

Female Candidates Vow to Turn Things Around in the Lone Star State

CLUW National Executive Board Meeting Highlights

Becky Moeller, President, Texas AFL-CIO welcomed almost 80 CLUW delegates and guests from across the country to Dallas/Ft. Worth in June praising the contributions of constituency group members that sit on the state AFL-CIO executive board.



Democratic Candidate for Attorney General, Barbara Ann Radnofsky told the audience of her "suewallstreet.com" campaign – once elected she plans to file a lawsuit seeking compensation for economic and physical damages to the state. Ms. Radnofsky is endorsed by the Women's Campaign Forum (CLUW is a partner in their "She



Should Run Campaign"). She stated "WCF was the first endorsement I sought, and the first I received in both my 2006 & 2007 races. I'll never forget how WCF's non-partisan support was there for me - at the very beginning."

Treasurer Judy Beard reported on plans for the 2011 Biennial Convention; the delegates authorized action to hold the convention in Orlando and authorized the officers to select another site if necessary.

Upon President See's recommendation, the delegates supported unanimously the appointments of Dee Gorczyca (IFPTE) as Executive Vice President filling the position vacated by the resignation of Janet Nelson and Kerry Newkirk (SEIU) as Rec. Secy.

President Karen J. See reported on chapter organizing in Idaho, Tennessee, Tulsa, Hackensack, NJ, Long Island and Albany, NY, Toledo and Portsmouth, OH, Baltimore, MD and Austin, TX. Sister See has been recruiting at the AFL-CIO State Federation and Central Labor Council Conference and American Retirees Association convention to name a few examples.

She discussed the creation of a report of CLUW activities over the last 2 years and a booklet of current chapter and state leadership as good organizing tools. She also thanked Angela Johnson (UFCW) for the generous contribution of her union to the NEB.

Carol Rosenblatt, Executive Director updated the delegates on CLUW's legislative activities in the areas of the Pay-check Fairness Act, Violence Against Women Act, the jobs bill, CEDAW (The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women) and the importance of mid term elections.

The delegates adopted a resolution condemning Arizona Senate Bill 1070 which codifies racial profiling into law by requiring police officers to stop anyone they have "reasonable suspicion" to believe is not authorized to be in the US.

Delegates also supported the AFT's initiative on Green Schools urging legislatures to appropriate up to 2 percent premium to school districts when they design, build, renovate and operate schools that meet the US Green Building Council Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design for Schools certification..." (cont. pg 2)

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The Women's Health and Wellness Committee informed the group about the Access to Birth Control Act that would require pharmacists to fill prescriptions or refer patients to an alternative pharmacy and forbid pharmacists to threaten or harass those who seek contraception.

AFL-CIO EX VP Emerita, Linda Chavez-Thompson received a CLUW Working Women's Award at Friday's evening reception. She described her candidacy for TX Lieutenant Governor and early life by reminding the group that she is the daughter of a sharecropper and left



school in the 9th grade to work in the cotton fields of Lorenzo, Texas. She stated that, "... I know first hand the importance of everyday workers to our economic success. Nothing is more important to Texas families than the ability to provide for one's family". She acknowledged that Texas has the highest proportion of workers earning minimum wage – a condition she plans to change when elected.

CLUW's Leadership Development Academy 2 kicked off on Saturday morning, June 12th with greetings by Gwen Dunivent, Pres. Dallas AFL-CIO and followed by a plenary session with topical information including a presentation by René Lara, Political Director of the TX AFL-CIO on jobs and the economy and a video "Good Jobs Now, Make Wall Street Pay" .

Texas State Representative Roberto R. Alonzo (104th district) gave rousing remarks on the importance of immigration reform and cited his own personal experience as a migrant worker born and raised in Crystal City, TX in a family of eleven siblings. Denise Rodriguez of Planned Parenthood of North Texas spoke of the services that Planned Parenthood provides and reviewed recent health reform legislation as it pertains to women.

The keynote speaker was Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson who is the highest-ranking Texan on the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure and a

senior member of the Science Committee. (pictured here with Carol R. Censki, CLUW VP AFSCME) As such she spent some time discussing the recent BP oil spill disaster and the need for infrastructure improvements vs. costs of war.



Workshops covered topics of Getting Out the Vote, Creating Fun and Effective Meetings, Robert's Rules of Order and Planning and Decision Making in Your CLUW Chapter presented by a stellar group of subject matter experts. Workshop evaluation responses attested to how worthwhile the delegates felt the workshop experience was for them, one – saying "best workshop I ever attended".



Overall the delegates were upbeat about the NEB, confirming their commitment to working together to build CLUW and the women's movement in labor.

Links to workshop materials, resolutions and other information referenced in this article can be found by going to the story on CLUW's website at www.cluw.org.

For information on NEB committees contact Carol Rosenblatt at 202-508-6951 or csrosenblatt@cluw.org.

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The **Genesee County Chapter** held a summer fun day on July 24 at UAW #599 in Flint. They had 14 vendors and 3 CLUW tables. Everyone had a good time with CLUW games. They had toys for kids and chapter members sold baked goods to raise funds for the chapter to use for community and educational projects.

(see photo to right)



The **Cleveland - Northeast Ohio Chapter** held an event called, "Stand Up, Speak Out, Be Heard - Join the Women's Revolution".

Speakers included, U.S. Rep. Marcia Fudge, U.S. Rep. Betty Sutton, State Senator Nina Turner, State Senator Sue Morano, Cleveland City Councilwoman Dona Brady, East Cleveland City Councilwoman Barbara Thomas and Yvette McGee Brown.



The event was moderated by Former Fox8 Anchor and WKYC Reporter Jacqueline Smith Jovic. It was a very exciting event with over 100 women in attendance.



The panel answered questions about their experiences as women in government and then took questions from the audience.

Three **Metro Detroit CLUW Chapter** members won nomination in the August 3rd Primary Election. Senator Hansen Clarke for Congress, Senator Martha G. Scott for Wayne County Commissioner and Hon. Jewel Ware for Wayne County Commissioner. In addition 31 chapter members were elected as precinct delegates. Congratulation to all of these CLUW members!

"EACH ONE...REACH ONE...TEACH ONE" Texas State held their annual State meeting in Houston TX on May 13-15. They had great workshops and some wonderful speakers. Everyone had a great time.



The **Lansing MI Chapter** held their annual Mardi Gras Celebration on March 13th. Lots of great food, door prizes, and fun.

The **Philadelphia Chapter** held their annual Working Women's Awareness Awards Reception on June 7th! Award recipients were - Willie Black, Coordinator, Messages from Mom and Dad - Danielle Newsome, Organizer, Cure CVS Campaign, Change to Win - Cecilia Lynch, Member and Organizer, Philadelphia Security Officers Union - Karen Bojar, President Emerita, Philadelphia NOW, retired AFT Local 202 - Barbara Rahke, Director, PhilaPOSH, and Union Woman of the Year.



Photo by Paul Gottlieb, PSEA

The **Kansas City Chapter** prepared and served a meal for Ronald McDonald House on June 29th; Chapter members will continue to serve meals every other month.



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