

SEIU Local 517M E-Former – July 2010

School and State Retirement Legislation Update

A dedicated page has been placed on the Local 517M website to give you the most up-to-date information concerning the retirement bills for both school and state employees. View this information at: http://www.seiu517m.org/School_and_State_Pension_Bill_Activity.aspx

Hartford Head Start Congratulations and Welcome

On Friday, June 18, 2010, the Hartford Head Start Membership received their first ever Collective Bargaining Agreement ... signed, sealed and delivered. Sonja Rogers and Phyllis Edwards, who were instrumental in not only organizing this group but also in holding them together through 5 years of contract negotiations, said "this is a wonderful day for us all thanks to SEIU!" What a big day it was for SEIU, too...not only do we get to welcome 115 new Members to our SEIU Family but our new Membership also donated almost \$2500.00 to COPE from their NLRB Unfair Labor Practice back pay victory. Congratulations, again....too all of us in the SEIU Family.

Buena Vista Charter Township Members Ratify New Agreement



A tentative agreement between SEIU and Buena Vista Township was ratified by the voting membership on June 23rd. The vote was unanimous in favor of the agreement. The agreement extends the current contract for 1 year without any changes in benefits. The new expiration date is June 30, 2011. The Township has just completed their fiscal audit and they have a 8% shortfall however no reductions in staffing will result. Savings will partly come from reserves and also from

4-5 vacant positions not being filled in various departments. (Pictured L-R: Charlotte Perkins, Steward/Bargaining Team Member, Caroline Hauley-McBride, Chapter President)

Spots Still Available for the SEIU Local 517M Golf Outing

The SEIU Local 517M 2010 Golf Outing will be held on Thursday, August 5th at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston. The **registration deadline is Friday, July 23rd** and spots are going fast so hurry and reserve your spot today! More information available at:

http://www.seiu517m.org/SEIU_517M_2010_Golf_Outting.aspx

City of Detroit Unit to Hold Annual Picnic

The 4th Annual SEIU Local 517M Community Outreach Picnic Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2010 at Belle Isle Park, Shelter #8. The festivities will run from Noon to 6:00 p.m. and will include a fish fry, Karaoke, Bid Whiz Tournament, games and prizes. Music will be provided by D.J. Dave. There will be a school supply giveaway. Please bring non-perishable and can goods to support neighborhood shelters.

SEIU Local 517M Annual Meeting

The SEIU Local 517M Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, July 23, 2010 at the Lexington Hotel (Formerly the Sheraton Hotel) at 925 S. Creyts Rd., Lansing. There will be special guests and presentations. The meeting starts at 9:00 a.m. with the afternoon program ending around 3:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Cindy Wilson at 517.482.1737 / 866-517.SEIU or cwilson@seiu517m.org by **July 8th**.

Union Family Day at the Ingham County Fair

Thursday, August 5, 2010 is Union Family Day at the Ingham County Fair in Mason. Bring the family for a day of carnival fun, food and rides. Ride bands good for ALL DAY (Noon to Close) are only \$12.00. There will be a Guitar Hero Contest for Kids (Age Groups: 6-10, 11-14, and 15-18) at the Shirely Clark Pavilion 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Cash prizes. Entry Donation is \$3.00 per person if purchased in advance (includes entry into Grandstand), \$8.00 at the gate (Entry is free for 2 and under). Ride Tickets are \$12.00 per person if purchased in advance, \$18.00 at the fair. (Children 2 and under are free). Advance ticket sales available until Monday, August 2, 2010 and are available at the Greater Lansing Labor Council at 485-5169.

Union Night at the Lansing Lugnuts

The Greater Lansing Labor Council is sponsoring a "Labor Night" at the Lansing Lugnut baseball game on August 14th. Tickets are \$9.00 each and the registration deadline is July 30th. Click here to fill out the registration form: <http://www.seiu517m.org/admin/Assets/AssetContent/87657323-d468-4ff7-a068-4d93028fed5f/546bfa9e-94e2-495f-9d30-54cc81f55e47/4910fdb8-73d9-4189-a21c-819163d6ae1d/1/lugnuts10.pdf>

New SEIU State Council Political Director Named



Luke Canfora has been hired as the new SEIU Michigan State Council Political Director. Luke worked with Change to Win here in Michigan during the 2008 elections. Luke's primary emphasis will be to mesh SEIU's local and national legislative and political priorities into a statewide program of grassroots activism and member mobilization. Luke is progressive, strategic, and is a consensus-builder. He will be a great addition to the SEIU Michigan team!

SEIU Meets With Senator Anderson To Discuss Public Employee Issues



On Tuesday, June 29th State Senator Glenn Anderson (D-Westland) met with SEIU Local 517M staff to discuss the defending of public services against anti-government attacks. Senator Anderson was one of four deciding votes that upheld the SEIU state employee 3 percent pay increase which will be effective October 1, 2010. (Pictured L-R: Scientific and Engineering Unit Coordinator Cindy Mason, Senator

Glenn Anderson, Political Coordinator Steve Reck review SEIU materials on defending public services.)