

February 2016



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**NEW! OUR TEXT GROUP
HAS CHANGED!** Text L443
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Local 443 Text Group for
important calls to action
and updates.

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360-236-0443
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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 6 pm.
AGENDA:

- Nomination/Election of Delegates/Alternates for Council 28 Policy Committees (Oct 2015-Sept 2017 Term)

Members interested in alternative ways to attend or participate in the General Membership meetings should contact Linda Erickson at communication.chair@wfselocal443.org

443 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, February 2, 2016, 6 p.m.
AGENDA: Any eligible member who is interested in representing their agency on E-Board should contact Jeff Paulsen at: general@wfselocal443.org

ATTENTION LOCAL 443 SHOP STEWARDS: The next Shop Steward meeting topic will be Article 12 – Sick Leave on Tuesday, February 11, 2016 and Saturday February 20, 2016. Please see the Local 443 Calendar for details at www.wfselocal443.org

THURSTON COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY ANNUAL LINCOLN DAY DINNER: Local 443 has eight seats available for this annual event to be held on February 12, 2016 at the Olympia Red Lion Hotel. Cocktail hour starts at 6 pm. Members interested in attending should send an email to Jeff Paulsen at general@wfselocal443.org by February 8, 2016.

2016 WASHINGTON STATE LABOR COUNCIL LOBBYING CONFERENCE: The event will be held on February 12, 2016 with a legislative reception the preceding evening on February 11 at the Olympia Red Lion Hotel. Members interested in attending either or both events should send an email to Jeff Paulsen at general@wfselocal443.org by February 8, 2016.

ED STANLEY CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH: This brunch is a Thurston County Democrat fundraising event which will be held at the Rivers Edge Restaurant and Golf Course in Tumwater on February 13, 2016. This event begins at 10 am. Members interested in attending should send an email to Jeff Paulsen at general@wfselocal443.org by February 8, 2016.

THURSTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS CRAB FEED: Local 443 has seats available for the annual event to be held at St. Martins University in Lacey at 5:00 pm on February 15, 2016. Members interested in attending should send an email to Jeff Paulsen at general@wfselocal443.org by February 8, 2016.

INCIDENT AT OGLALA – THE LEONARD PELTIER STORY: Come join us at the Local 443 office, 906 Columbia St. SE Olympia 98501, 2nd floor, on February 26, 2016 at 6 pm for a free showing of the Robert Redford narrated documentary about the events that took place in 1975 on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The movie showing is co-sponsored by Local 443 and the Olympia Food Co-op.

DSHS SUMMIT: Come add your voice. All DSHS employees are invited to attend this event on February 27, 2016 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Local 443 office, 906 Columbia St. SE Olympia 98501, 2nd floor to discuss the bargaining unit budget, caseload issues, WFO and equality. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Adam Draude at agency.rep.dshs@wfselocal443.org by February 25, 2016.

2016 LABOR NOTES CONFERENCE: Get in touch with the labor movement's fighting spirit at the 2016 Labor Notes Conference April 1-3, 2016 in Chicago, Illinois. Members interested in attending should send an email to Jeff Paulsen at general@wfselocal443.org February 10, 2016.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Pie Fest 2016.** Saturday, February 27, 2016, 1:00pm to 3:30pm at the Olympia Center 222 Columbia St NW, Olympia, Washington 98501. Come and eat some pie, win raffle prizes from local merchants or compete in the pie baking contest and support the Thurston County Food Bank and Senior Nutrition Program at the same time. Pie baking contest details can be found on www.olympie.org/2015/11/olympia-pie-fest-2016pie-baking-contest.html
- Lobby Days.** Please check out the Council 28 calendar for upcoming lobby days and sign up to meet with your lawmakers at www.wfse.org/calendar
- Council 28 Policy Committee Meeting,** March 12, 2016 at 10:00 am. SeaTac Hilton. Register at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/policy-committee-meetings>
- Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW)** will take place the first week of May. Volunteers are needed. Interested members should contact Abdullatif Qaasim at organizing.chair@wfselocal443.org
- AFSCME NW Region Public Safety Conference** March 18-20, 2016 in SeaTac at the Hilton.

MEETINGS

FEBRUARY 2016

2/2 E-Board

2/4 Grievance

2/9 Steward

2/10 Political Action @ Casa Mia

2/11 Organizing and Next Wave

2/16 General Membership

2/18 Grievance

2/24 Communications

2/29 Scholarship, Finance, and Trustee

MARCH 2016

3/1 E-Board

3/3 Grievance

3/8 Steward

3/9 Political Action @ Casa Mia

3/10 Organizing and Next Wave

3/15 General Membership

3/17 Grievance

All meetings are held at 6 pm at the Local Office unless otherwise posted.



General Membership Meeting - Tuesday, February 16, 2016, 6 p.m.

General Membership Meeting - Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 6 p.m.

Light refreshments and child care are provided at General Membership Meetings

Sign language interpreter available upon request

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