

What is The Polk School?

The Polk School is a multi-day participatory conference that creates an open & invigorating space for rank and file women union activists & community leaders to learn from skilled instructors and one another.

“The lessons learned at Polk are a reminder to us that it’s our obligation to carry on that fight.”

“It is a different and very powerful way to approach the key issues of labor today.”



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The Regina V. Polk Scholarship Fund for Labor Leadership

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“As long as women workers make 59 cents for every dollar that men make—unions are needed.”

Regina V. Polk, 1981 speech

Educating Women Workers Since 1988

Regina V. Polk Women’s Labor Leadership Conference May 3-7.2017 Pere Marquette Lodge Grafton, Illinois



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Let's Get Creative!

Grievance Handling and Contract Enforcement

Who: Working Women Who Want to Make Change

When: May 3-7, 2017

Where: Pere Marquette Lodge, Grafton, IL

Cost: \$675/person (room, board, and classes)

Scholarships are available!

Join Us! Labor History Tour of Alton and Mt. Olive, Illinois • Interactive Courses • Build a Support Network • Wellness Workshop • Yoga & Meditation



About the Curriculum

The goal of the program is to learn the nuts and bolts of contract enforcement while also developing your skills as a leader. The curriculum is developed for women who are just beginning their training as well as those with more experience. This mix allows us to learn from one another.

During the four days, you will have the opportunity to work with and learn from over 30 women workers from around Illinois and the Midwest who work in all kinds of jobs. Courses are taught by university labor educators, staff of unions and worker organizations, and former Polk students.

By the end of the training, you will join the ranks of over 500 women workers who have attended The Polk School before you and have gone on to elected union leadership, union staff positions, returned to school, and so much more.

Accommodations

Built by hand by the Civilian Conservation Corps in Pere Marquette State Park, this historic Lodge is an impressive structure of limestone and massive timbers. Pere Marquette Lodge is located just across the Illinois River from St. Louis, MO and includes 72 newly renovated guest rooms and cabins. The workers are members of UNITE HERE Local 74 (St. Louis).

Transportation

TRAIN: Amtrak travels to Alton— FREE shuttle service provided by The Polk School to/from the Lodge. We recommend this option if you are coming from Chicago.

DRIVING DISTANCES: (Parking at the Lodge is free)

Chicago to Grafton: 5.5 hours

Indianapolis to Grafton: 4 hours

Des Moines to Grafton: 5.5 hours

Questions?

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To Apply

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Please complete the enclosed application or apply online at www.reginapolkschool.org reginavpolk@gmail.com • fax: 217-244-4091

*All applicants **must** complete **both** the registration form and questionnaire regardless of whether or not you are applying for financial support.*

**APPLICATIONS
DUE: March 31,
2017**

