

2nd District YOUNG Newsletter July 2016



Meet Vanessa Barrow- 2nd District Y.O.U.N.G Coordinator

I have been employed with the Brooklyn VA for past 7 and a half years. I am a proud member of local 862. My interest in the union peaked when I attended the 2010 Legislative rally on a bus ride. It was then when I witnessed first-hand how the union gives a voice to all its members. I am dedicated in seeing the labor movement gain momentum and believe that the YOUNG program will allow this to happen for future generations.

Meet Jennifer.S.Ramirez- National AFGE Y.O.U.N.G member at large

I take great pride in my union work. To be the voice of our whole bargaining unit is a commitment and a big responsibility. However representation does not stop at our field offices and teleservice centers it goes beyond that. From preserving our rights in the field office to voicing our struggles in capitol hill AFGE YOUNG has given me the platform to do bigger and better things at the national level.

New Stewards Training NY L3369 and NJ L2369 Social Security



Council220 President Witold Skwierczynski, Attorney Patricia McGowan and former AFGE National President John Gage collaborated for a 3 day training on contract and the grievance procedure

AFGE Local 862 and 1667

On June 28th both locals along with veterans and other employees held a rally to protest suggested privatization of the VA health care system.



A.F.G.E. 2nd District at the last District Meeting April 13, 2016

The meeting was well attended by District 2 Local Officers. N.V.P. Castellano covered numerous topics including, ongoing district trainings, district organizing contests, reviewed the new resolutions approved at the national convention and demonstrated what does it take to be an strong and effective local under the Big Enough to Win Campaign.



Ashley L Sprowls Local 1674 VA

Ashley Sprowls has been employed at VA West Haven HealthCare System for 3 years and is currently a YOUNG representative.

What the Union means to you?
"The union is an important and crucial element to employees and their representation. The union has supported me in terms of fellowship, guidance, and mentorship"



Vanessa Barrow Leading the MS Walk

YOUNG and seasoned members walk for a cause on April 17th. The Multiple Sclerosis society held their 28th annual MS walk NYC.

***** If your local does not have a YOUNG Coordinator and you would like more information on becoming one for your local please reach out to your Local President.

***** If you are a local president and would like more information on the YOUNG program please reach out to your District

To feature your events in our upcoming newsletters please email your pics and description of the event at JenniferRamirezAFGE@gmail.com or Vbarrowyoung2@gmail.com

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Local 3369 and Local 2369 Women Activists July 1st, 2016



"Rosie the Riveter" themed day at NY Region New Rep Training New York NY. Recognizing the importance of women in the labor movement, in addition to empowering one another and recognizing the achievements of women in history and in today's era.

President of NYS Central Labor Council Vincent Alvarez at L3369's New Stewards Training



Vincent Alvarez addressing our new stewards at 1 Bowling Green NYC.

Topics discussed: The structure of AFL-CIO and its affiliates.

The importance of unions in the workplace and the collaboration of young workers and seasoned workers.