



Coalition of *Labor Union Women*

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***Grand Sierra Resort* site of 17th Biennial Convention of the Coalition of Labor Union Women November 13-16, 2013**

The 17th Biennial Convention of the Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) opens at the Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, Nevada on November 13, 2013 with an educational conference. The theme for the convention is "*CLUW: Moving the Working Women's Agenda Forward!*"

Nearly five hundred delegates and observers are registered for four days of education and activism. On Wednesday, November 13, delegates will spend the day in interactive workshops covering a variety of topics including; *Organizing for Healthcare Justice, The Next Generation: Mentoring Future Union Leaders, Social Media 201 and Voter Suppression and Getting out the Vote*, to name a few. Delegates and observers will be invited to engage in caucuses, like the Young Women's Caucus, to be held Wednesday evening. Other caucuses are scheduled on the 14th and 15th.

Thursday, November 14, will mark the official *Call to Order* of the 17th Biennial Convention. The Opening Ceremony kicks off at 8:30 AM with the parade of Chapters and Unions. During the course of the Convention, delegates will be greeted by representatives from the Northern Nevada and Nevada State AFL-CIO.

Friday's agenda includes an address by Laura Reyes, the national Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). Reyes is actively engaged in developing the AFSCME Women's Leadership Academy to increase the number of women in all levels of AFSCME's leadership, which complements CLUW's goal to ensure that more women achieve leadership roles in all levels of union governance.

Friday afternoon, delegates will hear from an intergenerational panel, moderated by Carmen Berkley, the newly appointed Director of the AFL-CIO Department of Civil, Human and Women's Rights. The discussion will help to set the direction of CLUW's future.

Further convention business will include acting on resolutions and amendments that address workplace and global issues and adopting a strategic plan that has been developed over the last year by a subcommittee made up of members of the National Officers' Council and CLUW staff. A complete schedule of activities will be made available to the media. Media packets will be available from the Media Committee, located in Crystal Room 5, main level of the Grand Sierra.

The Coalition of Labor Union Women is a national membership organization based in Washington, DC with chapters throughout the country. Founded in 1974, it is the national women's organization within the labor movement which is leading the effort to empower women in the workplace, advance women in their unions, encourage political and legislative involvement, organize women workers into unions and promote policies that support women and working families.

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