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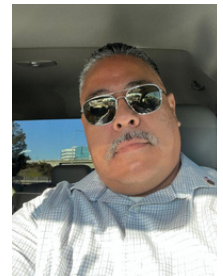
**Th. 3/2 - Napa Working Families Coalition Fundraiser**  
5:00 PM, IBEW Local 180 - Napa, CA

**Th. 3/2 - Action Team - United Workers for Local Gov't**  
10:00 AM, Zoom

**Th. 4/15 - 13th Annual Spring Salute**  
4:00-7:30 PM, Napa Valley Ruins - American Canyon, CA



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- Victory!  
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# 'Sup, Sibs?

What's up Siblings?

Well, we have been busy organizing and preparing for a few upcoming events, including our Napa Working Families Coalition fundraiser on Thursday March 2nd at IBEW. As we continue our great work in both Napa and Solano we wanted to take steps to make our Coalition more official as we continue to advocate for critical issues which impact working families in front of elected bodies and the public.

We are also planning for our Board retreat in March and of course, our 13th Annual Spring Salute Awards Dinner on April 15th back at the Ruins In American Canyon! It is a special honor to be chosen to receive the Lou Franchimon Lifetime Achievement Award this year, made more special because it is named after a true friend, mentor and labor warrior that had such a tremendous impact on me and countless others. Every award winner is special to me for the support they have and continue to give working families and we are proud to give them recognition for their efforts. We hope to see you there.

In this issue we also celebrate the great work that Glenn and the Action Team did on the California Democratic Parties Assembly District elections where all 14 of our endorsed candidates were elected! This is a critical step in ensuring that our working Siblings have a voice at the table when policy is created. Great work Team!

Our Member Spotlight for this issue is on Jim Jacobs and Jesse Espinoza from the Operating Engineers Local #3! These Siblings are both former CLC award winners and are critical to the success of their Union and our CLC as they are both the first to stand up and do the tough work!

The Diaper Drive that we are hosting is still going on so if you want to participate there is still time to drop them off at either IBEW #180, Operating Engineers Local #3 or the Ironworkers Local #378. We thank these Unions for stepping up to the plate and a special shout out to our Sibling from CTA Lynette Henley and her sorority sister for gathering over 4500 diapers!

Be safe,



**Jon Riley**

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One Vision One Voice

Working People Standing Together

# Member Spotlight - Jim Jacobs & Jesse Espinoza, OE #3



## Jim Jacobs

I started my career as an apprentice in the OE3 crane program. We were taught from the start that union participation and involvement was everything. After completing the apprenticeship program and spending 17 years working I was offered a chance to come on staff of the Local. I started what I call my second career as the Crane Dredging and Refinery Representative. Later I was offered a chance to be the District Representative for Napa and Solano Counties as well as a trustee for the local. Union Activism and Politics are some of the most important work we do for the brothers and sisters of the Operating Engineers. From local races and measures to state and national legislation. Everything we get involved in is for the members, job creating legislation, safer working rules, bargaining rights its always about the members.



## Jesse Espinoza

In 1996 I started working for a company called Schnitzer Steel in the Ports of West Oakland as a forklift operator. There is where I was introduced to several types of Heavy Equipment. I was 20 years old then and knew that I loved operating equipment. To me, Schnitzer was like a School because thanks to a good Boss I was given the opportunity to learn how to run a Bull Dozer, Excavator, Loader, Fork lift and Mining trucks. In 1998 I join the Operating Engineers Local Union .3 and that's when my life changed for the better because Schnitzer was non-Union Back then.

In 1998 is when I had my second child, and working union not only paid better wages but also meant my family had health benefits. My first dispatch with Local 3 was with J&M an underground company that does underground wet utilities that typically comes behind Subdivision Grading work. While working for J&M I remember watching some of the (Grading Dirt movers) a company called Independent Construction in action and I was infatuated. Ironically in the summer of 1999 I got dispatched to Independent Construction and became part of the Dirt movers I moved mountains. From 1998 to 2015 I worked on many new subdivision projects building new communities, 3 different Dams like San Pablo dam, Los Vaqueros dam, Calaveras dam. The years just flew by so fast because I loved doing what I did, especially being part of the great union of the Operating Engineers. In 2015 I became a business representative for the union that I loved and I knew that was my calling. As an agent now, I represent the members in different situations. Our main priorities are Politics servicing our membership and organizing. Local 3 covers Northern California, Northern Nevada, Hawaii, Utah and have 14 districts. We also represent some Caltrans workers, Public employees in some districts.

The work I do as a labor leader and politically include being in charge of the phone banking system for District 04, (District 04 is one of the 14 districts in Local 3 - Napa and Solano County), precinct walking, putting up signs for the political candidates, ultimately building power for workers on all fronts.

The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 3 is the largest construction local in the United States. With a membership of nearly 40,000 and a 4 state jurisdiction, Northern California, Northern Nevada, Utah and the Hawaiian Islands. The Local employs about 200 full time staff. We represent several different facets of construction. All types of earth moving equipment as well as cranes. We also keep the ports and waterways open with Dredging Crews. Testing and Inspection, Surveyors all are covered under the umbrella of the Operating Engineers. We also represent a large Public Employee sector as well as Caltrans workers in the 46 Northern Counties of California.

# Action Team - United Workers for Local Government

The Action Team will be ramping up next month to build up the volunteer base and collective strength of the local labor movement. The fundamental goals of this Action Team will be to bring together the best methods for engaging leaders, activists, and rank-and-file members and for the Labor Council to work with the affiliates for collective and solidarity actions. Collective actions are to the general benefit of the labor movement, such as establishing stronger laws and policies to protect and advance workers, and winning elections. Solidarity actions support particular unions or sectors of the labor movement in their time of need, such as an organizing campaign or a contract battle. Ultimately, we will work to bring together the collective might of labor to build power on all fronts.

Our next meeting will be at the usual time and date of the monthly United Workers for Local Government - the **3rd Tuesday, March 21st at 10 AM on Zoom**. At this meeting, several affiliates will present on their own best practices to engage and mobilize members for major actions. Following a conversation on ideas and methods, we will review some major actions on our horizon, including advocating for union jobs and equitable growth through our Working Families Coalitions and identifying actions that affiliates may need solidarity to accomplish.

We look forward to a great conversation with all of you, and we plan on ramping up our volunteer base prior to the critical 2024 Election.



In solidarity,  
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# ADEMs Elections - Victory for Workers, Labor Representation in the CA Democratic Party

The Assembly District Elections Meetings (ADEMs) were a sweeping success for the candidates supported by the local labor movement. In the ADEMs Election, which elect local voting representatives to the California Democratic Party (CDP), all 14 members of both of the labor-endorsed slates, the Rural Progressive Workers Alliance (AD-4) and the Progressive Workers Alliance (AD-11) were victorious! These slates were formed as a combination of workers, progressives, and other activists seeking common interest between the labor movement and the Democratic Party. Through the efforts of our affiliates reaching out to members, allied Democrats working with local activists, and the work put in by the candidates themselves, we have established strong representation for this area in the CDP. Of the 28 delegates elected, 18 are union members from across sectors (teachers, trades, healthcare workers, and more), with 10 Democratic allies ready to partner with labor. Our own Labor Council President G Anthony Phillips, Napa-Solano Building Trades Council leader/Labor Council E-Board member Danny Bernardini, and E-Board member Audrey Jacques (CTA - F-SUTA) were all elected.

Both of these slates of workers and Democratic activists will be honored to represent our local communities and champion the important issues of the labor movement and its allies at the California Democratic Party!

## CA DEMOCRATIC PARTY ELECTIONS - ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 11 PROGRESSIVE WORKERS ALLIANCE



Cassandra James



Justine Fout



Verneal Brumfield



Audrey Jacques



Chuck Leonard



Carlos Flores



Danny Bernardini



Tiffanee Jones



Tazamisha Alexander



Julia Routson-Thomas



Mike Tebo



Ricky Gjertsen



Justin Brown



Garfield Samuels

## CA DEMOCRATIC PARTY ELECTIONS - ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 4 RURAL PROGRESSIVE WORKERS ALLIANCE



Stephanie Cline



Carol Taylor



Nicole Arnold



Kelly Hurst



Mitchell Bechtel



Vince Courtney



Jonathon Howard



Trina Daugherty



Jesse Loren



Rachael Fulp-Cooke



G Anthony Phillips



Greg Music



Dave Griffin



Preston Jackson

**NAPA- SOLANO CENTRAL  
LABOR COUNCIL'S**  
**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
SPRING SALUTE AWARDS DINNER**  
**APRIL 15, 2023, 4PM – 7:30PM**

**THE NAPA VALLEY RUINS**  
**SOUTH NAPA JUNCTION ROAD, AMERICAN CANYON, CA**



## 2023 Award Winners

**Mike Thompson Legislator's Legacy Award**

Dr. Tony Ubalde, VCUSD

**Labor Partnership Award (Napa)**

Councilmember Bernie Narvaez, City of Napa  
Councilmember Anna Chouteau, City of St. Helena

**Labor Activism Award**

Tim Frank  
Tony Norris, Sierra Club

**Labor Champion Award**

Audrey Jacques, CTA  
Mark Plubell, Insulators #16

**Becky Benton Memorial Courage Award**

NUHW

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Future of Labor Award**

Angelo Velasco, Napa Solano CLC

**Lou Franchimon Lifetime Achievement Award**

Jon Riley, Napa Solano CLC

**Labor Partnership Award (Solano)**

Councilmember Mina Diaz, City of Vallejo  
Councilmember Pippin Dew, City of Vallejo

**Labor Community Partner Award**

CTWI  
Laura Dutch, Vallejo Adult School  
Jacque Crosetti, Suite Treatments

**Labor Backbone Award**

Jimmy Thiessen, Teamsters #315  
Herb Watts, IBEW #180  
Jason Lindsey, Iron Workers #378  
Anthony Viscuso, Insulators #16  
John Shaban, SEIU #1021

### Sponsorships & Tickets

Commander-in-Chief	VIP Seating for 18 with, Full Page Ad in Program, Banner on Stage & Wine at Table	\$10,000.00
Admiral	Seating for 12, 1/2 Page Ad in Program, Banner on Stage & Wine at Table	\$ 5,000.00
Captain	Seating for 6, 1/4 Page Ad in Program, Banner Displayed at the Event & Wine at Table	\$ 2,500.00
Ensign	Seating for 4, Logo in Program	\$ 1,000.00
Individual Ticket		\$ 100.00

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 Please make checks payable to: "Napa Solano CLC" (Unfortunately, credit card purchase is not available.)

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# Napa Working Families Coalition Fundraiser

We will be having our first fundraiser for the Napa Working Families Coalition. This Coalition, alongside the Solano Working Families Coalition, is an unprecedented effort to bring together labor, environmental, and housing advocates to achieve a vision of sustainable, equitable growth. The labor movement, active across sectors from building trades to teachers and public sector workers, is taking leadership with community allies to advocate for essential infrastructure and services and union jobs while combating climate change and the housing crisis. Our coalitions have made an initial impact on the City of Napa's General Plan, and our next actions will be advocating for housing and fighting for incoming infrastructure funds to benefit our local communities.

In order to finance these efforts, we will be holding our first fundraiser on Thursday, March 2nd at the IBEW Local 180 Hall at 5:00 PM. We ask for our affiliates and allies to consider donating to help pay for our efforts to support local growth that works for everyone!



## Napa Working Families Coalition Fundraiser



IBEW Local 180  
720 Technology Way Ste B,  
Napa, CA 94558

Thursday, March 2nd  
5:00 PM

Light food and beverages  
will be provided.

### Sponsorship levels:

\$500.....Bridgebuilder

\$250.....Changemaker

\$100.....Advocate

Please make checks payable to  
Napa-Solano Central Labor Council  
Memo: "Napa-Solano Working Families Coalition"  
2540 N Watney Way, Fairfield, CA 94533

CALIFORNIA LABOR FEDERATION  
**LABOR GIVES BACK:  
2023 STATEWIDE  
DIAPER DRIVE**

**NAPA CO.**

IBEW Local 180, 720 Technology Way Ste B, Napa  
Drop offs accepted M-F, 8am-5pm

**SOLANO CO.**

Ironworkers Local 378, 3120 Bayshore Rd, Benicia  
Drop offs accepted M-F, 7am-2:30pm

Operating Engineers Local Union #3, 2540 N.  
Watney Way, Fairfield  
Drop offs accepted M-F, 8am-5pm

*VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF DROP  
OFF LOCATIONS: [WWW.CALABORFED.ORG/2023-  
LABOR-DIAPER-DRIVE](http://WWW.CALABORFED.ORG/2023-<br/>LABOR-DIAPER-DRIVE)*







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