**Andrew Puleo April 14, 2016**

**PEF Region 2 1/2**

**S/W PAC Report**

**March 10 –** PEF Region 2 Luncheon at the Hornell Elks Club with presentations by:

* 23rd Congressional District Candidiate, John Plumb
* Steve Panton, Rochester & Genesse Valley Area Labor Fed. Organizer
* Ruth Hart, Region 2 PAC Co-chair
* Michal Farrell, PEF Director of Western Field Operations

Mr. Plumb, and his staffers were presented with the voting record of incumbent Congressman Tom Reed, of which we noted Mr. Reeds lifetime record documents that he has voted against organized labor’s endorsed position 82% of the time. [file:///C:/Users/owner/Documents/PEF/Regional%20Coordinator/PAC%202016/Voting%20Records%20\_%20NYSAFLCIO.html](file:///C%3A/Users/owner/Documents/PEF/Regional%20Coordinator/PAC%202016/Voting%20Records%20_%20NYSAFLCIO.html)

Mr. Plumb fielded a Q & A session with our members with topics which included outsourcing and the circumvention of Civil Service rules, gun control and immigration. Of special note, (1) of our own immigrant members, Hector Hoyos, was the only member from the Division 175’s 30 West St. Street location that attended this Political Event, and we applaud his participation in our Democratic process.

Mr. Farrell spoke on our efforts to organize and the current Freidrichs case.

Steve Panton spoke on the need for members to participate in the both Steuben/Livingston Labor Council and Chemung County Labor Council.

Ruth Hart intended to speak on voter registration but the meeting ran longer than scheduled . . .

**April 9 –** I attended the R&GV ALF, Rochester & Genesse Valley Area Labor Federation’s 2016 Annual Meeting at the Rochester Institute of Technology Conference Center in Henrietta. It was most pleasant to find other PEF representatives in attendance as Denise Young, and John Prince were both present. The audience was comprised of varied union reps. and the presenters delivered so as to educate, reinforce concepts, and convey their own passion, in regard to the national labor movement. They did so by sharing statistical data and real life examples which included the following topics:

* NYS Labor won the desired FMLA legislation
* 15 NOW fight remains in play
* 53 Million Americans live in poverty
* Stop TPP
* Support the Perkins/Gottfried Universal healthcare bill

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**April 9 cont.**

* China is robbing us, *or should it be our legislators are giving away the store*
* Fast Food Worker strike scheduled for April 14, 2016
* Request that all union Executive Council vote to donate to Flint Michigan for water crisis relief
* Finger Lakes Meet & Greet on may 10 at Farmington Racino, 585.263.2650
* Joint Labor Councils Mtg. being scheduled for Southern Tier
* Don’t just post info, share your position, *I find this creates undesired debate in the workplace*
* Visit CANVA.COM for posting/mtg assistance
* Utilize social media more
* Correct and deal w/trolls, *I maintain PEF HQ should respond to Times Union* Blogs which are false
* “The last line of defense between the needy and the greedy is the American Labor Movement”

This was a very good meeting which provided great information delivered by passionate speakers.

**April 12 – Submitted by Ruth Hart**

 Region 2 PAC Meeting at Sorge’s restaurant, Corning NY. Meeting started at 5:35

Attendees- Ruth Hart, Dan Loven, Andrew Puleo

There will be (2) Region 2 members attending the NASHTU, National Association of State Highway Transportation Unions, Annual Conference in Washington DC in May, Karen Patterson, S/W L/M Secy, & Ruth Hart, R-2 PAC Co-chair.

Andrew moved; to endorse John Plumb for Congress against Tom Reed, seconded by; Ruth Hart, approved by; All.

Advised by Andrew that Statewide PAC was soliciting for an endorsement Presidential Race- the result at last meeting was to take no Action. Andrew requested that PAC members solicit the opinions of their members.

Andrew asked Dan Loven to plan a legislative meet and Greet Breakfast or Lunch in Elmora vicinity so as to accommodate members in Divisions 222, 223, 370, & 359 - the Plan is to invite Leslie Burke-Dank who is running against Senator Tom O’Mara.

Ruth Hart advised that Assemblyman Phil Palmesano voted against Labor in regard to minimum wage increase.

Motion to adjourn: A. Puleo

Seconded: R. Hart

Approved: All