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## Jobs, Politics Key Themes For Leaders, Workers At 'One Nation' Demo



### CWA Local 1103 Joins One Nation Movement

WASHINGTON--Campaigning for good jobs with good benefits, a show of power against the Radical Right and politics through Election Day and beyond were key themes for both union leaders speaking at the mass "One Nation" demonstration in Washington on Oct. 2, and for rank-and-file unionists questioned there.

The demonstration was organized by more than 300 groups, ranging from the AFL-CIO through individual unions through civil rights, womens' rights, anti-war and community groups.

Organizers also wanted to motivate progressives for the stretch drive for the election and as a warning to politicians that workers and their allies, not the Radical

Right, represent the majority in the country.

Some 10,000 members of the Communications Workers, a similar number from AFSCME, at least 25,000 Service Employees, 1,000 Utility Workers, thousands more Steelworkers, 25,000 Teachers, and hundreds of Auto Workers, Transport Workers, National Nurses United and NEA members made up a large share of the crowd of several hundred thousand people stretching from the Lincoln Memorial down the Mall.

Jobs was a consistent theme of every speaker, on the platform and in the crowd. So was politics. So was denunciation of big business and its influence.

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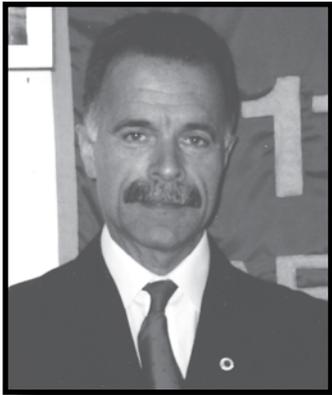
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# In My View . . .



We the “Middle Class” have many enemies. Starting with Corporate America, Unfair Labor Laws, for the most part a Bias Media, and Banking Institutions that are sitting on over 18 Trillion Dollars refusing to lend to small businesses. Hillary Clinton was dead

on when she stated that

“there is a vast right wing conspiracy in our country” and in my opinion they are working diligently behind the scenes to destroy Unions and if they are successful will render the Middle Class to extinction

If you are a Public Sector Employee / Union Member you are on the negative side of an old myth that somehow becomes your fault that taxes are so high and the Government is broke. The real truth is your working counterparts in the private sector earn much more than you while the cost of your pay and benefits pale in comparison on how Tax Breaks for the Rich affect Government Budgets. In addition the top 1% of our population makes 45% of the wealth and as there income rose by more than 110% ours fell by over 10%, while some super rich people pay little or no tax at all.

Corporate America has gotten the green light from the United States Supreme Court to throw as much money as they desire toward Political Campaigns, and our U.S. Chamber of Commerce along with people like the Koch Brothers and Rupert Murdoch have dumped millions of dollars into media ads that promote there Far Right Agenda. In some cases some of the money that the Chamber of Commerce distributes comes from Foreign Countries. These ads are cleverly disguised by stating the makers are “Citizens for Fairness” or “Americans for Truth” while the real people pulling the strings behind the scenes resemble Dick Cheney and Karl Rove.

Although the Far Right has the Money and they outspend us 50 to 1 we have many more boots on the ground and can outwork them. Our Goals should include Legislation that will develop good Union Jobs that cannot be outsourced. We should overhaul our antiquated Railway and Highway Systems and

once again replace a crumbling and deteriorating infrastructure. These were massive projects that were constructed by our forefathers under the W.P.A. (The Works Progress Administration in the 1930’s employed millions to carry out public works projects, including the construction of public buildings and roads.)

Our challenge and tasks are very difficult but not impossible. We need to organize ourselves into making the Labor Movement a Movement once again because the alternative of no “Middle Class” is unacceptable.

In Solidarity,

Joey Barca Jr.,  
President



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Two speakers, CWA President Larry Cohen and AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, said strengthening workers' rights, specifically by enacting the Employee Free Choice Act, is the way to combat corporate clout. Trumka brought a dozen union workers to the mikes to make the case, too.

He also aimed at the Radical Right. "if you watch too much TV, you'd think America is a nation full of hate," Trumka said, an implicit reference to the Glenn Beck-Tea Party rally at the Lincoln Memorial in September. "But America is President Lincoln. America is Dr. King. And behind the hate are the forces of greed that did a lot of damage to the country."

Admitting "it'll take something big" to rebuild the U.S., Trumka demanded creation of jobs reconstructing roads and schools and in "green energy" and high technology. "And we must make sure every man and woman has the freedom to make every job a good job by having the freedom to join together and bargain," he said.

Cohen was even more explicit, noting when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his "I Have A Dream" speech at the memorial at the mass civil rights march there -- a march several speakers said was organized by African American union leader A. Phillip Randolph and the UAW -one-third of private sector workers were unionized.

"But in these 47 years, workers' rights have been all but crushed," Cohen said. "And the minority in the Senate has blocked 400 bills, including EFCA." Repeating a theme he's used before, Cohen declared that "real change is hard, but not hopeless."

"We know when we join hands as health care workers, janitors, public service workers" and with others, "we can make change happen," new SEIU President Mary Kay Henry told the crowd. "And SEIU brothers and sisters are here to say we have had it with a corporate America that insists on higher and higher pay and bonuses while millions of Americans are losing their jobs."

Workers and activists interviewed concentrated on jobs, too -- and on holding politicians accountable if they're not cheated in a time of recession.

"We want to show everyone in this nation deserves good jobs, plus Social Security and Medicare," Deborah Burger, an NNU co-president, told Press Associates as her colleagues Jean Ross and Malinda Markowitz agreed. "We're here to insure our politicians understand what we the people need -- and not what the corporations, the racists and the misogynists want."

"We advocate for patients getting good quality care

and that should not depend on whether you have a job," Ross, a Minnesotan and also an NNU co-president, said. As RNs, she said, they see the impact of the recession in people who come to hospitals sick because they can't pay for primary care because they've lost their jobs.

"We continue to organize to get the word out there" to hold politicians accountable for "creating jobs that have a decent wage," said Janet Benefield of Teamsters Joint Council 3 of Denver and surrounding states. "I have people who were laid off two years ago -- and can't find a job paying more than \$9.50 an hour."

SEIU Local 617 President Rahaman Muhammad linked jobs to pushing President Obama into action, despite Congress. "We have to stand up for the change we voted for. We're tired of our voices not being heard --and of the venomous rhetoric of the Glenn Becks," the Newark resident told PAI. "We want to reclaim America, with decent jobs for the good of all. Corporate greed has gotten very out of hand."

Daman Turner, a CWA Local 4400 member from Cincinnati Bell, also said the rally was a reminder to pols. "It was urgent to show a force from the other side -- and we get active and we vote," he said.

Gene Steele, President of UAW Local 856 in Toledo, added export of U.S. jobs overseas to the mix. His members make -- made -- brakes for aircraft. At its height, Meggert Aircraft Braking employed 1,750 workers.

Then the firm was split, with half the business going to Lockheed. Brake production for civilian planes stopped, leaving military plane brake contracts. Meggert planned to shut that production, too, and move the remaining jobs to Mexico, where brakes would be made and shipped back to the U.S.

The profitable firm "took our jobs away out of pure greed," Steele said. If Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, hadn't intervened, the last 238 jobs would have vanished, too.

"We have to support the issue of creating jobs and keeping jobs. We've felt the pain and so have our brothers and sisters in the UAW, in aerospace and autos.







## *Local 1103 Presidents Softball Tournament raises \$4,000 for "Toys for Tots" and "Blythedale Children's Hospital."*

The annual Local 1103 "Presidents Softball Tournament" was played on Sunday August 25, at Redmond Field in Yonkers. The tournament, the proceeds of which are donated to the Marine Corps League "Toys for Tots" program, successfully raised over \$4,000. More than 125 Local 1103 Members and their families came to play softball and enjoy the day's festivities.

This year's tournament featured 8 teams from throughout Local 1103. We also welcomed our Brothers and Sisters from Blythedale, who also entered a team.

The day started with the playing of the Star Spangled Banner (Instrumental) and those most famous words – "Play Ball". The teams then took to the fields and play began.

The format for this year's tournament was double elimination. The scores are as follows.

### Round 1 Scores

Marbledale (1) vs. Nepperhan (5)  
Knollwood Rd.(10) vs. New Rochelle (0) - by  
forfeit  
Blythedale (4) vs. Horgan West (15)  
Horgan (10) vs Arlo Lane (5).

### Round 2 – Winners Bracket Scores

Knollwood Rd. (8) vs. Nepperhan (6)  
Horgan West (7) vs. Horgan (9)

### Round 2 – Losers Bracket Scores

Marbledale (10) vs. New Rochelle (0) – by forfeit  
Blythedale (14) vs. Arlo Lane (2)

### Round 3 – Winners Bracket Scores

Knollwood Rd. (9) vs. Horgan (3)

### Round 3 – Losers Bracket Scores

Horgan West (6) vs. Marbledale (5)  
Nepperhan (16) vs. Blythedale (4)

### Round 4 – Losers Bracket Scores

\*Nepperhan (5) vs. Horgan West (2)  
\* Game rained out after 5 innings.

### Round 5 – Losers Bracket Scores

\*Horgan vs. Nepperhan.  
\* Did not play – Rained out

All the teams arrived at the fields expecting them to be washed out due to the overnight rain. To everyone's surprise the Yonkers Parks and Recreation crews had been out early and the fields were in great shape.

Though the tournament was eventually shortened because of rain, it was clear that Knollwood Road, managed by William Hoe, was the Champions. They remained undefeated for the tournament and was the only team remaining in the winner's bracket. The tenacity of the Knollwood team was tested throughout day as they had to earn come from behind victories in each of the games they played. In their first game Knollwood defeated four time Champions Nepperhan, managed by Val Bilcik, handing



Tournament Director Fran Gottron presents Team Manager William Hoe and the players from Knollwood Road with the 2010 Championship Trophy.

them their first loss in over four years. Congratulations to Knollwood Road, the 2010 Local 1103 "Presidents Tournament" Champions.

When the rain came and stopped play a Runner-up still needed to be named. Nepperhan along with the team from the Horgan Garage, managed by John Gallagher, agreed to face off in a coin toss competition. So both managers squared off as Head Umpire Regis Gmitter tossed the coin in the air. The coin landed heads up and Nepperhan was awarded the 2010 Runners-up plaque.

On behalf of the Marine Corps League and Blythedale Children's Hospital I would like to thank everyone that participated in or helped make this worthwhile fundraiser a success. Thanks to Tournament Co-Director John Gallagher, for all of his years of dedication and work on this tournament. Also, to Regis Gmitter, and all the other umpires, to Lisa Mckay of the Yonkers Parks and Recreation; to Area Chief Steward Pete Scala and John Brembs (retired) of Marbledale for arranging for the park; to Gene Lauer of Ad Apparel for the shirts; to Maleen from Crown Trophy; to Paul Rao from Rao Insurance Agency; to Donnie DiLorenzo of The Cozy Corner Deli in Valhalla for all the days food; to the Members from the Horgan Garage who bought the most T-shirts; to the Tournament Coordinators Bob McCormack, and Bob Reilly, Deputy Adjunct of the Marine Corps League, who slaved over hot coals and smoke all day to cook us hamburgers and hotdogs and especially too all the Members who either participated, bought a shirt or purchased a raffle ticket that helped raise over \$4,000 for the Marine Corps League Toys for Tots program.

The proceeds from this tournament will be used to purchase toys and to host Christmas and Halloween parties at Blythedale Children's Hospital and the Pediatric Wing of the Westchester Medical Center.

Every Team has committed to come back next year and bring the trophy home. Everyone had a good time with good friends for a good cause. I can honestly say that we were all **PROUD TO BE – 1103.**

*Fran Gottron,  
Tournament Director*

## **General Winter Safety Information from NYS:**

[http://www.semo.state.ny.us/info/publicsafety/winter\\_safety\\_tips.cfm](http://www.semo.state.ny.us/info/publicsafety/winter_safety_tips.cfm)

### **Carbon Monoxide: The silent killer**

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas which is a by-product of combustion/burning. It also kills. As we approach the winter heating season please make sure your heating system is working properly and that you have a working Carbon Monoxide Detector. If your garage is attached, don't run your car inside! According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) 400 people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning and 20,000 end up in the Emergency Room.

### **What are the symptoms of CO poisoning?**

The most common symptoms of CO poisoning are Headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting & chest pain, and confusion. High levels of CO inhalation can cause loss of consciousness and death. Unless suspected, CO poisoning can be difficult to diagnose because the symptoms mimic other illnesses. People who are sleeping or intoxicated can die from CO poisoning before ever experiencing symptoms.

### **General Winter Heating Safety.-**

.Have a working smoke detector & carbon monoxide detector in any room with a flame heating unit.

-Never use open propane heaters as a heat source in an enclosed area.

-Never use a gas oven for heat.

-Using wood or pellets for fuel: clean and inspect your chimney before you light your first fire!

[www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/indoors/heaters/](http://www.health.state.ny.us/environmental/indoors/heaters/)

### **Fireplace, Wood & Pellet Stove Safety**

Sorry, we know it's still nice and warm outside, and most of you would prefer not to think about winter, but it's almost time for the fall/winter heating season. Now is the best time to start planning: Wood and Pellet Stoves:

Find and read the instruction manual. Follow the pre-season instructions. Check the seals and the damper to make sure all work properly. A bad seal will reduce the effectiveness of the stove and, more importantly, allow deadly gasses including carbon monoxide into the room. For more on wood and pellet stove safety go to:

<http://www.nychimneysweepguild.com/fireplaces.html>

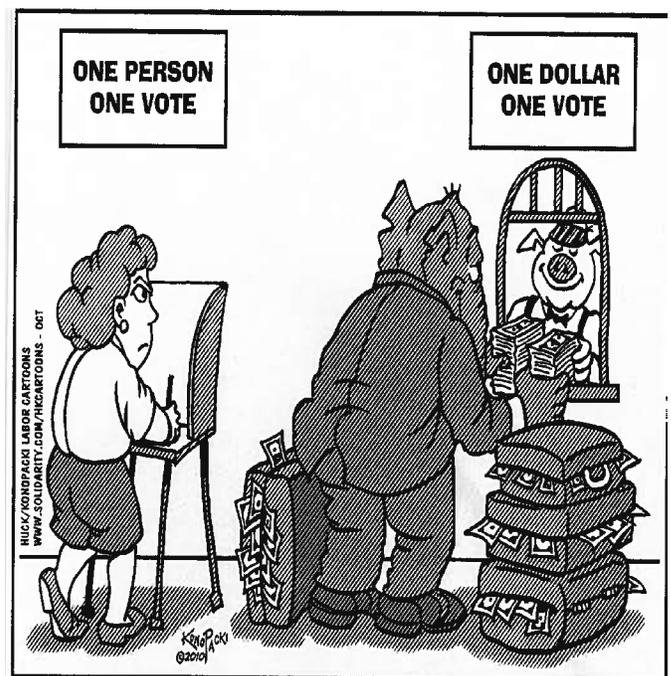
### **Kerosene Heaters**

- Read the instruction manual each year especially the safety sections and warnings. It's amazing what you forget from year to year.
- Follow the instructions for pre-use checkout
- Fill the heater outside only and follow directions.
- Make sure your kerosene containers are well marked so that you do not accidentally refill your heater with gasoline. This can have deadly results.
- Store all kerosene outside and away from flame sources.
- Make sure you have a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in a room where you have a heater.
- Keep an area of at least 5 feet clear around your heater and designate it a NO PLAY ZONE.
- Never leave children alone in a room with a kerosene heater.

### **Electric Heat:**

Before you turn up those thermostats as the weather cools, take a few minutes to do the following to both maximize the effectiveness of the electric heat, but also to make sure it is safe:

- Make sure there are no electric wires in contact with the heating units.
- Vacuum the units. This will help eliminate that first heat odor.
- If your units have louvers, make sure they are open if you want the heat to come out!



The Officers,  
Executive Board  
and Staff of Local 1103  
would like to wish you

a very

Happy  
Thanksgiving  
as we begin this 2010  
Holiday Season



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## **Retiree's Corner . . .**

Greetings Fellow Retirees,

Fall is here and we have finalized our plans for our upcoming Annual Christmas Luncheon. (See box below for info.)

We look forward to seeing everyone including our brand new retirees.

I am pleased to announce two new chapter officers Carol Finley and Bob Ferguson. Together with Phyllis Cole-Hollis they have much to offer our organization and I am proud to be serving with them.

A gentle reminder - 2011 dues can be sent to the hall. Please make out all checks to: CWA Local 1103 RMC.

Dues are \$20 per year or \$55 for 3 years. If you prefer to use your credit/debit card - go to our webpage at <http://www.cwalocal1103rmc.org> and click on the PayPal link.

Keep a look out for our Holiday (Winter) Newsletter and for the November Membership Meeting announcement: Day, Time and Place: TBA

Happy Thanksgiving to all! Enjoy and be safe whether you are traveling to be with loved ones and friends or celebrating at home.

In Solidarity,  
Jeanette Spoor  
President - CWA Local 1103 RMC  
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### *Annual CWA Local 1103 RMC Christmas Luncheon*

*Date & Time:*  
*Tuesday, December 14th, 2010*  
*12 noon - 3 PM*

*Place:*  
*Antun's of Westchester*  
*35 Valley Avenue*  
*Elmsford, New York 10523*

*Cost:*  
*\$35 per person (cash bar)*

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