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READY TO LEAD ANOTHER 100 YEARS OF PROGRESS

To celebrate a century of progress and prepare for a bright future, more than 3,100 delegates, alternates and guests gathered in Seattle, Washington, for the IAFF 54th Convention.

"It was over 100 years ago that the initial spark of unionism hit our profession," said IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger during his state of the union address. "Over the next century, that spark lit the flame that has burned brighter and brighter as all of us together built this powerhouse of an IAFF. Now, the challenge to be great for the next 100 years comes to all of us. It's now our turn to be pioneers."

As the opening ceremony began, IAFF Chaplain Father Thomas Mulcrone encouraged delegates to remember what's at stake as they made decisions affecting the future of this union. He also asked for a moment of silence for members battling wildfires in California and responding to other disasters across the United States and Canada, as well as all those who had paid the ultimate sacrifice.

Delegates enjoyed a trip through IAFF history as depicted in a spectacular laser light show and video chronicling the union's past, beginning with its formation in 1918 when fire fighters worked around-the-clock with little to no time off and only a helmet and the shirts on their backs to protect them in a fire.

When it was founded, the IAFF had just 5,450 members and 63 locals. The IAFF has grown to 3,401 locals and 313,536 members representing 86 percent of the workforce in the United States and 90 percent in Canada.

"Let's stand together for the future generations of fire fighters who are counting on us," said Schaitberger.

International Association of Fire Fighters Biennial
Convention
Seattle, Washington
August 5, 2018- August 10, 2018



I WILL ALWAYS SUPPORT WORKING FAMILIES

Governor Jay Inslee

"As you know, organized labor is under assault. The recent Janus v. AFSCME Council 31 is just the most obvious example," he said. "I believe the right to organize is fundamental to our democracy and we must do everything we can to protect this right."

Governor Jay Inslee at the IAFF 54th Convention in early August. Hosted by Local 27 Seattle.



MDA, IAFF & YOU - BRING HOPE TO FAMILIES



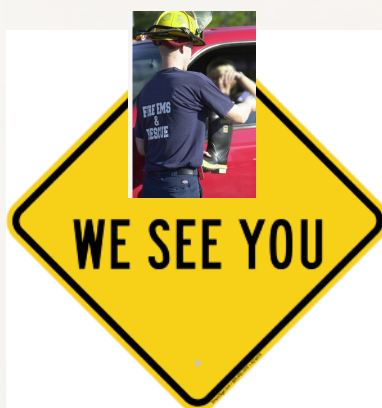
After just one dose, Natalie saw immediate improvement, and after several doses was able to realize her goal to walk down the aisle at her 6th grade graduation two years ago.

Diagnosed when she was just two years old, Natalie's father, Dan Olson, said, "We felt like our lives were on fire," but credited MDA for its tremendous support and encouragement and thanked IAFF members for their part in raising funds to make the research possible to develop drugs like Spinraza that are giving hope to families like his.

"Thank you — each and every one of you — for standing outside, whatever the weather, advocating for our family. You are putting out the flames and bringing us hope. You're changing lives, You've forever changed ours." Dan Olson, father of Natalie



LOCAL 3427 SKAGIT CO. PARAMEDICS



**WE KNOW THERE ARE SO MANY
LOCALS HELPING IN HUGE,
IMPACTFUL WAYS! THANK YOU!**



LOCAL 1052 RICHLAND

LABOR DAY: IT'S ABOUT SOLIDARITY

SOLIDARITY FOREVER

When the union's inspiration through the workers' blood shall run,
There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun.
Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one.
For the Union makes us strong.
Solidarity Forever, solidarity forever, solidarity forever.
For the Union makes us strong. Ralph Chaplin 1915

Considered the unofficial end of America's summer, Labor Day is the holiday in the United States to come together and celebrate the rich culture of the labor movement and the impact it has had on the American economy. It honors the enormous contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of the country. What's more, for some, Labor Day is about solidarity. It is tied in with working individuals and unions standing together... in solidarity.

Solidarity Forever, sung to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, is the most famous anthem of the American Labor movement. It was composed by Ralph Chaplin in 1915, who lived out the last decade of his life in Tacoma and finished his vocation at the Washington State Historical Society. The song can be heard at union meetings, rallies, and on picket lines throughout the United States.

Chaplin's relationship with the Pacific Northwest was revealed time and again in his writings as well as in his conversation. The "Free Speech" battles at Spokane, Everett, Tacoma, and different urban communities on the Northwest Coast motivated Chaplin to continue his labor activism. He was inspired by the rugged region of mountains and the Puget Sound. He said the unfolding drama of labor history and 'epic pioneering and great conflicts' provided a satisfying backdrop for inspiring and strengthening his cause. In 1960 he wrote, "Even at this late hour I am more grimly convinced than ever that neither the song itself nor the organization that sparked it could have emerged from any environment other than the Pacific Northwest. It is true that Solidarity Forever was written in Chicago, but it is also true that nobody ever heard of it until fifty thousand striking Puget Sound loggers bellered it out to a world.



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Olympia Fire Fighters IAFF Local 468 support all of their local teachers.



Isaac, son of Local 828 Longview member, attracts a crowd and reminds us what is important!

STRONGER
TOGETHER



Tumwater Firefighters support their Tumwater teachers.
#unionstrong

"The time is
always right to
do what is right."
-Martin Luther King, JR.



Local 452 Vancouver member Ryan Morrissey (left with his daughters), Kevin Hart, Political Action Director, and Ryan's wife Tiffany Morrissey.



Local 452 Vancouver Firefighters President Judson McCauley with his daughters August, left, and Isabel, right.

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Local 2024 South King County Professional Firefighters

Teachers are tasked with educating future generations! This is one of the most important jobs in public service. We are proud to stand tall with WEA members across the state while they fight for the fair wages and benefits they deserve. [#WSCFF](#) [#WEA](#)



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Tukwila Firefighters IAFF Local 2088 s and their families alongside Tukwila Teachers as they stand up for fair wages! [#RedforEd](#) [#TukwilaEA](#) [#UnionProud](#)

AMERICA NEEDS UNIONS

Working people are the backbone of our great nation. The way to ensure every American can have a good job with a fair return on our work is to guarantee working people the freedom to join together in union.



Ryan Reese, WSCFF 5th District Rep, IAFF Local 1805, Clark County 6, WA

[#UNION](#)
FIREFIGHTER

*There are so many more of you
that contributed your time for
others in the name of Solidarity.
Thank you!*



**CREATED FOR YOU,
THE WORKER**



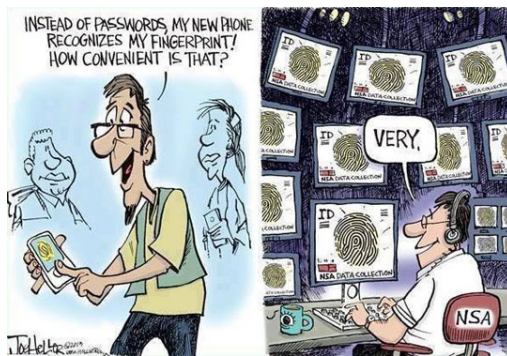
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Casey Sobol and Jason Stoltz are fire fighters with Local 3825 Thurston County Professional Fire Figthers. However, the two dedicated first-responders are something else as well: Brewmasters.

Lacey-based craft brewery, [Top Rung Brewing](#), and the two managing partners are busier than ever. They maintain their commitment to community. On August 23, Top Rung partnered with Oly Underground and Olympia area musicians to hold the 2nd Annual Fire Fighters Benefit concert. The funds collected have been donated to the WSCFF Benevolent Fund.

The WSCFF Benevolent Fund is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation created to provide aid to fire fighter and their families recovering from difficult times resulting from illness, injury or the death of a loved one. The Benevolent Fund is a registered charity with the Secretary of State. It exists solely as a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation.

**The Kennewick Convention
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There are 3 Galleries:

1. Personal & District Group Portraits
2. Business Meeting
3. Banquet & Awards

Thanks!

Carl Murray

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This Labor Day, Raise the Steaks!

Many of you will be spending a portion of Labor Day weekend with the grill of your dreams. So when you “meat” up with friends, be sure to and raise the “steaks” for your holiday barbecue with these delicious favorites made by ethical companies who treat their workers fairly, thereby helping to strengthen the middle class. Enjoy the holiday, and together we’ll grill our way to a stronger America.

Grilling Favorites

Ball Park franks
 Butterball turkey tenderloins, drumsticks, burgers and franks
 Dearborn Sausage Company
 Empire Kosher chicken and turkey
 Farmer John
 Foster Farms poultry
 Hormel beef, pork and chicken franks
 Omaha Steaks

Don't Forget to Wash it Down

Bass Pale Ale
 Bud and Bud Light
 Coors Light
 Killian's Irish Red
 Land Shark Lager
 Mad River Brewing Jamaican Red
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