

COs of the Year chosen



◀ AFSCME's national prison employee organization, AFSCME Corrections, selected Pickaway Correctional Correction Officer Bridgett Duncan as its CO of the year.

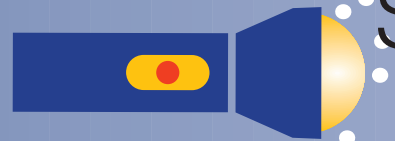
Duncan is shown here with Tim Shafer, OCSEA Corrections Assembly president and Gov. Ted Strickland.

State prison officials recently picked Mansfield Correctional Institution's Leo Hess as the 2007 Ohio Correction Officer of the Year. Hess, a transportation officer, was tapped for the award for his courageous efforts that foiled an escape attempt by an inmate that was being treated at the Ohio State University Medical Center.

(Below, from left) *ManCI chapter vice president Billy Stevens, Hess and chapter president Doug Mosier.*



THE 2007 BUILDING UNION CONFERENCE



OCSEA members gathered in Columbus for the seventh annual Building Union Power Conference. Workshops and speakers supported the event's theme: See the Light; Join the Fight (Don't wait 'til '08), – a precursor to preparing for the fight for a labor-friendly White House in '08.

Special guests included Congresswoman Betty Sutton (D-OH), AFSCME President Gerald McEntee, Ohio Democratic Party chair Chris Redfern and Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman. The Solidarity Dinner featured Dr. Herb Asher, Professor Emeritus of Political Science at The Ohio State University and author of numerous books and articles with a focus on campaigns and elections.

Hilltop bean dinner has roots

Members of Central Ohio Chapter 2513 have long known about the area bean dinner sponsored by the Hilltop Business Association and that today is a big draw for local politicians. The Hilltop bean dinner has a long history and began as a reunion for veterans who had served during the Civil War. Politicians used the event as a platform to

meet and greet voters in this area on the West side of Columbus. The dinner was held sporadically until 1981 when it became an annual event.

Chapter 2513 President Margaret Smith has long participated in the event and this year was able to talk others from District 6 into joining in for a few hours.



2513 Chapter President Margaret Smith (left) and Pam Wilson (right) meet with Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman at the Hilltop bean dinner.

POWER

See the light.
Join the fight.
(Don't wait 'til '08!)

The outstanding achievement of subordinate bodies was celebrated at the BUP Solidarity Dinner with the presentation of the High Performance Initiative (HPI) Awards.



Special guest AFSCME president Gerald McEntee takes a break from picture taking to make a donation to the OCSEA Women's Action Committee.



Ohio Democratic Party chair Chris Redfern takes a moment to pose with union leaders. Redfern spoke of the Fall 2006 successes and got members pumped up about 2008.



Members attended an array of workshops, including OCSEA's "Grey's Anatomy," focusing on the inner workings of the state budget.

Cleveland Chap. 1805 activist Leslie Pendleton signs a pledge to help Take Back America in 2008.

