

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We only have a few days left before the workers memorial day commemoration. On April 18, 2007, I sent out a press release announcing the April 28th event to newspapers, TV and radio stations around Alabama. The press release also went to communication contacts in Nevada, Nebraska, Ohio, Michigan, North Carolina, Texas, Maine, Illinois, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Tennessee and Toronto, Ontario. We have circulated posters through out the Tuscaloosa area, including police and fire stations, community bulletin boards, post offices, local businesses and the University of Alabama.

Preliminary testing of the location for the memorial has been favorable and the committee is working on text for commemorative inscriptions for the site. During the April 28, 2007 commemoration, we will unveil the I-beam from the World Trade Center, a model of the memorial site and a model of the sculpture to be used as a hands on replica of the final sculpture. UA student, sculpture designer Mara Lattanzi, says “the sculpture symbolizes strength, unity, and perseverance. The stylized bronze arms are inclusive of any and every type of worker. The arms support one another and push upwards giving the arms a feeling of lightness, being uplifted, and lively with hope and determination. The arms extend out and up from the rubble to illustrate the unrelenting drive of humans to rise and rebuild time and time again”.

The interest in this notable project has grown with every passing day. That growth is a result of the commitment, dedication and cooperation of the Workers Memorial Committee members. I have listed committee members on issues 2 and 3 of this newsletter, but the committee grows faster than I can list them. I thank the committee members for the long hours and sacrifices made to get the project where it is today.

I encourage the membership of the locals within the ten (10) county area of the West Alabama Labor Council, as well as citizens of neighboring communities, to turn out for this special “Workers Memorial Day” event.

In Solidarity,

James M. Crowder

President, West Alabama Labor Council, AFL-CIO



Workers Memorial Day Commemoration

Date: April 28, 2007
Time: 1:00 PM
Location: Intersection of Jack Warner Parkway and Greensboro Avenue
 Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Workers Memorial Committee

- William Chambliss**
UMWA Retired
- Craig Wedderspoon**
Assoc. Professor, UA Art Department
- Brittany Armistead**
Student, University of Alabama
- Irina Gouchtchina**
Student, University of Alabama
- Kathleen Lewis**
Student, University of Alabama
- Mara Lattanzi**
Student, University of Alabama
- Matthew Harper**
Student, University of Alabama
- Michael Anthony Smith**
Student, University of Alabama
- Whitman Dewey-Smith**
Student, University of Alabama
- Dr. Bill Dooley**
Director; Sarah Moody Gallery of Art
- Dr. Hank Lazer**
Assoc. Provost, University of Alabama
- Dr. Scott Bridges**
Professor, UA Music Department
- William L. Snowden**
Director, Planning Dept., Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- Glenda Gamble**
Associate City Attorney, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
- Robin Edgeworth**
Legal Affairs Administrator, City of Tuscaloosa

Calendar of Events

- **2007 Southern School for Union Women**
April 25—29, 2007
Cocoa Beach, Florida
contact: <http://www.fiu.edu/~clrs>
- **Workers Memorial Day Event**
April 28, 2007
Greensboro Ave & RiverWalk
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
contact: 205-758-4476
email: walc@uswa351.org

Neil Snipes—IBEW Local 136, has been appointed to the Fosters/Ralph water board.



Fund Raising Dinner "Roast of Congressman Artur Davis"

CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN



IBEW Local 136 delegate Neil Snipes was there April 6, 2007 to help roast our congressman

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