Mark Dayton addressed an enthusiastic crowd in the Labor Temple last Friday and caught up with friends like Krista Twu and John Schwetman, who is the 7th Senate District DFL Chair, the district that Dayton’s running mate Yvonne Prettner Solon represented. Twu and Schwetman teach at UMD as UEA members.

One Nation doorknock canvasses Duluth

Four dozen people who want to change the policies the state of Minnesota has been using for the past eight years showed up on a glorious Saturday, Oct. 2 to doorknock Duluth to ask voters for help.

“We’re here in solidarity with the One Nation rally in Washington DC,” said Minnesota AFL-CIO President Shar Knutson in the Labor Temple’s Wellstone Hall. “We’re here to counter the tea partys...we have a vision of equality, justice, and peace and we won’t be divided in our belief of rights for everyone. There are clear choices in the coming election.”

In Minnesota, the most important choice on November 2nd for labor is winning the governor’s race for the first time in 20 years. Mark Dayton had been in the Labor Temple the day before, and on Saturday his running mate, Yvonne Prettner Solon, was there.

“Thank you for giving up your gorgeous Saturday, for coming together with the One Nation effort to establish a progressive agenda and help us continue the work of the last two years of getting us out of this fiscal mess,” the former Duluth state senator said. “That’s why I got on the Dayton ticket — to build a more progressive Minnesota...Too often workers have been ignored under the past administration and it would only be worse under an Emmer administration.”

Knutson called Emmer the most conservative Republican to ever run for governor in Minnesota’s history. She said Independent candidate Horner is just Emmer Lite and will be a Republican again if he were to get to be governor.

Prettner Solon said a Dayton administration will fight for the middle class, will restore the quality of education, will fight for seniors, and get the state budget back on track.

“We can help the economy bring back good jobs and restore the quality of life in this state,” Prettner Solon said.

She said their team is finding more enthusiasm and energy along the campaign trail as election day draws closer, but they only won the Primary Election because of the huge number of St. Louis County voters that showed up and voted for them.

“The more voters that show up on Tuesday, November 2nd, the better chance we have of See One Nation page 4

Mark Dayton pledges to be a jobs governor

By Michael Moore

BLOOMINGTON - Mark Dayton addressed delegates on the second day of the Minnesota AFL-CIO Convention here Sept. 28 thanking union members for their endorsement and pledging that if he wins, he will be the state’s first “jobs governor” since Rudy Perpich.

“I will go anywhere in this state or this nation or this world where there is a job to be gained or there is a job to be saved for Minnesota,” Dayton said.

Delegates officially endorsed Dayton by a unanimous floor vote just seconds before he took the podium. Hungry to gain a partner in the governor’s office for the first time in 20 years, union activists greeted their candidate with thunderous applause and a standing ovation. He responded with a speech that acknowledged the economic hardships many union members are facing — and offered hope for a brighter future.

“I guarantee we will roll up our sleeves and we will work every day and every night on behalf of you and the people you represent in the state of Minnesota,” Dayton told delegates.

Dayton also repeated his campaign promise to raise the revenue necessary to protect public services by making the wealthiest Minnesotans pay their fair share in taxes. Reference his days as a teacher in New York’s public schools, Dayton remembered crowded classrooms filled with students speaking several different languages — and teachers not given the support they needed to do their jobs.

“I thought to myself, thank goodness we don’t have this problem back in Minnesota,” Dayton said. “But times have changed. That’s why as governor I will restore the commitment of the state of Minnesota to public education.”

To manufacturing and private-sector workers, Dayton touted plans for “public-private partnerships” that will make Minnesota a leader in the emerging green economy.

And to building and construction trades workers, Dayton pledged to “build a people’s stadium, not a Vikings stadium,” and said he is the only candidate for governor who will pass a robust, $1 billion bonding bill, funding public construction and infrastructure projects across the state, his first year in office.

“That’s 28,000 jobs for people who could be working — and will be working if I’m governor of this state,” Dayton said.

The Minnesota AFL-CIO, with more than 1,000 affiliate unions representing 300,000 members statewide, is engaged in an aggressive campaign to educate union members about the governor’s race -- and to get union members to the polls.

Kris Fredson, coordinator of the Labor 2010 political campaign, said union members have the potential to put Dayton over the top, but only if enough members volunteer at member-to-member door knocks and phone banks, and talk with their co-workers about the issues that matter.

“In order to win in November, we need to make sure our members understand that Mark Dayton is the only candidate who cares about Minnesota’s working families,” Fredson told delegates. “Tom Emmer and Tom Horner are not on their side.”

“This election is about whether we want to go four more years carried to a further extreme, or whether we’re going to make this state fair and just again,” Dayton added.

Michael Moore edits The Union Advocate, the official publication of the St. Paul Regional Labor Federation.

Oberstar stumps in Superior for Wisconsin candidates

At a Douglas County Democrats rally last Saturday in Superior Wisconsin State Senator Bob Jauch said there’s a rule of thumb for political candidates that they shouldn’t campaign outside their district.

“But we’re really glad Minnesota Congressman Jim Oberstar came to Superior today, because there’s no better friend of working men and women than Jim Oberstar,” Jauch said at DFL headquarters on Belknap.

For Oberstar it was actually a chance to visit old friends. When he was a staffer for his predecessor John Blatnik, Jauch was working for Congressman Dave Obey. Obey and Oberstar have been two of the most important leaders in the U.S. House of Representatives in the past two years. Obey as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, Oberstar as Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Oberstar said northwest Wisconsin and northern Minnesota “are not on their side.”

Jauch said that team and the stimulus bill “saved America” and generated $80 million in construction in Douglas County and “our community is transforming itself” because of it. He said building trades unions went from 30% unemployment to single digit unemployment because of the stimulus locally.

Oberstar said northwest Wisconsin and northern Minnesota See Oberstar stumps page 7
Ironworker Retirees Monthly Breakfast

Thursday, Oct. 21, 9:00 a.m.
Duluth Grill

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Letter Carriers looking for MDA bowlers Sunday, Nov. 7

The National Association of Letter Carriers made the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) its official charity in 1952. On Sunday, November 7th NALC Zenith Branch 114merged will join NALC unions nationwide in the “Deliver The Cure Branch Bowl” to raise funds to fight the disease. Volunteers are needed to help raise donations, make a donation, or bowl.

Get your bowling team ready to donate to “Roll a Turkey for MDA” at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 7 at Country Lanes, 2327 Mountain Shadow Drive, Duluth. There will be great prizes, great food, and a lot of fun. Get there at noon and cheer the Vikings on against the Arizona Cardinals.

For more information contact NALC 114 President Tanya Vakhrusheva-Witta (260-1800), Robert Marshall (213-8776), or Scott Dulas (218-624-1351).

Labor Movie Night to feature “Wellstone!”
Mark your calendar for Thursday, Oct. 28 at 6:00 p.m. when Labor Movie Night will feature “Wellstone!” where else but in Wellstone Hall of the Duluth Labor Temple, 2002 London Road (enter via South St. entrance facing Lake Superior).

The date will be almost exactly eight years (Oct. 25, 2002) from the fatal crash that took his life, his co-senator wife of 39 years, Sheila, their daughter, Marcia, campaign workers Mary McEvoy, Tom Lapic and Will MaCalhoun and two pilots.

The 2004 documentary explores the origins of Paulo and Sheila’s politics, his upset victory in 1990 and controversial road to the Senate, and the legacy of a life of progressive populism.

Produced by Pam Colby in association with I.O. Sheikin and directed by Lu Lippold, Laurie Stern and Dan Luke, “Wellstone!” chronicles his rise to power – from college professor to greenhorn senator to national leader. The film provides insight into the senator’s worldview and passion for justice by examining his upbringing, frustration with academia and conviction that politics can be a source of power for ordinary citizens.

The film also examines Wellstone’s learning curve and sophistication by looking at some of his mistakes and missed opportunities.

Over 200 hours of interviews were conducted for the documentary and hundreds of hours of archival footage, including speeches and news broadcasts, were used to produce the 88-minute show.

Wellstone was the conscience of the U.S. Senate in his two terms, fighting to improve the lives of the American people rather than catering to the profit and greed of corporations and capitalism. Upon his death the country took a decided lurch to the right because he was no longer there holding the rope. No one has stepped forward to pick it up again.

The passion and commitment of the Wellstones is still carried on, however, in the Wellstone Memorial gathering, action Sunday, Oct. 24
At 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24 there will be an observance at the Wellstone Memorial on the Bodas Road, just north of the Hwy. 37 exit on Hwy. 53.

A caravan will head that way from Duluth. For information call Chad McKenna, 310-8412.

Following the event there will a political action on the Iron Range.

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“Wellstone!” hearts and minds of organizations and individuals working for social and economic justice.

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There was a lot of excitement in the Labor Temple last Friday afternoon as labor’s candidate for Minnesota governor, Mark Dayton, stopped by. That hour or so gave a good glimpse of who that guy is that wants to bring the state back from 20 years of Republican governors. A lot of these types of events have a dog-and-pony show nature to them. Dayton isn’t got that in him.

At the end of the event, with few people around, he quietly signed the 4 X 8 Wellstone poster in Wellstone Hall. “Paul, You’re my inspiration. Your friend, Mark Dayton” he wrote. It’s probably been eight years since someone saw that poster. Wanted to sign it, and did. Dayton did it with sincerity.

Dayton’s oratory or energy won’t have you comparing him to Wellstone, but his compassion and heart will. Those aren’t qualities the slash and burn tea party types are looking for in a politician, but they’re qualities we need in government.

Dayton was Wellstone-slow in keeping to what was his schedule for the stop. It was because he stopped, and listened, to what people had to say. He’s a good listener, another lost quality in politics. A large gathering was waiting for him in Wellstone Hall, as the 2010 staff were upstairs lined up for a photo op with him. He was just a few feet away but didn’t queue up quite some time. When he did he apologized.

“Sorry, I was hearing a story of a family tragedy of health care issues and unemployment,” he told the staffers. “I can’t turn away from that. That’s why I’m running for governor.”

When he finally entered Wellstone Hall to loud cheers he smiled and said plainly, “Very inspiring!”

He thanked everyone who has worked on behalf of himself and Yvonne Pretner Solon, his running mate from Duluth. He said the next 32 days would be difficult with a hurricane of attack ads.

“It takes real dedication to speak on someone else’s behalf,” he said, “Thank you for your doorknocks, phone calling, and mailings.”

He recalled working for the last DFL governor, Rudy Perpich, who had a sign on his wall that said, “None of us are as smart as all of us.” I’d trust Dayton to find the right people to help him run our state.

Dayton then taught 9th grade science for two years in a New York City public school, the toughest job he said he ever had. He decided then to devote his life to improving social equality and economic opportunity for everyone. Here’s a guy that had all that inherited money that would have made most of us indulge in ourselves but Mark Dayton has chosen public service for the past 34 years. He’s been this state’s commissioner of Economic Development, Energy and Economic Development, Auditor, U.S. Senator, and financial supporter extraordinaire. Ask USW 1028 members from their strike/lockout.

In Wellstone Hall he again addressed the story he had heard about the guy who had lost his job after decades of work and now had failing health with no coverage.

“Rudy Perpich used to say ‘sometimes you can only hug someone and cry with them and that’s why I’m doing this’ to make this a better state,” Dayton said.

He said a lot of other good things about being a “jobs governor” and such, but it was his compassion and healing nature that struck me. We’ll hear all kinds of stuff in the last weeks of the campaign. It was good to have an unstagged visit to take the pulse of the man. Mark Dayton will make a great governor for Minnesota.

He graduated from Yale, corporated as smart as all of us.” I’d trust Dayton to find the right people to help him run our state.

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Rep. Oberstar comes out on top in fair booth “debate”

Editor:
Volunteering at the Carlton County DFL booth at the Barnum Fair is always rewarding. We were not disappointed this year either. There were lots of good people to talk to as they pinned on Jim Oberstar buttons and kids scooped up Oberstar stickers.

As usual, there were a few “special” people to talk to too. One of them refused a button, declaring “I’m not voting for your boss, I think there should be such a thing as term limits.”

I replied, “Well, first of all, he’s not my BOSS. Actually, Jim Oberstar works for me, and for you too, if you were able to see that. Second of all, we don’t need term limits, that’s a poor reason to get rid of a great Congressmen, whose tenure has made him a committee chairman. You guys need to run candidates who will actually represent the best interests of the people. Maybe then they would get more than 35% of the votes.”

The guy left, not appreciating good advice frequently.

Another person approached us, led by a woman wearing a T-shirt declaring “former Democrat voting for Chip” with the Republican challenging Oberstar, in tow. They visited our DFL booth. Cravaack asked the volunteer if he was a union member and said that he was too. If you have been on his website, he claims be a union member, but he’s against the Employee Choice Act. Obviously, he doesn’t want unionism to expand. He doesn’t actually “belong” to the labor movement.

The volunteer told Cravaack he was not voting for him since he’s just another Republican and a vote for him would be another vote for John, “Hell no, you can’t” Boehner to be the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives. Cravaack agrees with Boehner that there is no need for major changes in the way Americans pay for health care. He also uses the “entitlement” rhetoric. However, in describing Social Security, if you plan on getting old, sick, or hurt those aren’t your kind of guys.

Cravaack shot back, “Oberstar voted for cap and trade, that’s going to shut down every mine in Minnesota!” The volunteer turned and took strength from a cardboard cut out of Mr. Spock in the booth with a sign on it that says “Vote DFL, it’s the logical choice.” Inspired, the volunteer said patiently, “If what you say is true, why would the United Steelworkers so strongly back Congressman Oberstar? It’s highly illogical.”

Cravaack stuttered, and claimed that Steelworker leadership wasn’t telling the truth to it’s members. We think it’s Chip who doesn’t know the truth, because Oberstar got the iron mining and logging industries exempt from cap and trade regulation.

And with little private construction work going on, we’re fortunate that Jim Oberstar is Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. It is through his leadership that many construction workers in the 8th Congressional District are finding some work this year.

Frustrated with spending 10 minutes of his time in a wasted effort, Cravaack and his minions left the DFL booth. Good luck getting your 35%, Chip. There is no logical reason that any northeast Minnesotan, let alone some staunch union guy sitting in a DFL booth, would vote for Chip Cravaack.

Mike Sundin, 32-years of actually belonging to Painters & Allied Trades Local 106 and the Labor Movement

VFW PAC endorses Oberstar

Congressman Jim Oberstar’s support of America’s veterans has earned him the endorsement of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Political Action Committee. The VFW PAC, representing over 2 million VFW members, auxiliaries, and families, chose to back Oberstar’s re-election bid because of his strong support for veterans and their families, national security and defense, and military personnel issues.

“I am proud of the progress we’ve made on behalf of America’s veterans,” Oberstar said. “We owe it to the brave men and women who serve to keep our promise to provide the support they need in combat and take care of them when they come home.” He has a long record of supporting veterans and military families such as the new G.I. bill, Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act, Veterans Health Care Budget Reform and Transparency Act, VA Home Loan Program, and the largest increase in veterans funding in the VA’s 70 year history.
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“Finally, an election,” Prettner Solon said. “Contact (everyone you know) and tell them how important this election is and to get out and vote.”

A recent poll had Dayton leading Emmer by 11 points, and Horner another 11 behind Emmer.

“Those are positive polls, but the only one that matters is November 2nd’s,” Prettner Solon told the gathering.

Also in attendance was Frank Jewell, labor’s candidate for St. Louis County Commissioner from District 1.

“This is the fourth time I’ve run for office and I’ve been supported by labor every time,” said the former city councilor. “I’m running again against the most anti-labor commissioner in northern Minnesota and I’ll need your help until the votes are counted to win.”

After the rally those in attendance went out in pairs to canvass the city with packets, flyers, postcards, and tally sheets to make a pitch for labor/DFL candidates to targeted voters who may need persuading.

“This was a really nice turnout,” said North East Area Labor Council Field Coordinator Chad McKenna, who is leading Labor 2010 here. “We have a really dedicated staff and volunteers are really showing up for all our activities.” He is coordinating phone banks and doorknocks throughout the NEALC and in Superior.

If you’d like to help labor’s candidates get elected contact McKenna at 310-8412, or stop in to Room 99 straight in the Duluth Labor Temple’s 20th Avenue East entrance.

To learn more visit www.mnaflcio.org

**MN AFL-CIO vote guide up**

The Minnesota AFL-CIO’s Online Voter Guide is posted and ready for use at www.MiddleClassMN.org. The guide includes information on where to vote and on Minnesota AFL-CIO- endorsed candidates. Go to the site and type in your address. The guide will take you to a list of your district’s candidates with “endorsed” by labor’s candidates. It will tell you where your polling place is. You can even get an election day reminder:

Simply click on “print” and you’ll have a list to take to the polls. A map from your house to your polling place will pop up and the list of candidates will be below.
MN, WI AFL-CIO leaders elected

At their September conventions, the Minnesota AFL-CIO and the Wisconsin State AFL-CIO elected their presidents and secretary treasurers.

The 500+ delegates to the 50th Constitutional Convention of the Minnesota AFL-CIO unanimously re-elected President Shar Knutson (photo left) and Secretary-Treasurer Steve Hunter to lead their federation for the next four years.

“This is a critical time for middle class families and I look forward to continue serving working men and women as we build a better future for everyone in our state,” said Knutson, who became the Minnesota AFL-CIO’s first woman president in a special election last year.

Prior to her service as president, Knutson served as President of the Saint Paul Regional Labor Federation for ten years, and previously served as the Regional Federation’s political director. Knutson worked in St. Paul City Government and was a Policy Analyst and Assistant to Jim Schiebel when he was the Mayor of Saint Paul.

Hunter was elected Secretary-Treasurer in 2001 after serving as Minnesota political action director for AFSCME.

The Minnesota AFL-CIO is a labor federation made up of more than 1,000 affiliate unions, representing over 300,000 working men and women throughout the state.

The 26th Biennial Wisconsin State AFL-CIO Convention delegates representing 250,000 Wisconsin workers in over 1,000 affiliated unions elected Phil Neuenfeldt to fill their president’s position vacated by the retirement of David Newby. Neuenfeldt had served 4 terms (16 years) as the Fed’s Secretary-Treasurer.

“We don’t think Labor’s best days are behind us,” said Neuenfeldt. “In fact, we believe the time is right to inspire a new generation to fight for justice and prosperity for all workers. Together we can turn a new page in the history of Wisconsin’s labor movement.”

Secretary-Treasurer Stephanie Bloomingdale was the Public Policy Director for the Wisconsin Federation of Nurses and Health Care Professionals, AFT.
20,000 Delta flight attendants begin union vote under new counting rule
By Barb Kucera and Steve Share

September 29 was the first day Delta Air Lines flight attendants could vote whether or not they wish to be represented by a union. With 20,000 potential members, it is one of the largest union elections in years and represents a pivotal moment for workers in the airline industry.

“We are working really hard to keep union representation to maintain our quality of life,” said Amy Smith, Delta Air Lines flight attendant, passing out information about the flight attendants’ organizing campaign at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport — because we have many people, a dozen, where crews arrive at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport.

By what authority does the MAC take away my First Amendment right to assemble and to support my brothers and sisters?” asked AFGE organizer Terry Meadows.

Unions at the airport consistently have problems getting the access they need to communicate with members, said Kip Hedges, chair of the Ramp Grievance Committee for the Machinists, which is part of a coalition of all unions at Minneapolis-St. Paul International.

“One of the things our union coalition at the airport wants to take on is democratic rights at the airport — because we have none,” Hedges said.

Representatives of the Machinists and the American Federation of Government Employees, which is organizing Transportation Security Administration workers, expressed dismay at the way the flight attendants were treated Wednesday when they were forced to disperse from the transit center by police because the Metropolitan Airports Commission said they had too many people, a dozen, where crews arrive at the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport.

The solidarity of these concrete suppliers and their drivers helped us get some Grand Rapids-area projects turned around, making them union jobsites that are providing work for our members and their families. We thank you!

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...have much in common and are really one regional economy.

David Obey is retiring after a stellar career. Oberstar told the Wisconsinites that Obey is “one of the most original minds ever to serve in the U.S. House” shaping its structure and democratizing it with his rule changes, and being the champion of the stimulus.

Wisconsin Democrats and the State AFL-CIO have endorsed Julie Lassa to succeed Obey and she couldn’t have been happier to spend time with Oberstar in Superior. And that was before he told her, and the gathering, that he was making a $2500 contribution to her campaign.

Lassa said growing up on a dairy farm in northern Portage County taught her about hard work and how to make money stretch.

“We all share those values,” she said. “We play by the rules and only expect our fair share, and that’s why I’ll put working families first.”

Lassa, 39, represents Wisconsin’s 24th Senate District which includes Portage and Wood counties (Stevens Point, Wisconsin’s 24th Senate District and that’s why I’ll put working families first.”

Lassa, 39, represents Wisconsin’s 24th Senate District which includes Portage and Wood counties (Stevens Point, Marshfield, and Wisconsin Rapids) and comprises about one fifth of the votes in 7th Congressional District she now won.

As mayor for six years, I fought for jobs and that’s what’s needed from your governor so people can support their families,” Barrett said. He said on the campaign trail you can feel how scared people are whether in farming communities or in cities.

“Everyone wants a leader that will create jobs,” Barrett said. “My opponent talks all the time about how lousy things are, but to turn things around you need to be the number one sales person in the state, a cheerleader and an ambassador and that’s what I’m doing. I’d rather talk about our strengths, our resources, our work ethic, and the strength of our families.”

Learn more about him at www.barrettforwisconsin.com.

Oberstar made a plug for U.S. Senator Russ Feingold, who also is up for election in Wisconsin.

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Tom Barrett, the mayor of Milwaukee, was also in Superior on the campaign trail as the Democratic and AFL-CIO candidate for governor. He too is an old friend of Oberstar’s, having served in the U.S. House together for 10 years.

Wisconsin Assemblyman Nick Milroy emceed the event and introduced Barrett saying he turned Milwaukee around as mayor, keeping Republic Airlines jobs, and turning brownfields into manufacturing sites.

As mayor for six years, I fought for jobs and that’s what’s needed from your governor so people can support their families,” Barrett said. He said on the campaign trail you can feel how scared people are whether in farming communities or in cities.

“Everyone wants a leader that will create jobs,” Barrett said. “My opponent talks all the time about how lousy things are, but to turn things around you need to be the number one sales person in the state, a cheerleader and an ambassador and that’s what I’m doing. I’d rather talk about our strengths, our resources, our work ethic, and the strength of our families.”

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Minneapolis's gap between job seekers and job openings best in four years

The latest Job Vacancy Survey from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) shows that during the last year job openings in Greater Minnesota went up 37 percent. Greater Minnesota consists of all the state's economic development regions, excluding the seven-county metro region.

With 95,000 job seekers competing for 17,600 unfilled jobs, Greater Minnesota job seekers outnumber job openings by more than 5-to-1.

This is the first time in four years that the gap between job seekers and job openings has gotten better instead of growing worse.

But almost half (47 percent) of all job openings in Greater Minnesota are part-time. Since only 9,300 of the openings are full-time, job seekers outnumber full-time job openings by 10-to-1.

Over one-third (34 percent) of all Greater Minnesota job openings are in the three largest occupational groups—sales & related, food preparation & serving, and healthcare support. The combined median wage for the openings in these three low-wage groups is $7.95 per hour. (A median is a midway point; half of the jobs are above it, half below.)

Other major findings for Greater Minnesota include:

· About half (51 percent) of openings offer health care.
· Only 39 percent require any education or training beyond high school.

According to the AFL-CIO Central Labor Body's Community Services Program, here's why:

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Falsani, Balmer, Peterson, Quinn & Beyer has a long history of supporting the United Way of Greater Duluth, DADs Golf Tournament, the Duluth AFL-CIO Annual Labor Day Picnic (they not only pay for the sweet corn, the lawyers attend the picnic and serve the corn to the picnic goers); they sponsor a free Worker's Compensation Seminar every year, as well as, many other labor-related projects.

Individuals at the firm also donate their time and talents to our community, helping in many ways:

· The Homeless Connect Program
· The Women's Expo
· Youth Coaching
· Safe Haven Women’s Shelter
· Lawyers-On-Line
· Pro Bono Work

And Much, Much More

There is not enough room on this page to put into words the true extent that FBPQ&B and its employees give back to their community. Therefore, let it be said that the FBPQ&B Law Firm truly embodies the Spirit of Community and knows the true meaning of Community Service.

Vince Downes

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