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Today, for the first time in our history, OPEIU members from around the country will join delegates to the convention via live stream from 9 to 11 a.m. PDT, for a pre-convention conference on The Future of Work and its effect on the labor movement and all working people. The session will be live streamed from a password-protected section of the OPEIU website, and, for those members unable to watch live this morning, will be stored on the website for future viewing.

We’ll be hearing from experts from the worlds of labor and economics, including Ken Jacobs, chair of the UC Berkeley Labor Center; Shawna Bader-Blau, the executive director of the Solidarity Center; and Robert Reich, world-renowned economist, author and former secretary of labor.

All delegates should attend this morning’s pre-convention conference on the Future of Work, 9 to 11 a.m., in the Event Center. The general session will follow at 1 p.m. in the Event Center.

Tonight, it’s Terry Fator at the Mirage

All ticketholders should plan to arrive at the theatre by 7:00 p.m. to be in their seats before the curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. It’s going to be a fun evening with singer, comedian, ventriloquist and celebrity impressionist Terry Fator of “America’s Got Talent.”

The OPEIU Virtual Store is Open

Check out OPEIU’s Virtual Store by clicking the Social Media button on the app and choosing “OPEIU Store.” You can also click here. There, you’ll find all kinds of great union gear, such as t-shirts, sweatshirts, bags and other useful items with the OPEIU logo so you and your members can show your union pride.

Las Vegas Fun Fact!

The Luxor’s Sphinx, a re-creation of the Great Sphinx of Giza, is 101 feet high and larger than the original.

We Are Not Alone!

More than 22,000 conventions are held in Las Vegas every year.

Say Hello (and Thanks!) to Your Union Sisters and Brothers at Bally’s

We hope you enjoy this week at Bally’s, a hotel whose employees are represented by several unions, including the Carpenters, Culinary Workers, IATSE, Operating Engineers and the Teamsters. These dedicated employees will be working hard all week to ensure you have a pleasant stay. Make sure to say hello and thanks for all their hard work.

Book Signing Today with Robert Reich

From 11 a.m. to noon today, Robert Reich will be signing copies of his book, The Common Good, in the Event Center Hallway. A limited number of books will be available for purchase.

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