

SEIU Local 517M E-Former – July 2015 Edition

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Annual Membership Conference Set For July 24th

The 2015 SEIU Local 517M Annual Leadership Conference will be held on Friday, July 24, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Lansing. The title for this years' event is *"Talk Back To Your Union . . . Leadership is Listening."* This will be a full day of speakers including SEIU International Public Division Director **Tom DeBruin**, trainings, caucus reports, and break-out sessions. This event is open for all members in good standing of SEIU Local 517M. Details are below:

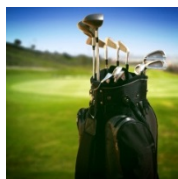
Where: Crown Plaza Lansing West, 925 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, MI 48917

Date: Friday, July 24, 2015

Time: Breakfast: 8:00am
Membership Meeting: 9:00am-4:00pm

RSVP: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015ACReg> (deadline is July 10th)

SEIU Local 517M Golf Outing Slated for August 14th



The annual SEIU Local 517M golf outing will be held on Friday, August 14, 2015 at the Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston. The 4-person scramble will start with registration at 8:00 a.m. and shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Registration information is available at: <http://www.seiu517m.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/40/files/2015/05/Golf-outing-flyer.pdf>

AFRAM to Hold Annual Bowling Fundraiser

The Michigan AFRAM State Caucus will hold its 4th Annual Bowling Fundraiser on Saturday, July 18, 2015. This event will take place at the Renaissance Bowling Center, 19600 Woodward Avenue, Detroit from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$20 and includes three games of bowling,

shoes, pizza and pop. There will be prizes, a trophy, gift basket and grab bags for the children. Please call Yolanda Johnson at (313) 346-3662 or Stephanie Teamer (313) 456-2911. Get your team and sign up right away!

Happy Independence Day

As we celebrate our nation, your Local would like to wish all of our sisters and brothers a Happy Independence Day. Please enjoy the following facts about the Fourth of July:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/07/03/4th-of-july-facts_n_3542777.html

This Month in Labor History

The following events took place in labor history in the month of July:

July 5th: 1935 - National Labor Relations Act, or Wagner Act signed into law recognizing workers' right to organize and bargain collectively. The act also established the National Labor Relations Board to administer union representation elections, define employers' unfair labor practices, and enforce the legal rights of employees to join unions.

July 6th: 1892 - Striking workers battle Pinkerton detectives at Carnegie Steel Works in Homestead, Pennsylvania. After a 12-hour gun battle, seven workers and three Pinkertons lay dead. Subsequently, 9,000 members of the Pennsylvania National Guard were called in and helped to break the strike. As a result, the American steel industry was able to import cheap labor and operate nonunion for two generations, until a resurgent industrial unionism in the 1930s won recognition.

July 15th: 1877 - Start of the first nationwide railroad strike in history when Baltimore & Ohio firemen and brakemen walked off their jobs. Sparked by a steady deterioration of working conditions, including wage cuts of up to 45 percent and 18-hour workdays, the strike lasted two weeks and stopped traffic on two-thirds of the nation's 75,000 miles of track.

July 29th: 1970 - United Farm Workers forced grape growers to sign a contract after a five-year strike.

June Text Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the June E-Former text contest. The five winners chosen at random were:

Carrie Holka
Andy Ilieff
Melissa Kelly-Clark
Jessica Stiles
Lauren Tenglin

July Text Contest

Our monthly text contest allows five winners to receive \$20 gift cards. **To enter, text "517M" to 30644 to take a quiz about the E-Former.**

This month's question: In what year did the National Labor Relations Act become law?

- A) 1926
- B) 1935
- C) 1998
- D) 2015

Text the correct answer to enter the contest. The contest is an opt-in contest, meaning that we will only text you if you like to participate.

Calendar of Upcoming Union Events for July, 2015

July 10: COPE Committee Meeting

July 15: Executive Officers Meeting

July 18: AFRAM Bowling Fundraiser

July 22: Scientific and Engineering Unit Member Education Program

July 23: SEIU Local 517M Executive Board Meeting

July 24: HSS Unit Board Meeting at the Annual Meeting

July 24: SEIU Local 517M Annual Meeting

July 28: Region 1 Board Meeting

For more information on the above events, consult our on-line calendar at:

<http://www.seiu517m.org/events/month/>

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