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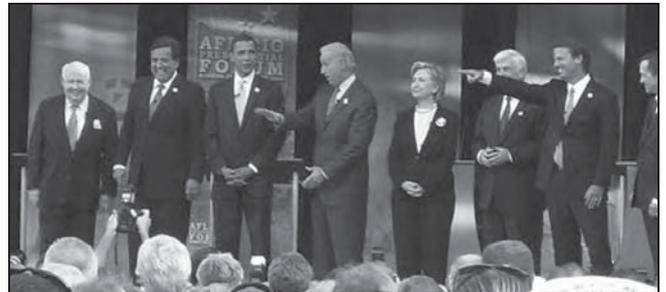
Members of local 11 attend AFL-CIO presidential candidates forum

On Tuesday, August 7, the Democratic presidential candidates met with working families at the AFL-CIO Presidential Candidates Forum held at Soldier Field in Chicago, Illinois.

Members of Roofers Local 11 joined with some 17,000 union members and families in attendance, to show the candidates that working men and women are deeply concerned about the future of the country.

Many in the audience at Soldier Field had the opportunity to ask candidates questions focusing on issues that affect the daily lives of working families----from jobs and wages to health care, retirement, education and Iraq.

The next president of our country faces some daunting challenges in the United States and abroad. The voices of union workers were heard loudly and clearly at this presidential forum, and we're proud that our Local 11 joined with their Brothers and Sisters in Chicago to let the candidates know their positions on issues important to working men and women.



AFL-CIO President John Sweeney addressed the audience along with Democratic presidential candidates including Gov. Bill Richardson (D-N.M.), Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.), Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.), Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Conn.), former Sen. John Edwards (D-N.C.) and Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio). Their responses drew frequent applause, occasional laughter and even one or two boos, when they ducked questions.



Pictured left to right outside of Soldier Field are Local 11 Business Agents Bob Burch and Gary Menzel, Apprentice Coordinator Marty Headtke, Instructor Jeff Eppenstein, and Business Agents Art Lucas and Larry Gnat.



Congressman Kucinich and Senator Edwards grab for a t-shirt thrown by union members.



Local 11 Business Agent Gary Menzel gets his photo taken with Senator Edwards after the debates.

Local 134 Supports Local Candidates



Toledo, OH, Local 134 Business Manager Rich Shackelford presents an RPELF check for the Committee to Elect Judge Berling. Pictured, from left, are Judge Amy Berling of the Toledo Municipal Court, Committee Co-Chair Mike Haupricht, and Business Manager Rich Shackelford.



Local 11 members showed up in great numbers to show their support for issues that affect working families.



Thousands of union members and their families attended the forum at Soldier Field, the home of NFC Champions Chicago Bears.

Local 134 Business Manager Rich Shackelford, left, presents an RPELF check to Matt Szollosi, a Democrat running for the Ohio House of Representatives.

