

# *Did You Know?*

***It's important to be a Member in Good Standing.***

***Being a union member comes with certain rights and responsibilities.***

***One of your obligations is to remain a member in good standing (dues paying member) according to the SEIU-West constitution.***

Members sometimes go off work on an unpaid (by employer) leave as listed below:

Disability Income Plan (DIP), Workers' Compensation Benefits claim beyond one year, Leaves (education, maternity, parental, adoption, compassionate care, public office, or election to a professional association), or a General Leave of Absence.

And because your employer is not making any dues deductions or remittances to your union on your behalf, to remain a member in good standing you are required to *pay your minimum monthly dues of \$10.*

You can pay by cash or cheque at any SEIU-West office. We will provide the amounts you owe or you can pay for several months ahead of time if you choose.

You will receive a tax receipt to use on your income tax.

## ***Why remain a member in good standing?***

Here are just some of the many reasons to remain a member in good standing:

- Eligibility for SEIU-West Annual Scholarships for you and/or your children
- Ability to run for an elected position for your SEIU-West Unit, Executive Board, Trustee, Top Officer position, or to serve on any committees
- Ability to attend Union events, schools, training, conferences and conventions
  - Ability to vote on your tentative agreement when negotiations end.

***Don't miss out – Remain a member in good standing at all times!***

