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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.

YES WE DO! CAST YOUR VOTE IN NATIONWIDE POLL -- DOES

AMERICA NEED UNIONS?

The Sunday, February 22, 2009 *PARADE* Magazine featured an article discussing labor unions in light of the upcoming Employee Free Choice Act battle in Congress. The article notes passage of the Free Choice Act would make it easier for workers to join unions and tighten penalties for employers who use illegal tactics to try to stop them.

In the article, a Cornell University professor explains how a more unionized workforce benefits union and non-union workers alike. He notes the gap between the country's rich and poor is the largest it's been since 1928, illustrating the need for unions, which have a record of promoting a fairer sharing of wealth, and that unions are responsible for securing benefits for all workers including unemployment insurance, Social Security, and the 40-hour workweek.

Accompanying the article was notice of an on-line national poll running on *PARADE*'s Intelligence Report website asking "Does America Still Need Unions?" Local 876 members are urged to go to the website and cast their vote in favor of unions.

"*PARADE* calls itself America's most widely-read magazine, reaching more than 70 million readers, this poll is a great opportunity for labor to reach a huge audience with our message of the importance of unions, especially in today's tough economy. Workers need a union more than ever to protect wages and benefits and expand our middle class," Roger Robinson, Local 876's president, said. "Passage of the Employee Free Choice Act is the best way to insure every worker who wants the benefits of union membership has the opportunity to join one."

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Make Sure the UFCW's Voice is Heard
Vote Union "Yes!" in *PARADE*'s Poll
at: www.parade.com/intel

Spring Celebration

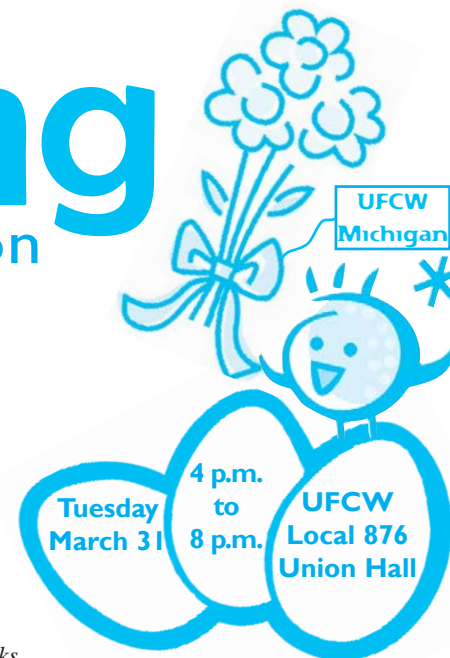
Featuring...

- Photos with the Easter Bunny
- Kids' Activities and Crafts
- Hot Dogs, Beverages & Treats
- Moon Bounce ● Raffles

\$2 Per Person* -- Children under 2 Free
Space is Limited

Purchase Tickets in Advance from your
Union Representative or the
Local 876 Office at 1-800-321-6406.

*Monies will be donated to Michigan Food Banks



MEMBERS INVITED TO FREE RETIREMENT PLANNING WORKSHOP

The UFCW Local 876 Retirement Services Center will host a two-session workshop to help members plan for retirement in light of the current financial crisis. Topics to be covered include; protecting your 401(k) and IRA, understanding and applying for your pension, and building a retirement income and spending plan.

To register, call the UFCW Local 876 Retirement Services Centers at 1-800-321-6404, ext. 8645 and leave your name, address, telephone number, employer and unit number. Members unable to attend this session can also contact the Retirement Services Center at this number to arrange an individual appointment.

Retirement Workshop

Wednesday, March 11 & 18
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
UFCW Local 876 Union Hall

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES APPROACHING

UFCW Local 876 Scholarship: Deadline March 31, 2009. Applications are available at www.ufcw876.org/scholarships and by calling Local 876.

UFCW International Scholarship: Applications must be completed on-line by March 15 at <http://www.ufcw.org/scholarship/index.cfm>.

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