

CAUS Chalkboard

Reclaim Wisconsin/Recall Walker Signs Available

Do you know a great location for a Recall sign? CAUS has a few hundred yard signs available for free if you can give them a good home. Come to the CAUS office in McFarland or talk to your local president if you want one. If you are coming to the office, it might be wise to call ahead. They are proving quite popular among members.

Fight Back! Conference Features John Nichols

Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 28, 2012 for our Fight Back conference in Madison. Keynoting this year's gathering will be John Nichols, a writer for the Cap Times and the Washington correspondent for the Nation magazine. Nichols, a citizen-journalist, has been featured at many Capitol rallies in the past year and is a frequent guest on the Ed Schultz Show. The all day conference includes such sessions as Basic Member Organizing, Winning School Board Elections, Recall & Beyond: A Political and Legislative Update, Insurance 101, How to Keep Yourself Out of Trouble and How to Negotiate Without Formal Negotiating Rights. The conference will be held at the Concourse Hotel and MATC in Madison. CAUS-North members who let us know they are coming by the Dec. 14 registration deadline are eligible for a \$75 stipend and mileage (three to a car). The conference, subtitled the Southwest Bargaining and Organizing Conference, will draw participants from five other UniSerts and at least one other union. Contact Sherry Lewis at the CAUS office for details and to register.

CAUS-North Hires John Wedge

John Wedge, a UniServ Director in Winnebago's Fond du Lac office for the past three years, has been hired for the UniServ Director position left open when David White resigned last month. Before that John worked for the Illinois Education Association and was on the faculty of Eastern Illinois University. John is very highly regarded in the Wisconsin labor community and will be a great addition to CAUS-North. If you call the CAUS office, you will know instantly whether you're talking to John or to the other UD, Glenn Schmidt. Born and educated in England, John's accent is strikingly non-Midwestern. Glenn's is not. John's first official day will be next Monday, December 12.

Sun Prairie Rocks With Survey Monkey

Thanks to those of you who completed our brief Survey Monkey questionnaire. Sun Prairie Education Association members led all responders with 82%. Other locals with good participation were Waunakee (65%), Jefferson (64%) and Lake Mills (57%). Your answers will allow CAUS and your local to reach you more effectively (with communications such as this e-newsletter). Next week we'll announce the prize winners of the gift cards. If you still haven't responded to Survey Monkey, we will close out the contest but will keep the survey active until Monday December 12th .

This is an 11.29 communication to members.