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**“Resist! 60 years Later: Stronger Together!”**

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This year’s conference focused on health care and education.

Randi Weingarten, an American labor leader, attorney, and educator. She is president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) and a member of the AFL–CIO. She is the first openly gay individual to be elected president of a national American labor union. She is the former president of the United Federation of Teachers. She strongly believes that the every child has right and must be provided a proper education. Her stated that the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the March for Washington will unite jobs and justice. She believes that the union activists are the intersection to assisting people to have a better life through education and the labor movement and that the unions create a path for middle class people. In 2021, 2.5 million books were given out to children who do not have access to libraries or internet. Since January 2023, 50 new unions have been created. She provided information on Ron DeSantis of Florida, trying to ban a second Advanced Placement course as noncompliant with its newly enacted standards, this time barring hundreds of districts from offering a psychology class as long as it includes discussion of gender and sexual orientation.

House Republicans seek 80% (nearly \$15 billion) cut to federal program for students from low-income families. Title I grants do support school districts everywhere, including rural schools in districts like my own, these funds disproportionately support big city public schools: the same public schools that failed to educate the most-vulnerable children entrusted to them, by closing their doors for almost two years.

Dr. Michael Rees, Co-Founder/Surgeon, Rejuvenate Kidney Transplant Solution through his work as a transplant surgeon and director of renal transplantation, Dr. Rees saw a harsh reality for patients facing kidney failure. Ongoing dialysis treatments took a financial, physical and emotional toll on patients, and many died while waiting for a kidney transplant. Dr. Rees founded the non-profit Alliance for Paired Kidney Donation in 2006. It was one of the first national organizations devoted to paired kidney donation. Today, it provides hope and a higher quality of life for kidney patients and their families. Together with his father, a computer programmer, Dr. Rees designed the first prototype of a computer program that matched willing but incompatible kidney donor and recipient pairs. Dr. Rees is trying to provide kidney transplants for union workers. The cost for a kidney transplant is over a \$100,000, while dialysis cost \$30,000 monthly. Dr. Rees goal is to be able to provide transplants to union workers at a much lower cost. He stated that normally, patient will live 10 additional years after a transplant.

Lynne Fox the first female president of the Worker’s United union. Lynne said that in 1950 APRI and Workers United helped to develop the Civils Rights Laws. Lynne said As of June 2023, over 8,000 workers at over 331 Starbucks stores in at least 40 states in the United States have voted to unionize, with Workers United. As of March 2023, none have yet enacted a collective bargaining agreement. Their say “Link arms to fight issues and to find new solutions #nomatterwhat.”

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