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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.

CONGRATULATIONS 2008 LOCAL 876

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The 2008 UFCW Local 876 scholarships were recently awarded to the five following students:

Paul Kudla, son of David Kudla, Kroger #459

Jennifer Pennington, daughter of Lawrence Pennington, Kroger #442

Sandra Rambow, daughter of Nancy Rambow, Kroger #675

Jacob Stanton, Kroger #618

Kara Witting, daughter of Mary Bean, Hollywood Market #1

Winners were chosen by the Scholarship Selection Committee based on academic achievement, school/community involvement, and an original essay on the assigned topic "*How Local 876 Has Made a Difference in My Life.*"

The Scholarship Selection Committee consisted of a representative from Wayne State University, MOSES and UFCW Community Development. All applications were scored by each committee member after any identifying information was removed.

"The committee was very impressed by the applicants' understanding of the labor movement and how Local 876 has impacted their young lives," Roger Robinson, Local 876's president, said. "Local 876 is proud to help make college more affordable for these members and their families. We look forward to awarding the 2009 scholarships to equally deserving students."

Look for more on the 2008 scholarship winners in upcoming Local 876 publications and on the union's website -- www.ufcw876.org. 2009 UFCW Local 876 Scholarship applications will be available in the Fall. All eligible members are encouraged to apply.

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JOHN MCCAIN REVEALED: CANDIDATE'S ANTI-WORKER RECORD & PLAN

John McCain likes to portray himself as a "straight talker" and "maverick." His actions however, reveal the real McCain, a politician with a poor record on working family issues like the economy, jobs, trade, health care, retirement security and the freedom to bargain. In addition to his anti-worker stances, the likely republican nominee plans to continue the failed economic agenda of George Bush.

The Real John McCain...

... Will Increase Health Care Costs and Reduce Access

McCain's health plan undermines existing employer-based health care and pushes workers into the private market to fight big insurance companies on their own. He will make health care premiums part of taxable income, essentially creating a new tax for working families. His plan will reduce benefits, increase costs and leave many with no health care at all. (*CBPP, 4/5/06; Health08.org, Forum, 10/31/07; Los Angeles Times, 11/20/07; Commonwealth Fund, 6/2005*).

... Is a Continuation of the Bush Administration

McCain supported President Bush's positions 95 percent of the time in 2007 and an average of 89 percent over Bush's two terms in office. (*Congressional Quarterly Voting Study, 110th Congress*).

...Opposes Workers' Right to Bargain

McCain voted against the Employee Free Choice Act, which would level the playing field for workers trying to form unions, and for a national Right-to-Work-for-Less law that would attempt to eliminate unions altogether. (*H.R. 800, Vote #227, 6/26/07; S. 1788, Vote #188, 7/10/96*).

...Will Jeopardize Our Retirement Security

McCain supports privatizing Social Security, putting our retirement at risk, and raising the Medicare eligibility age. (*SCR 83, Vote #68, 3/16/06; SCR 18, Vote #49, 3/15/05; S. Amdt. 144 to SCR 18, Vote #47, 3/15/05; SCR 86, Vote #56, 4/1/98; SCR 86, Vote #77, 4/1/98; S. 947, Vote #112, S. Amdt. 445, Vote #115, 6/25/97*).

To help spread the word about the real John McCain, contact Chris Michalakakis, Local 876's Political Director at 1-800-321-6406 ext. 8644.

CONTRACT BARGAINING UPDATE

Rite Aid: Local 876 began formal bargaining with Rite Aid last week on a new contract for the nearly 955 members working at 90 Michigan drug stores.

Operating Engineers Local 324: Negotiations continue for the six Livonia office workers who are covered by the current contract which expires May 30, 2008.

Darling International: Bargaining is underway for a new contract covering the nine Local 876 members who work at this processing plant located in Detroit. The current union contract expires June 3, 2008.

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