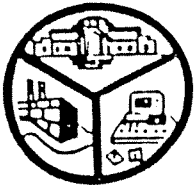


# COMMON GROUND

## INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RESEARCH ASSOCIATION FOR WESTERN NEW YORK



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1990 SPRING MEETING, MAY 2 - 4

BUFFALO, NEW YORK - RAMADA RENAISSANCE HOTEL

The IRRA will hold its 1990 Spring meeting in Buffalo, May 2-4, at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, located near the Greater Buffalo International Airport on Genesee Street. The complete program registration and hotel registration forms are included with this issue of "COMMON GROUND."

The theme of the program, building on Buffalo's status as a major border city, will be Comparative Industrial Relations Systems in the U.S. and Canada. Sessions will center on the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, along with recent developments in both countries' union-management relations, labor law, strike policy, pay equity, and equal employment opportunity.

The luncheon speaker, Thursday, May 3, will be Lynn Williams, International President of the United Steelworkers of America.

Registration fee is \$85.00 and \$45.00 for full-time students. The fee includes Thursday's luncheon, two continental breakfasts, coffee breaks and two evening receptions. Registration form and payment should be sent to the IRRA office, Madison, Wisconsin, by April 15, 1990. On-site registration will be from 4-8 p.m.,

Wednesday, May 2, and again on Thursday and Friday mornings. Attendees are urged to pre-register, as the hotel can guarantee only a limited number of luncheon tickets to on-site registrants. Hotel registration forms should be sent directly to the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, 4243 Genesee Street, Buffalo, New York 14225. Deadline for reservations is April 11. The hotel's phone number is (716) 634-2300. Room rates are \$69, single; \$79, double.

The Western New York IRRA Chapter, observing in 1990 its 25th anniversary, is hosting the meeting. Portions of the programs are being co-sponsored by IRRA chapters in Central New York (Syracuse) and Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Overall planning has been coordinated by Eric Lawson, Jr.; program chairperson is Howard Foster. The arrangements were jointly handled by Miriam Winokur, Marilyn Zahm and David Hall; the chapter reception, Bob Doren and Dick Slisz; and promotion, Joe Bania.

Eric Lawson, Jr., urges all Western New York IRRA Chapter members to participate in the conference as its success depends upon attendance. This is a unique opportunity to showcase Western New York and the local chapter.

CHAPTER RECEPTION, MAY 3

A gala reception and cocktail party, hosted by the Western New York IRRA Chapter, will be held Thursday evening, May 3, on the 38th floor of the Marine Midland Center on Main Street, Buffalo. The reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Buses will transport attendees to and from the Ramada Renaissance Hotel and the Center.

Tables will be set up at the reception where information and brochures on transportation, cultural and sporting events and community restaurants will be made available. A travel and tourism table will be chaired by the Greater Buffalo Chamber of Commerce.

Reception attendees will be able to view an exhibit presenting the photographs of local artist, Patricia Layman Bazelon. Entitled, "Buffalo - Past, Present and Future," the exhibit will feature images of Buffalo's magnificent industrial heritage. An exhibition of the 1993 World University Games will also be shown at the reception.

"COMMON GROUND" SPRING ISSUE

The Spring 1990 issue of the "Common Ground" will be published following the conference, and thereafter, will be on the regular Fall, Winter, Spring schedule.

GUESTS OF CONFERENCEATTENDEES

Guests of conference registrants are invited to the Thursday night reception at the Marine Midland Center. Persons registering for the conference will have their reservation for the reception included in the registration fee.

There is one guest ticket available per registrant at a cost of \$20. Payment for the ticket must be made on or before noon on May 3. The process for purchasing the ticket shall be:

1. Upon receipt of a registration form, the IRRA will forward material to the registrant, including information on how to purchase a guest ticket.
2. After receiving the registration material, the registrant should contact Marie Siegel at IRRA of Western New York, PO Box 710, Buffalo, NY 14217, or by phone (716) 877-8800, ext. 451 to indicate intent to purchase a guest ticket. Advance payment must be mailed before April 27, 1990.
3. Reservations for the guest ticket may be made at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel registration desk, but payment must be received by noon on May 3, 1990.

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