Welcome to Philadelphia and the opening day of the 29th Convention of the Office and Professional Employees International Union. Delegates from all regions of OPEIU have gathered this week in the “City of Brotherly Love” to participate in the democratic process that makes our union strong. Your knowledge and experience will prove invaluable in charting OPEIU’s future course.

Be sure to read The Delegate each day on the convention’s OPEIU Events app to learn what to expect and see recaps and photos from the previous day’s session.
A BUSY WEEK AHEAD

This week, we will be hearing from several prominent and interesting speakers, including AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler, Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO President Daniel Bauder and organizer and author of the book, *Rules to Win By*, Jane McAlevey. Russell Gittlen, the president of Local 30-represented Guide Dogs of America will speak, as will Ellen Cassedy, who will be signing copies of her book, *9 to 5: A Women’s Movement, a Labor Union and the Iconic Movie*. The full schedule can be found on the OPEIU Events app under the Convention Schedule icon.

The OPEIU Virtual Store is Open

Check out OPEIU’s Virtual Store by choosing the OPEIU Store icon on the OPEIU Events app. You can also visit opeiu.imagepointe.com.

There you will find all kinds of great union gear with the OPEIU logo, including t-shirts, bags and other useful items to show your union pride.

Say Hello and Thanks to Union Staff at the Sheraton

We hope you enjoy this week at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown, a hotel staffed by members of UNITE HERE Local 274 and Teamsters Local 169. These dedicated staffers will be working all week to ensure you have a pleasant stay. Make sure to say hello and show your appreciation for all their hard work.

We’re Here If You Need Us

The International Union’s staff is here to help make your week both productive and enjoyable. You will be able to easily identify all staff members by their red OPEIU shirts. Their photos are also on the OPEIU Events app under the Leadership & Staff icon.
WE’RE PAPERLESS!

If you are reading this newsletter, you know the convention is completely paperless. The dedicated mobile app you are using to read this has been built just for the convention and contains all the information you need and the materials you will be considering this week.

You must log into the OPEIU Events app to view all convention materials. As a convention delegate or alternate, you will have access to view materials once you log in.

To log in, follow these simple steps:
1. Open the OPEIU Events app and enter the email you used to register for the convention
2. Your password is your last name (the first letter of your last name should be capitalized)

It’s that simple. If you have any issues, though, please go to the convention registration desk and an OPEIU staff member will assist.

The Convention’s OPEIU Events App Has All You Need at Your Fingertips

The app also has all the important info and features needed to enhance your event experience, including the daily schedule (click the Convention Schedule icon), all the business that will be considered this week (choose the Convention Materials icon), and maps of the Sheraton hotel (under the Hotel Floor Plan icon, where you can click on the maps to find meeting room locations) and the city of Philadelphia (the City Info and City Map icons). It has been preset for you to receive push notifications from the International to keep you updated on all events. Remember, you must be logged in to receive these notifications. Make sure you grant the app permission to send push notifications when prompted.

Find Restaurants and Local Attractions

Click the City Info icon on the convention app to find nearby attractions and restaurants, pharmacies, grocery and convenience stores, banks and more. There’s also information about local attractions, including the Liberty Bell, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Reading Terminal Market and more!
A BUSY SOCIAL CALENDAR

In addition to the important business of the convention, delegates, alternates and guests will have lots of opportunities to gather and enjoy each other’s company and the wonderful city of Philadelphia.

Whether it be cruising along the Delaware River, seeing all the historic city sites on an evening trolley ride, or enjoying some meals with your fellow delegates, check this spot daily or click the Convention Schedule icon on the app for more info.

Tonight’s Event

OPEIU will set sail tonight at 6 p.m. for a dinner cruise along the Delaware River. Take in the beauty of the Philadelphia skyline as you feast on some Philly favorites. All ticket holders should plan to meet at the hotel’s N. 17th Street entrance no later than 5:15 p.m. to board buses for the pier.

Fun Fact!

Philadelphia is known as the City of Brotherly Love, but did you know the name “Philadelphia” literally means brotherly love? “Philadelphia” is a combination of two Greek words: phileo (love) and adelphos (brother).

Stay Connected

Keep up on news you can use about OPEIU, including info about free membership benefits, such as scholarships, student debt reduction and identity theft protection.

Sign up by texting OPEIU to 844-240-4114*

*By providing your cell phone number, you understand OPEIU may send you automated calls and/or text messages on your cell phone on a periodic basis. OPEIU will never charge for alerts, but carrier message and data rates may apply. You can text STOP to 844-240-4114 to stop receiving messages at any time.