

# DISTRICT 10



PENNSYLVANIA

**A**s we move forward towards summer, I am delighted to share with you some of the work our union has been involved in and key upcoming events aimed at fostering solidarity, empowerment, and progress within our union.

## Officers Training

Our union is committed to providing valuable opportunities for members to engage, learn, and connect. We have a diverse range of events planned, catering to various interests and needs within our membership. One of the most important trainings this year are the one-day workshops we have planned across the District. In total, we have twelve workshops planned: six for local and unit officers and six for financial officers. There will be no registration fees so all locals have the opportunity to participate. Holding a position within our union comes with responsibilities to your coworkers. We strongly encourage every local to send their officers so that they may understand their role within our union and the requirements that come with it.

There are two workshops to choose from. One is focused on the financial officers. This workshop will teach newly elected financial officers the basic requirements of their positions, including mandatory government reporting, payroll, allowable expenditures and more. The second workshop is for all other local and unit officers. This workshop is designed to equip our local officers with the basic knowledge and tools they need to effectively operate a local, run a local meeting and understand their responsibilities as union officers.

We also encourage those who have been re-elected to attend and brush up on their skills.

Our complete calendar of events is included in this insert. For more information or to register, please visit the District 10 website, [www.usw.org/districts/10](http://www.usw.org/districts/10).

## Elections 2024

Democracy lies at the heart of our union, and political activism is a fundamental expression of our members' voices and choices. In the upcoming months, we will be once again conducting town hall meetings to talk directly with members and their families about the union's core issues and why we have to engage in the political process to support those values. As workers and union members, we need to hold politicians accountable when it comes to those core issues: trade, health care, collective bargaining rights, safety and health, retirement security, and domestic issues such as investments in infrastructure, strengthening our supply chains, and "buy American" protections when tax dollars are spent. I encourage all members to participate actively in the election process by engaging in informed discussion, expressing your opinions and voting. Visit [www.uswvoices.org](http://www.uswvoices.org) to learn more and to complete a membership survey if you haven't already.

## District 10 at the White House

In February, Local 9002 Unit President Desirae Beatty represented the USW at a Black Workers Roundtable meeting at the White House. Desirae talked about the union difference for workers and how impactful organizing with the USW has been for her and her fellow District 10 members at the Kane Community Living Centers.

## Organizing

One of the cornerstones of our union's success is our commitment to organizing and expanding our membership base. I am pleased to report that we have continued to grow our membership. These new members bring fresh perspectives, energy, and enthusiasm to our union, strengthening our collective voice and increasing our capacity to advocate effectively for our rights and interests.

Since the last edition, we have made substantial progress on reaching a first

contract for the 3,000 faculty at the University of Pittsburgh. I am hopeful that by the time you read this, the faculty will be working to ratify the CBA. Thousands of University of Pittsburgh staff are also making progress toward their union and hope to have an election by this summer. If things turn out well, we will begin bargaining their first contract.

On March 27, 60 workers at the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh also filed for an election with the USW.

There are a few other campaigns in the works and I hope to tell you all about them soon!

As we continue to grow and evolve as a union, we must remain united, focused, and proactive in pursuing our shared goals. By working together, supporting one another, and staying true to our values of solidarity, equity, and justice, I know that we can overcome any challenges that lie ahead and build a brighter future for every member of our union.

Together, we have achieved great successes, and together, we will continue to strive for a better, fairer, and more inclusive future.



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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DISTRICT 10 DIRECTOR

# D10 RAPID RESPONSE

## *in Action*

**B**rothers and Sisters, it's been an active past few months in District 10.

In January, we held a 3-day Rapid Response training at the Harrisburg Hilton. Members came in from all around the District to learn our legislative priorities and to prepare for lobbying our state legislators. On Tuesday afternoon, we lobbied at the capitol around legislation important to working people, including unemployment eligibility for striking workers, expanding workers' compensation for permanent disfigurement, and direct deposit for workers' compensation. Our members and affiliates also rallied at the capitol for HB 299, which will ensure public sector workers are protected under the same OSHA regulation many of us are afforded.

In March, Rapid Response and Veterans of Steel coordinators teamed up and headed to Washington, D.C. to lobby in favor of HR 984, the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach (CVSO) Act. The Act would increase funding to counties to hire Veteran Service Officers (VSO). VSO's are essential to helping veterans get access to the benefits they earned by serving their country. Many veterans either forgo Veteran's aid or pay high-price attorneys to assist them. We owe our veterans this much!

### Join our Lobby Day

Join us on June 25 for the 2024 District 10 Lobby Day in Harrisburg. We'll have a full day of lobby training, followed by a day at the capitol to meet with legislators and elected officials about issues affecting union members.

Making sure our legislators know who we are and what we need from them is a central part of the work we do in Rapid Response. We know that no one can do that better than our members. That's why we are excited to announce this Lobby Day and training, and you're invited!

The success of the labor movement depends on our ability to build

power through activism. Legislative engagement is one of the most immediate ways to fight against the efforts of employers to erode hard-fought workers' rights. Through one-on-one conversations with our elected officials, we will show our representatives that we are prepared to fight for and protect the things that make the working class stable and strong.

Never lobbied before? That's alright! On Monday, June 24 at 9 a.m., we will hold a Rapid Response and Lobby training for all attendees. In this class, you will learn about the USW's Rapid Response program and the ins and outs of lobbying. We'll go over all the issues we plan to lobby our state legislators on, and we'll hear from leaders from the USW and the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO.

On Tuesday, June 25, we will head to the statehouse to meet with our legislators. That afternoon we will have a short debrief - you are welcome to leave following the debrief.

### Transportation

The District will be supplying buses from both the Pittsburgh and the Philadelphia areas if interest is shown. Information and registration for this will be posted online in the future.

### Hotel Information

A block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate for both Sunday, June 23, and Monday, June 25. Tell the hotel you are with the United Steelworkers District 10 to receive the special rate.

### Delegate Expenses

The best news is that it will be free to attend both the Monday training and Tuesday lobby day.

Each local must bear the expenses of their attending participants, including lost time, travel, and hotel.

For questions regarding the event, please contact Maurice Cobb at (717) 315-3045 or [mcobb@usw.org](mailto:mcobb@usw.org). We look forward to seeing everyone there!

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# 2024 D10 EVENTS AND TRAININGS

May 12 - 16	Women of Steel II	Linden Hall
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May 19 - 22	Rapid Response Legislative and Policy Conference	Washington, D.C.
June 9 - 12	Civil and Human Rights Conference	Detroit, MI
June 9 - 13	District Conference	Kalahari Resorts & Conventions
June 17	Officer Training	Pittsburgh
June 18	Financial Training	Pittsburgh
June 20	Officer Training	Erie
June 21	Financial Training	Erie
June 24	Officer Training	Wilkes-Barre
June 25	Financial Training	Wilkes-Barre
June 27	Officer Training	Linwood
June 28	Financial Training	Linwood
June 30	Picnic - East	Hershey Park
July 1	Officer Training	Steeltown
July 2	Financial Training	Steeltown
July 8	Officer Training	Johnsonburg
July 9	Financial Training	Johnsonburg
July 15 - 16	Grievance Handling	Coatesville
July 17 - 18	Grievance Handling	Bethlehem
July 19 - 20	Golf Outing	Linden Hall
July 21	Pirates vs Phillies	PNC Park
July 22 - 23	Grievance Handling	Pittsburgh
July 24 - 25	Grievance Handling	Wheatland
July 27	Motorcycle Run	Kittanning, PA
Aug. 5 - 8	National Paper Bargaining Conference	Austin, TX
Aug. 10	Sporting Clays Shoot	Buffer Creek Sporting Clays
Aug. 11	Picnic - West	Idlewild & SoakZone
Aug. 11 - 15	Workers' Comp - East	The Woodlands
Aug. 18 - 23	USW Health, Safety and Environment Conference	Pittsburgh
Sept. 2	Labor Day Parade	Pittsburgh
Sept. 15 - 20	National Oil Bargaining Conference	Pittsburgh
Sept. 23	Presidents Meeting - West	Pittsburgh
Sept. 27	Presidents Meeting - East	Harrisburg
Sept. 29 - Oct 3	Women of Steel I	Linden Hall
Sept. 29 - Oct 3	Next Gen I	Linden Hall
Oct. 13 - 16	Civil & Human Rights	Linden Hall
Oct. 27 - 31	Workers' Comp - West	Linden Hall

SAVE THE DATE

D10 CONFERENCE

JUNE 9-13 2024

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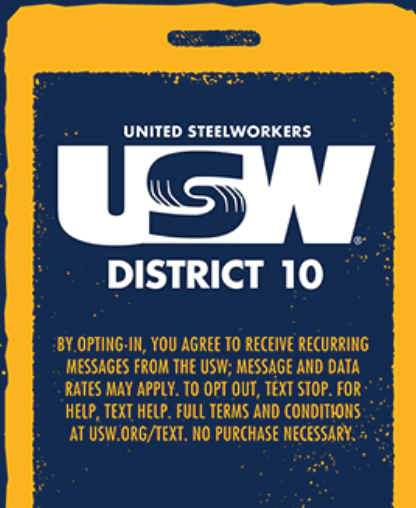
# STAY CURRENT ON DISTRICT 10 UPDATES



District 10 undertook the extensive task of building a new communication network this year to help you, our members, stay connected with what's happening around the state. Hopefully, you've already seen some of our messages!

This new network includes creating an email and text messaging system so that we can share information about the latest news, trainings and events, member and retiree highlights and so much more. If something is happening, we want you to know about it.

To sign up for the email updates, go to [www.usw.org/districts/10](http://www.usw.org/districts/10) and click on "sign up for the email updates." To sign up for text updates, send the message D10 to the phone number 47486 or you can scan the QR code to get started.



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