community Service Award was established in honor of Werner J. Schaefer, a great labor leader who was president of the Milwaukee Area Labor Council for eight years.