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All Aboard for Watsonville!

A national call has gone out for a march on Watsonville April 13.

A broad coalition of groups has set a goal of 20,000 people to march in support of the UFW's efforts to raise strawberry workers' pay by 5 cents per basket, and in support of a new movement for fairness.

In Fresno the Central Labor Council will rent buses to transport union members and community activists to Watsonville.

The Council is asking people to make a \$10 donation to reserve a seat on the bus.

If you are interested in reserving a seat, call Pam Whalen at 442-0488 or Greg Barfield at 485-2363.

100 Years of Mariachi

On March 15 and 16 Radio Bilingue will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan. This Viva el Mariachi Festival will be Radio Bilingue's 15th annual celebration of Mexican culture through music, dance, food and family-oriented entertainment.

WILPF Honors Dolores Huerta for International Women's Day

Totally fearless, both mentally and physically." That's how Cesar Chavez described Dolores Huerta who cofounded, with him, the National Farm Workers Association and is first Vice President of what is now United Farm Workers of America.

After graduating from Pacific College in Stockton and teaching grammar school she decided there was a greater need to organize the farm workers rather than teaching their children. She couldn't stand seeing kids come to class hungry and needing shoes.

Now thirty years later, she is still out there every day bargaining and negotiating for better working

conditions and a more just system. She has been arrested and jailed many times, almost lost her life after being beaten by police, but she is determined never to give up struggling for what is right, decent and human in the world.

On the occasion of International Women's Day let us honor Dolores Huerta and other dedicated and brave women who have led the struggle for better working and living conditions for farm workers.

This event is sponsored by the Fresno Branch, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Women's Studies Program, and the Chicano and Latin American Studies department, California State University Fresno.

For information, call Carol Bequette, 229-9661 or Mary Ellen G. Clay, 266-4979.



Dolores Huerta

Saturday, March 1
12 noon luncheon
Cedar Lanes
(Cedar and Shields)
\$12.00 per person

Welfare "Reform" Workshops March 7, 8, 9

Rev. Walt Perry of Fresno Metro Ministry is organizing a Welfare conference and workshop for activists and concerned area residents Friday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is a \$5 registration fee to cover lunch, but no one will be turned away.

The conference/workshop will be held at the First Congregational Church, 2131 N. Van Ness Blvd., one block north of Fresno High. Statewide Welfare advocates present will include Ed Bolin, California Food Policy Advocates; Kate Breslin, California Budget Project; Angie Wei, Coalition for Immigrant Rights; Scott Anderson, California Council of Churches.

SEIU Local 535 will hold a two-day conference on Welfare Reform on March 8 and 9 at the Fresno Hilton. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Workshops will be held on immigration rights, contracting out, organizing and media etiquette. A demonstration protesting Welfare Reform will take place on Sunday, March 9 at 11 a.m. at Courthouse Park.

For more information call Tom Abshire at 442-0488.