



The DC LERA Board of Governors invites you to the monthly luncheon meeting Wednesday, March 23, 2016...

Guest Speaker

William (Bill) Lucy

Secretary-Treasurer of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Emeritus

***The Fight for Rights for Public Sector Workers –
A Reflection on the Current State of Events***

On February 12, 1968, 1,300 black sanitation workers in Memphis struck to protest years of poor treatment, discrimination, dangerous working conditions and low wages. Mayor Henry Loeb said public service employees can't strike because unions are illegal. Therefore, he could not meet with the union. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. took an active role in the sanitation workers' mass meetings and street demonstrations. Dr. King's tragic assassination in Memphis on April 4, 1968 intensified the conflict between workers and the government.

What should the Memphis saga teach us? Should government enforce outdated policies or solve problems? Can the idea of delivering value to constituencies guide us in changing policies to solve problems? AFSCME representatives were in Memphis working alongside Dr. King to support the strikers. Among them was the legendary **William (Bill) Lucy**, who over his 57-year career with the union rose to the forefront of the labor movement and the civil rights struggle. He recently retired as Secretary-Treasurer of AFSCME, a position he held for more than 30 years. Please join us for lunch on March 23 to hear Bill Lucy talk about his experiences in the Memphis strike and what its outcomes mean for worker rights and racial equality. Bill says you should look forward to a provocative discussion.



Delicious Lunch: Buffet with salad, choice of two entrées, vegetarian options, sides, choice of dessert, plus coffee/iced/tea. Cash wine service. **Time:** Sign-in begins: 11:30; Presentation and Q&A: 12 Noon -12:45; Lunch: 12:45 (*Please arrive before 11:45 AM.*) **Venue:** Woman's National Democratic Club, the historic Whittemore House at 1526 New Hampshire Ave. NW Washington, D.C. 20036, just one block from Dupont Circle and its Red Line Metro station. **Price:** DC LERA Members \$25, DC LERA Member Special Guest Rate \$25, Non-members \$30, Students \$15. **Pay Online:** Use a debit or credit card at PayPal or a PayPal account at www.dclera.org. **Sign Up and Pay at the Door:** Email name and contact information to Natalie Meyers at nmeyers@dws-consultants.com.

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