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Beware The Quakes Of March...

Alaska has more earthquakes than any other state. Are you ready for the next one?

Back in 1964 more than 100 people died from the 9.2 earthquake and tsunami that struck without warning. The 1964 earthquake was the 2nd largest earthquake ever recorded in the world. Today more than ever, everyone needs to plan and prepare for the next big one. It's not a question of "if" but "when."

Start by building your emergency kit for your family, and don't forget your pets. They need supplies too. You need to store at least a 7 day supply of food and water. Make an evacuation plan and practice it. Where will you go? How will you contact family and loved ones? For more information go to "Ready.alaska.gov," then scroll to "learn, prepare, prevail." Click on "emergency kit" which will provide a step-by-step guide for building an emergency kit for all disasters.

When an earthquake strikes, it is most important to drop, cover and hold-on. Drop down to the floor and get under a sturdy table, desk or other piece of protective furniture. Cover and protect your head from falling objects. Hold on to the table/desk you are under. Violent shaking causes furniture and other items to move. Most people are injured from falling debris and/or broken glass during an earthquake. If you're in a coastal community and the shaking goes on for more than

20 seconds, immediately head for higher ground. When earthquakes strike and last more than 20 seconds, a tsunami most likely will occur. Tsunamis travel very fast and you need to evacuate.

On March 27, 2014 at 1:36 p.m. there will be a statewide "Drop, Cover and Hold-on" exercise called the "Great Alaska Shakeout." We urge all Alaskans to go online to "Shakeout.org/Alaska" and register, it's free and easy. Practice your drop, cover and hold-on drill for at least one minute.

Plan your evacuation route, prepare your emergency kits, and practice your "drop, cover and hold-on" earthquake drill. Check your home or office for heavy objects that might fall, or come off of walls, tables or shelves during an earthquake. Strap them down to prevent them from falling on you, or getting damaged. In 1964 most people

weren't ready for a major earthquake or tsunami. We've learned a lot of lessons since then. Let's plan, prepare and be ready for the next earthquake or any other disaster.

Need help? Contact the State of Alaska Dept. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for more information at "Ready.Alaska.gov." or call (907) 428-7000.

(Article provided by Bridget Bushue, Dept. of Homeland Security and Emergency Management)



Do You Know Who CLUW Is?

The Coalition of Labor Union Women, (CLUW) which is a nonprofit nonpartisan organization of trade union women, formed in 1974 and affiliated with the AFL-CIO. CLUW, is the only national organization solely for women union members. The CLUW Mission Statement: "The primary mission of CLUW is to unify all union women in a viable organization to determine our common problems and concerns and to develop action programs within the framework of our unions to deal effectively with our objectives." They have four basic goals: To promote affirmative action in the workplace; to strengthen the role of women in unions; to organize the unorganized women; and to increase the involvement of women in the political and legislative process.

Nadine Lefebvre, a Juneau Chapter ASEA Local 52 member, attended the 17th Biennial Convention as a representative on the Juneau Central Labor Council and submitted the following article.

The Coalition of Labor Union Women, www.CLUW.org, held its 17th Biennial Convention in Reno, Nevada this past November under the theme of "CLUW: Moving the Working Women's Agenda Forward!"

Five hundred delegates and observers from twenty nine states and Canada engaged in four days of education and activism, setting the

agenda for CLUW for the next two years.

Among the newly elected officers are: Connie Leak, UAW, elected President and Carla M. Insinga, AFSCME, a National Vice President.

A special video presentation was made on Thursday. Dina Yarmus (UNITE HERE) of the Philadelphia Chapter of Young Women's Committee Project Co-Director introduced the project and the video they produced titled, "Union Women Union Power: From The Shop Floor to the Streets." The video is online at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=od_NBzq06Ws you can also search Youtube by typing in "CLUW Union Women, Union Power."

Laura Reyes, AFSCME Secretary-Treasurer, addressed the AFSCME caucus prior to election of officers. Laura was a speaker and made a grand entrance into the Convention to the podium to music and great fanfare! Her presentation was an inspiration to take action. My Resolution requesting CLUW take political action by requesting our Secretary of Labor to research and establish regulations concerning black mold and human habitation in indoor workspaces received unanimous consent on the convention floor. CLUW will take this political action to move this concern forward for worker safety.

A special panel presentation, Building an

15th Biennial Convention

Important Dates

February 19: Travel forms due to ASEA Headquarters

February 24: Convention Packets mailed to Delegates

March 12: Delegate Education Training

March 13 - 14: Parliamentary Training / Convention Committee - Work Sessions

March 15 - 16: 15th Biennial Convention - Business Session

Other Important Dates

February 18 - 19, 2014: Juneau - Business Session of ASEA Executive Board

May 13 - 14, 2014: Kenai - Business Session of ASEA Executive Board

Sitka Chapter President Retires

Sitka GGU Chapter President and Chief Steward Glenn Howard retired from the State of Alaska after 25 years of service as a Certified Nurse Assistant at the Sitka Pioneer's Home. Howard was a fearless advocate for his fellow



employees and worked with the union and management to insure safe working conditions and fair treatment

of Sitka Pioneer Home staff. Glenn also organized many social events for Sitka state employees. His contributions to ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 were many and his shoes will be hard to fill.



**President's Day
Feb. 17**

Intergenerational Labor Movement: What You Can Do as A CLUW Activist was moderated by Carmen Berkley, AFL-CIO Department of Civil, Human, & Women's Rights. The panelists included Dina Yarmus: Chair, Young Women's Committee, Philadelphia CLUW Chapter and Member UNITE HERE Local 274; Donchele Soper: Member IBEW Local 1245 and CLUW Central CA Chapter and Carolyn J. Jacobson, UAW: Secretary-Treasurer, Berger-Marks Foundation.

I was honored to represent ASEA and the Juneau Central Labor Council at the CLUW Convention. I had two great learning experiences that I wanted to share: political support for black mold standards and the energy and dedication of our young union members who said they are ready to fight, ready to win and ready to be mentored.