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CONSTRUCTION NEWS BRIEFS

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CISCO WELCOMES NEW COMMUNICATION DIRECTOR



Jennifer Rice comes from Forward Lawyer Marketing, a digital marketing company, where she was

the marketing manager for three years and specialized in social media exposure for their clients.

She is also the current editor and publisher of the Labor News - a monthly newspaper that covers Organized Labor in Chicago and the surrounding areas - which has been in circulation for 104 years. Its focus is to acknowledge and promote working families and provide a voice for labor.

She started with the newspaper in 2010 as a reporter and became owner in 2013. Before that, she worked as a reporter for the Daily Times in Ottawa, Illinois.

She earned a bachelor's degree in Journalism from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. She currently lives in Aurora.

Jennifer will be the editor of Construction News Briefs, CISCO's bi-weekly e-newsletter, and the Communicator, CISCO's quarterly newsletter. She will also be the content manager for CISCO's website, and will increase CISCO's social media presence.

She looks forward to meeting many of the men and women who work for the contractors and building trades that CISCO represents.

Her official first day will be June 6, and her email will be jennifer@cisco.org

SAVE THE DATE - CISCO GOLF OUTING - SEPTEMBER 12, 2022



It's never too early to begin planning for CISCO'S popular Golf Outing. Start

rounding up your usual suspects/playing partners for your four-somes now for the annual shot-gun style outing and barbecue lunch, Monday, Sept. 12th at Bloomingdale Golf Club.

Register early; maximum of 140 golfers and luncheon guests.

- Registration and FREE practice range begins at 7 am
- Golf begins at 8 am
- Cocktails and lunch start around 1:30 pm

There are also many ways to sponsor the outing. Hole, Beverage Cart, Halfway House and Lunch sponsorships are available, as well as registration table and prize donations.

Sponsorship costs are the same:

Hole - \$200 Beverage Cart - \$300

Halfway House - \$300; Lunch - \$500

Golf/Lunch is a bargain at:

\$125 per golfer; \$475 per foursome (includes lunch); \$40 LUNCH ONLY

Go to www.cisco.org to download the registration/sponsorship form – and return it us, or call 630-472-9411. Reserve your groups soon as golfer maximum will be strictly enforced.

CISCO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO BE PART OF WCPT LABOR PANEL

CISCO Executive Director Dan Allen and CISCO Board President John Daniel, President/Business Manager of SMART Local 265, will be guests as WCPT 820AM hosts a Virtual Labor Panel on Wednesday, May 25 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.



The station's talk show hosts Thom Hartmann, Joan Esposito, Patti Vasquez and Rick Smith will team up to split the 2-hour panel into one-hour segments as they ask questions from some of the leading voices in Chicago Labor.

Topics will include: 1) The impact of electric vehicles on the power grid; 2) Educating the future workforce; and 3) The Worker's Rights Amendment that will be posed to voters on the November ballot.

As Thom Hartmann often says, "Organized labor is the heart of middle class, and the middle class is the backbone of this country."

Sponsoring organizations of this Labor Panel are SMART (Sheet Metal Workers) Local 265, Roofers & Waterproofers Local 11, IBEW Local 176, and the Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO).

Tune in to celebrate unions!

More news and photos on the back page.

CISCO ON THE MOVE

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR READY FOR RETIREMENT



It has been my distinct pleasure to have worked for CISCO for the past 13 years having written,

designed and distributed the *Communicator* and a host of other materials.

The people that I have met - contractors, building tradesmen and women, labor leaders, elected officials and event speakers - have given me a deep respect for the folks in the construction industry that plan and erect the buildings that people in our communities live, play and work in.

This is no small task, and safety standards and codes that must be adhered to - enacted by legislators and negotiated by both labor and management - is a testament to the model that CISCO promotes.

I have spent exactly 40 years in communications/public relations that included 10 years in healthcare and 10 years as the Communications Director and spokesperson for the City of Naperville.

Writing speeches for Mayors, Councilmen, hospital Presidents, Executive Directors, and creating PowerPoint presentations became a way of life.

In my job, I met and spoke with people on every level of an organization in order to bring my readers the news. I considered that the ultimate reward as I thought I had the best job any workplace could offer - learning something new from a doctor, technician, nurse, utility director, engineer, architect, tradesman, ... even a lawyer. The list is endless.

And if that wasn't fun enough, I

got to meet U.S. Senators, Governors, Comptrollers (see photo below) Magic Johnson, Mike Singletary, Dan Hampton, Steve McMichael, Doug Buffone, Denis Savard, Eddie Olczyk ... oh and did I mention Magic?



There have been many people along the way who I have leaned on for their expertise, and I will be eternally grateful for their help, patience and the many lively conversations we have shared.

But most of all I wish to thank my CISCO comrades who made it all possible, as well as the Board members who were instrumental in my time here.

With my last day scheduled for June 3rd, my retirement will consist of traveling and spending much needed time with my wife Sue, my family, my two children Amanda and Kevin, and my grandson Ronin, and of course, my putting and chipping! FORE!

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE






CISCO salutes all veterans for their service and those who endured the ultimate sacrifice in defending our great nation, as well as America's skilled union workforce who helped build this great country.




In observance of the Memorial Day Holiday, CISCO's office will be closed on Monday, May 30, 2022.




WOMEN IN THE TRADES EXPO

Women in the Trades Expo

When: May 26, 2022
 Day: Thursday
 Where: Arturo Velasquez Institute
 Location: 2800 S Western Ave, Chicago, IL
 Time: 9:45am - 1:30pm

CISCO is co-sponsoring the Women in Trades Expo on Thursday, May 26 from 9:45 am - 1:30 pm at the Arturo Velasquez Institute, 2800 S. Western Ave., in Chicago.

INDUSTRY NEWS RE: WAGE THEFT

Through the leadership of the Secretary of Labor, Marty Walsh, and the Biden Administration, proposed updates to the Davis-Bacon Act regulations have been introduced. The last time changes were made to the regulations, Ronald Reagan was President.

Every year, thousands of workers are victim of wage theft. In 2017 alone, nearly 8,000 workers were cheated out of their wages, and the Department of Labor recovered almost \$30 million in back wages through enforcement actions. The proposed updates will strengthen Davis-Bacon prevailing wage enforcement.

Public comments are being submitted in support of updating the Davis-Bacon Act regulations.

