

## At the Table:

For the past eighteen years, the Regina V. Polk Women's Leadership Conference has brought together working women and union activists from Illinois and beyond in an informal and exciting learning environment. This year participants will examine current problems facing workers when they attempt to organize and bargain under the



NLRA and compare, through presentations, discussions and role-plays, the difference between organizing and bargaining under the NLRA and organizing and bargaining under EFCA. Today, many union women in leadership positions look back at their participation in a Polk Conference and say, "This is where I got my start."

Each year women participate in this unique program where organizing, networking and leadership skills are taught through lectures, discussions and role playing. The support of the Polk Fund enables us to offer full scholarships covering tuition, materials, food and lodging to about 30 women. You can nominate a woman from your local to receive a scholarship to attend the conference.



## Conference Scholarships

These conferences have been made possible through the generosity of the Regina V. Polk Fund for Labor Leadership, established in 1983, as a memorial to Regina V. Polk, a tireless adversary of inequities in the workplace. She died in a plane crash en route to a meeting aimed at resolving the plight of displaced workers. By sponsoring this conference, the Fund furthers one of Regina's favorite causes, educating the next generation of labor leaders.



**The Regina V. Polk Scholarship Fund**  
for Labor Leadership

*For more information about scholarships or the conference, contact:*



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## **19th Annual Regina V. Polk Women's Labor Leadership Conference**



**May 14-17, 2009**

Pheasant Run Resort &  
Convention Center  
St. Charles, IL



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**“The lesson....  
that we must learn from experi-  
ence...  
is an urgent one.  
We must conduct  
ourselves  
with the knowledge that at  
any given time —  
we must be able to meet  
the challenge — and we must  
return to our offices and our plants  
with renewed vigor,  
not just with a view toward  
what we must gain in the future,  
but with a constant view  
of what we must protect.”**

— Regina V. Polk

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**Who Should Attend:**

Working women, active rank and file members, stewards, committee members, trustees, local officers and union staff. Women who have been or will be on negotiating teams are encouraged to attend.

**Where:**

The conference will be held at the Pheasant Run Resort and Convention Center in St. Charles, IL. The Convention Center is located in the heart of the Fox River Valley, one hour from the city of Chicago. The workers at Pheasant Run are represented by HERE.

**When:**

May 14-17, 2009. Conference begins with registration at 4:00 p.m. Thursday and ends after lunch and graduation on Sunday.

**Cost:**

\$800 per person/double rooms  
Includes room, meals, tuition, training materials.  
Single rooms are available for an additional \$250. The commuter rate is \$600.

A number of scholarships are available from the Regina V. Polk for Labor Leadership. Please download a scholarship application form from: [www.illinoislabored.org](http://www.illinoislabored.org) or contact the Labor Education Program at (312) 996-2624.

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 Union & Local # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Phone (alternate) \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday (Month and Date) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the appropriate box below:**

- Scholarship application attached  
(past participants not eligible)
  - \$800 Double room  
Includes: tuition, lodging, meals, training materials
  - Roommate Preference  
name \_\_\_\_\_
  - \$250 Single room upgrade
  - \$600 Commuter  
Includes: tuition, meals, training materials
- Enclosed is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(payable to the **University of Illinois**)

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