

SAVE the DATE!



2017 CUSHING-GAVIN AWARDS

Friday, December 1st
6 pm Reception | 7 pm Dinner

NEW LOCATION!
IBEW #103 Hall, Dorchester, MA

GREAT NEWS! REGISTER NOW FOR OUR FALL TERM OF GUILD SCHOOL OF LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS.

We are delighted to announce that our Fall Term course listings are available now! The lineup was set far in advance to help make this 130th term be the best yet! You can see the courses and their full descriptions in the mailing insert, and register by sending the form back or going online to laborguild.com/courses. There's a lot to choose from, including:

- Media, Messaging, and the Labor Movement
- ABC's of Arbitration
- The Steward's Job
- Power and Struggle: The Forces that Shaped the Labor Movement
- When Employee Benefits are No Longer Fringes
- Leadership at Every Level
- Next Steps for Stewards: Organizing in the Workplace
- Persuasive Public Speaking
- Collective Bargaining Negotiations Workshop

We can't wait to see you in the fall! Planning to attend classes? It's more fun with a friend—bring someone with you! We are happy to send more copies of the class descriptions if you would like to hand them out to friends or at a meeting or event. Contact our office and let us know how many you'd like.

Our 2017 Membership Drive is underway.

To everyone who joined or re-upped.
THANKS & BLESSINGS
Your Card is on the way!

Haven't gotten around to it yet?

It's never too late to become a 2017 Guilder!
Send that envelope back or visit laborguild.com

SEND IN YOUR CGA NOMINATIONS THIS SUMMER

OPIOID LABOR FORUM: CONFRONTING THE EPIDEMIC

With close to 2,000 opioid-related deaths in 2016, Massachusetts is struggling to cope on every front – in our communities, our homes and of course, our workplaces.

Hearing labor leaders' and employers' concern and grief over the suffering and deaths of members of their organizations, we worked with the **MA AFL-CIO, the Mass Building Trades**

Council, MNA (Nurses) and Modern Assistance Programs (MAP) to present an Opioid Labor Forum.

Over 85 union leaders, members, business agents, employers, representatives

of social services and treatment programs, and others gathered for the Labor Guild's first ever Opioid Labor Forum on March 30th. This hard-hitting event successfully

delivered important, timely information and generated interest in continued discussions and action in the coming months.

Charlene Richardson, MSN, RN, CEN, LNC, Associate Director of Nursing, Massachusetts Nurses Association, was the first keynote presenter. Her riveting, information-packed presentation focused on the most common drugs and their effects, as well as what participants could do to identify drug use, prevent overdoses, and act as first responders. Speaking from her own experience as an Emergency Room nurse and mother, Charlene covered a wealth of tangible, crucial information for those present.

Our second keynoter, **John Christian, EdM, LADCI, CADC, SAP**, President and CEO, Modern Assistance Programs, Inc., presented the options for treatment in Massachusetts. John showcased the pros and cons of various options and suggesting policy and funding changes that are necessary to provide enough quality treatment to all who need it.

The afternoon's stake-holders panel's presenters included: **Roger Gill**, Health and Welfare Fund Administrator, UA Plumbers Local #12; **Hugh Kelleher**, Executive Director, Greater Boston Contractors Association (Employers); **Donald Markum**, LICSW, Director of Behavioral Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA; **Jeanne Melvin, Ed. M., LMHC, LADCI, CAS, CCDP-D**, Clinical Director of Modern Assistance, Modern Assistance Programs; and **Daniel O'Connor, LADC, CEAP**, Community Service Representative, Adcare (EAP).

This was a great event, and we are hoping to host or co-sponsor more like it in the future. To stay up-to-date on our offerings on this important and timely issue, go to laborguild.com/opioid-labor-forum/.

A STELLAR SPRING TERM 2017

As we begin to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of our Labor Guild School of Labor-Management Relations, our Spring Graduation was a particularly wonderful night! Over 53 students received certificates of completion.

Graduation took place on May 17th at our Guild home base in Braintree. There was a special energy in the room as our graduates listened to speeches, sang, celebrated, and received their diplomas.

Guildler **Paul McCarthy** emceed this high-energy event. Sr. Marie-Therese Browne, SCN (Sister Tess) led a beautiful invocation. Our two marvelous speakers included **Jim Mastandrea**, President, Machinists Local Lodge 264. Jim's eye-opening keynote address documented the many pitfalls of MBTA privatization proposals highlighting the costs and negative impact on workers, riders, taxpayers and T operations. Guild student and valedictorian **Fred Floreal**, Boston Bus Drivers USW 8751, gave an inspiring speech about the power of knowledge and life-long learning.

Students, their families, colleagues, and instructors mingled, enjoyed delicious cake, and watched proudly as each graduate received a diploma. Check out a special rendition of Solidarity Forever, sung by the Guild Chorus on our Youtube Channel!

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DONOR TRIBUTES

These donors gave an "In Memoriam/In Honor of" gift. A Mass will be offered for their colleagues, friends and loved ones.

- John Boyle, Jr. for **Fr. Edward F. Boyle, S.J.**
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- Antonio Silvia, Jr., IUOE Local #4
In Memory of **Antonio Silvia, Sr.**



At JOIN for Justice's Siyyum 2017 Graduation on June 26th, from L-R: **Frank Callahan**, President, MA Building Trades Council (MBTC), **Miles Meth**, MBTC's JOIN Fellow; **Rachel Leiken**, our Guild Community Outreach Coordinator/Fr. Boyle Fellow & JOIN Fellow; **Allyson Every**, Exec Dir, Labor Guild; **Elona Leiken**, Rachel's mom; **Sue Champagne**, MBTC Office Mgr; and **Lisa Gallatin**, Chief of Staff, MA AFL-CIO. We're still on the hunt for our next Fr. Edward F. Boyle, S.J. Fellow.

FALL 2017 130TH TERM

September 11 – November 13

(No class on October 9)

NEW CLASS TIME

Monday Evenings, 6:30 – 9:00 PM

66 Brooks Drive, Braintree

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