

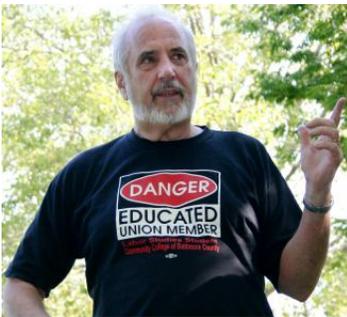
The DC LERA Board of Governors invites you to the monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday, March 25, 2015...

The 1877 Railroad Strike in Baltimore

with author and guest speaker

Bill Barry

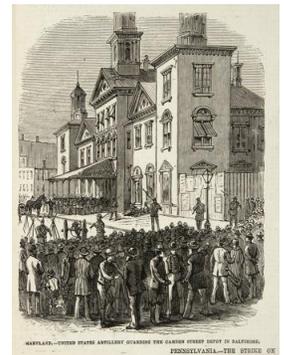
Retired Director of Labor Studies at The Community College of Baltimore County-Dundalk



The isolated work stoppage which began at Baltimore's Camden Yards on the morning of July 16, 1877, was a specific reaction against a 10% pay cut by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and a general protest against conditions on the railroad and arrogant management attitudes. The B&O workers' refusal to accept another wage reduction quickly became America's first national strike, involving more than 100,000 workers in 14 states, the mobilization of 45,000 militiamen and the deployment of almost half of the United States Army. By the time the strike was broken, an estimated 117 people were dead, hundreds were injured,

thousands were jailed, and \$5 million of property had been destroyed.

Bill Barry will discuss the epic 1877 railroad strike at the March 25, 2015 DC LERA meeting. A union organizer for 20 years, Bill Barry is the retired Director of Labor Studies at The Community College of Baltimore County-Dundalk, where he taught union training classes, including labor history, throughout the state of Maryland. Bill sponsored the historical marker at Camden Yards commemorating the 1877 railroad workers strike, and this effort led to his book, *The 1877 Railroad Strike in Baltimore*.



Bill will have copies of *The 1877 Railroad Strike in Baltimore* for sale (\$15, cash or check, no credit cards please), plus his other books: *I Just Got Elected, Now What? A New Union Officer's Handbook* (\$15); *Union Strategies for Hard Times* (\$15); and *From First Contact to First Contract: A Union Organizer's Handbook* (\$17). **Please RSVP and share news of this program with your colleagues.**

Delicious lunch: Buffet with salad, choice of two entrées, vegetarian options (let us know when you register), sides, choice of dessert, plus coffee/iced/tea. Cash wine service.

Time: Sign-in: 11:30; Lunch: 12:00; Program & Q&A: 12:30; Adjourn 1:30. **Program begins at 12:30.**

Venue: Woman's National Democratic Club located in the historic Whittemore House at 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, one block from Dupont Circle and its Red Line Metro station.

Price: Members \$25, Guest of Members \$25, Non-members \$30, Students \$15.

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