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The *UFCW 876 Bulletin* is a bi-monthly publication of UFCW Local 876 designed to give members a quick update of union news and notice of upcoming events. The flyer is distributed at the workplace by union representatives and is also available on-line at www.ufcw876.org. If you would like to receive an email copy of future *Bulletins* during the first week of publication, call the Local 876 Public Relations Department at 1-800-321-6406.

LOCAL 876 YOUNG WORKERS SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Local 876 members between the ages of 17 and 25 are encouraged to consider applying for a position in the local's first Young Workers Summer Internship Program.

The six-week paid internship will include education/training components along with hands-on experience in most every aspect of the organization. In addition to working with Local 876 staff, interns may also participate in community development and political action projects involving canvassing along with phone banking and participation at rallies and other activities aimed at securing social justice in the workplace and communities, helping to grow the labor movement. For more information, or an application go to www.ufcw876.org or call Local 876 at 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8629.

LOCAL 876 YOUNG WORKERS SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Members must be between the ages of 17 and 25.
- Participants should be people-oriented, energetic, flexible, and able to work long hours on a sometimes unpredictable schedule.
- A college degree is not required.
- Reliable transportation and a valid driver's license. Interns will start most days in Madison Heights.
- Fully available June 1 to July 11.

UFCW ENDORSES OBAMA FOR PRESIDENT

Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) received the UFCW International union's endorsement for president in mid-February. UFCW International President, Joe Hansen, cited Obama's support of union-friendly issues, and popularity among younger
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workers as key to his receiving the endorsement.

"While both Sens. [Hillary] Clinton and Obama have a vision to change America, we believe Sen. Obama is the best candidate to unite our country who will deliver the type of change needed - for good jobs, affordable health care, retirement security and worker safety," Hansen said. "Senator Obama understands the needs of working people. As a community organizer, he understands that America must restore the balance between working America and corporate America. He will fight to level the playing field on behalf of workers across our country. He will fight to regain the rights and protections workers have lost after too many years of the Bush Administration."

Members interested in helping the UFCW in its efforts to make Obama not only the democratic nominee, but the next president of the United States, should contact Local 876's Political Director, Chris Michalakakis at 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8644.

CONTRACT BARGAINING UPDATE

Rite Aid: The results of contract proposal forms returned by Rite Aid members are being compiled by the Local in preparation for the beginning of formal contract negotiations. The current Rite Aid contract expires May 17, 2008 and covers approximately 955 Local 876 members working at 70 drug stores in southeastern Michigan.

Operating Engineers Local 324: Preparations for bargaining have begun and members are in the process of completing and returning their contract proposal forms. Six Livonia office workers are covered by the current contract which expires May 30, 2008.

Darling International: As the local prepares for bargaining, contract proposal forms were sent to the nine Local 876 members who work at this processing plant located in Detroit. The current union contract expires June 3, 2008.

PEER PROGRAM CONCLUDES WITH SUCCESSFUL EXPO

Approximately 200 former Farmer Jack members attended the Local 876 Employment, Training, and Family Resource Expo on March 10, bringing the Local 876 Farmer Jack Peer Program to a conclusion. During the Expo, participants had the opportunity to interview for jobs with Meijer and Kroger and receive assistance applying on-line for other positions and in completing a resume. Attendees also had the opportunity to speak with representatives from several human service agencies and receive a variety of useful resource materials on free and low cost services and assistance programs. Members can request a copy of these materials from the Local 876 Communications Department at 1-800-321-6406.

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