



“If any man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar. If any man tells you he trusts America, yet fears labor, he is a fool.”
– Abraham Lincoln



VOC MISSION STATEMENT

"Our mission is to mobilize and empower our DC4 community to make a positive and lasting impact on the causes and initiatives we support. Through effective organization, collaboration, and a shared commitment to creating change, we strive to build a better future for our Union and beyond. We believe that by uniting our efforts, we can address pressing social and economic issues, foster goodwill, and inspire others to join us in our mission of service and advocacy."

All VOC members are welcome to join our Facebook Group [here](#).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACTION

- July 19, 1pm-4pm: The Buffalo Central Labor Council invites you to attend their Summer Cookout at Ironworkers Local 6 in West Seneca. Tickets are available pre-sale for \$45, or day-of for \$50. Enjoy some summer fun in the sun with union members from across Erie County and WNY. Lunch offerings will include burgers and hot dogs, salad, beer and pop. As always, the basket raffle proceeds will benefit the Buffalo CLC Workers Memorial Fund. Your \$5, \$10, or \$20 in raffle tickets helps cover the cost of carving new names into the memorial and honors those who never returned home from work. You can purchase tickets online [here](#).



- August 10: IUPAT DC4's annual Darien Lake Picnic! Tickets are \$25 per person for members and immediate family.

VOC PREGAME

Our VOC Meetings are on hiatus until September. Have a great summer and stay safe!

GOOD OF THE VOC

This month DC4's very own Wes Schlossin signed a new epoxy floor contractor, [Millennium Construction](#)! We hope to build a great relationship with Millennium over the coming months and years.



PHOTO CONTEST

Submit your photos [here](#)! Photos from the field help promote our union trades and display our impact in our local communities. Plus, you could win a gas card!

IMPORTANT LINKS

[DC4 Organizers](#)

[Bad Apple Employers](#)

[On Labor](#)

[Labor Notes](#)

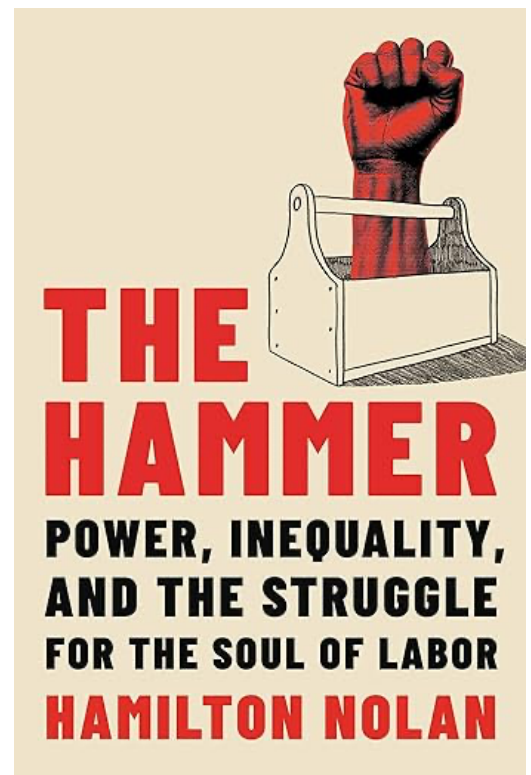
EDUCATE, AGITATE, ORGANIZE!

The Hammer: Power, Inequality, and the Struggle for the Soul of Labor, by Hamilton Nolan. A timely, in-depth, and vital exploration of the American labor movement and its critical place in our society and politics today, from acclaimed labor reporter Hamilton Nolan.

Inequality is America's biggest problem. Unions are the single strongest tool that working people have to fix it. Organized labor has been in decline for decades. Yet it sits today at a moment of enormous opportunity. In the wake of the pandemic, a highly visible wave of strikes and new organizing campaigns have driven the popularity of unions to historic highs. The simmering battle inside of the labor movement over how to tap into its revolutionary potential—or allow it to be squandered—will determine the economic and social course of American life for years to come.

A labor journalist for more than a decade, Nolan helped unionize his own industry. *The Hammer* is an urgent on-the-ground excavation of the past, present, and future of the American labor movement. You can purchase **The Hammer** [here](#).

As we improve our monthly newsletter, it is our hope to use the section to feature bits of labor history, books, music, and other things related to the labor movement. If you have questions or suggestions, please email jguza@dc4.org.



A LOOK AHEAD

Through its partnership with other labor leaders throughout the country, DC4 is planning a Zoom conference with labor activist and author **Bill Fletcher, Jr.** We do not have a date set yet, but it will likely be sometime in the Fall. The meeting will focus on what union members can do to support working class issues leading up to (and after) the November 2024 election. If this interests you and/or you have more questions, please reach out to Joe Guza ((716) 458-5844; jguza@dc4.org).

