

Convention News

POWER
To Win

**17th Biennial Ohio Council 8 Convention
Dayton, Ohio September 20-23, 2007**

September 21, 2007

Today's Activities:

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Delegate
Registration 1st Floor Lobby

10:30 a.m. - Call to Order

Remarks – Ohio House Minority
Leader, Representative Joyce
Beatty

Remarks – Ohio Senate Minority
Leader, Senator Teresa Fedor

Credentials Committee Final
Report

Election Committee Report and
Nomination of Officers

Lunch

Remarks –Congressman and
Presidential Candidate Dennis
Kucinich

Announcements

Recess

2:15 p.m. Committee Meetings
Regional Caucuses
Akron Room 202;
Athens Room 203
Cincinnati Room 204
Cleveland Room 307
Columbus Room 308
Dayton Room 309;
Toledo Room 310
Youngstown Room 311
-Resolutions Room 304

5:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Delegates Night Out
IUE-CWA Hall
313 S. Jefferson St.

Making a Strong Union Stronger

The Power To Win!

Ohio Council 8 President John A. Lyall delivered his first state-of-the-union speech to a standing ovation of delegates and guests attending the convention.

Checking off an action agenda “by the numbers”, he outlined a vision for a strong, dynamic and effective union in touch with its roots and ready take its rightful place as Ohio’s premier labor organization.

“Over the years, our union has been blessed with remarkable leaders — a whole generation who gave everything they had — literally dedicated their lives — to building our union,” Lyall said. “Together, with local leaders and rank and file activists from every corner of this state, they did what a lot of people in the labor movement thought was impossible.

“They took one of the smallest and least effective unions in Ohio and they transformed it. They didn’t go to employers on their hands and knees crying and pleading for fair wages...or decent health care...or good pensions. No. Instead they organized... they mobilized...and they created the most powerful labor union this state has ever seen. A union that doesn’t beg for respect, but commands it. A union that isn’t afraid to fight — and knows how to win. A union



Ohio Council 8 President John Lyall and Mayor Rhine McLin welcome delegates to Dayton.

with the guts to tell any employer — any politician — that when you push us, we’re pushing back! Brothers and sisters, that union is AFSCME Ohio Council 8!”

Lyall presented a solid five-point plan which will improve the quality of representation for our members, regain our political and legislative muscle, back up our talk about diversity and full participation with substantive action, open new lines of communication between the council and local leaders and our members, and take full advantage of every opportunity we can to organize the unorganized.

*Remember we are
starting at 10 a.m.
tomorrow. Please be
prompt for Governor
Strickland.*

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See You at the Extravaganza!

It's big, it's bad, it's fun — it's the Council 8 Extravaganza!

Two live bands, food, dancing, and a chance to win many other prizes. Your \$25 ticket gets you a chance to win a 50" plasma TV, a GPS direction finder, or cold hard cash.

In addition, Council 8 unions from every region have donated more than 20 "individual gift baskets" that you will also have a chance to win. The baskets, valued at a minimum of \$150 each, will go to the lucky ticket holder.

A strip of six tickets can be purchased for \$5. Buy as many strips as you like, and enter them all for your "gotta' have it" basket, or take a chance on every one.

All proceeds will go to AFSCME's PEOPLE political action fund.



Each extravaganza gift basket has its own theme including, a "money tree" basket, the chocolate basket, and Harley Davidson heaven. Other baskets include iPods, digital cameras, and a basket of spirited beverages.

Activist Awards Breakfast

Be sure to join us tomorrow morning at 8 a.m. in room 103 for the Council 8 activist awards breakfast where we will be congratulating fellow Council 8 members who have done excellent work in applying the principles of MORE – Mobilize, Organize, Represent and Educate. They have helped to build their local union and increase its power in the workplace. Their commitment to doing MORE will make a difference for all workers now and well into the future — and that's something to celebrate!

Win a Cloth Chronicle of our Union's History

Delegate Bill Rudder a member of AFSCME Local 3770 Columbus Port Authority, takes a chance on winning a piece of Council 8 history.

As part of the 17th biennial convention, AFSCME Local 101 members commissioned master quilt makers at the Ohio School for the Deaf to make the king size heirloom-quality quilt.

"Our family has a new grandchild and it would be nice to have this keepsake to pass on to another generation," he said.

Made from shirts donated to the project by Council 8 local unions across the state, the quilt is a history of our union's struggle and progress. Get your ticket at the quilt display in room 106. Tickets are \$5 and you need not be present to win when the drawing is held on September 23rd at the close of the convention.

