

# **SEIU** Local 517M

Michigan Public Employees

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### **Join Us for the SEIU 517M Annual Meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> in Lansing**

Time is running out to RSVP to attend the SEIU Local 517M Annual Meeting! The Annual Meeting will be held at the UAW Local 6000 Union Hall (3350 N Grand River Ave, Lansing) on Friday, July 21, 2017. A light continental breakfast will begin at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

To register, simply send an email with the subject line reading "Annual Meeting" to [cwilson@seiu517m.org](mailto:cwilson@seiu517m.org) with your name and contact phone number by Monday, July 10th.

This year's agenda includes:

- Military Flag Folding Ceremony. As a way to honor our veterans, we will be holding a flag folding ceremony. Members must RSVP to have their family flags re-folded for them and presented back to them by veterans. Let us know when you RSVP for the conference if you wish to participate in the flag folding ceremony.
- Strategic Planning - Together We Rise
- Member of the Year Acknowledgement
- What Are They Up To? (Legislative Update)
- Norma Gutierrez - SEIU International Union
- SEIU Member Only Benefits Presentation
- Many Other Activities and Speakers

**Come Participate in YOUR Union!**

**Register Now for The August 11<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Golf Outing**



Please join us on Friday, August 11, 2017, for a fun day of golf, good friends, and a great cause! We are excited to announce that the Annual Golf Outing will be the major fundraising component of the new scholarship program at SEIU Local 517M to help further the education of members and their children.

The Annual SEIU Local 517M Scholarship Golf Outing will be held on Friday, August 11, 2017 at Wheatfield Valley Gold Course in Williamston. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. We are currently registering individuals and foursomes for this event. The cost of the event is \$70 per player with a portion of your registration going to help the Scholarship as a donation. Your registration includes:

- Coffee and Doughnuts
- Range Balls
- 18 Hole scramble w/Cart
- Lunch
- Chicken and Pasta Dinner
- Refreshments

There will be door prizes, raffles and various prize holes throughout your round. For more details and the registration form, [please click here](#).

Contact Dave Corrie at (517) 267-2090, or e-mail at [corried@seiu517m.org](mailto:corried@seiu517m.org) for any questions.

## **AFRAM State Caucus Annual Meeting**

The Michigan AFRAM State Caucus will be holding their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership and Development Conference at the Embassy Suites Hotel (850 Tower Drive) in Troy. The Conference will begin on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and will end on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the conference will be Remembering, Refocusing, Resisting.

Registration runs until July 3<sup>rd</sup> with a cost of \$40 per person. Late registration begins July 4<sup>th</sup> and ends July 10<sup>th</sup> with late registration rates of \$50 per person. Cost includes: registration, meals, t-shirt, conference packet and your 2017 AFRAM Membership.

Click here to access the registration form: <http://www.seiu517m.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/40/files/2017/06/AFRAM-2017-conference-Registration-form.pdf>

## **Let Your Conservative Voice be Heard**



The first listening session for the Conservative Member Engagement Committee (CMEC) was held on Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in Grand Rapids. We had seven members participate. The evening started with pizza and a welcome from Bill Ruhf (pictured left), immediate past president of SEIU 517M and Conservative Committee Chair who then turned the meeting over to Steve James who took members through the conversation process. We are excited to have this first one under our belts and have now set the date for the next opportunity to come and learn what CMEC is all about. The next

session will be Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Lansing SEIU Local 517M office conference room. Space is limited to 16 participants to ensure everyone has the chance to engage in the discussions. If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to Steve James at [steve.james@seiumisc.org](mailto:steve.james@seiumisc.org).

## Union Day at the Ingham County Fair is August 3rd



Lansing Area Labor Unions are sponsoring the Union Family Fair Day on Thursday, August 3, 2017, at the Ingham County Fair in Mason. There will be carnival fun, food and rides.

The entry donation is \$3 per person (does not include Grandstand) if purchased in advance or \$6 at the gate. Children 3 and under are free. Ride bands are \$15 if purchased in advance or \$22 at the fair and are good from 1:00 pm to close!

Advance ticket sales are available until July 28, 2017 at the Greater Lansing Labor Council at 517-485-5169, or from Patty Farhat at the Michigan State AFL-CIO, 419 S. Washington Square, Suite 200, Lansing, MI 48933, 517-487-5966.

## Detroit Forensic Techs Beautify Detroit, One Park at a Time



Each and every day, the City of Detroit Forensic Technicians wake up with the spirit of service. That was no different on Saturday, June 10th. SEIU 517M Members, with their families and community residents, endeavored to make a difference at Peterson Park on Detroit's Northwest side.

"This is the neighborhood that I grew up in. My son plays football at this park. It's important that the community knows that we are with them and that we are here". - Chana Simmon, Forensic Tech C.O.D.

"Peterson Park was a site that was processed by the Forensic Techs earlier this year. I was here the day that two teens lost their lives and we are planting flowers to pay tribute to their memory". - Paris Johnson Forensic Tech Trainee, C.O.D.

In addition to planting flowers, picking up tires and several bags of debris; Local 517M members passed out bottled water and snacks to the community gathered at the Peterson Park baseball diamond.



Special thanks to all who contributed to making this such a successful event.

## Veterans Honored with Flag Folding Ceremony

A Flag Folding Ceremony was held in the SEIU 517M Lansing office on June 9, 2017 for flags of two deceased WWII veterans. Flags are presented in honor of deceased veterans for their funeral or memorial to the family members present. Over time, these flags may lose the crispness of their original fold or there was no official presentation given.



The folding was performed by retired SEIU 517M member and naval reserve Senior Chief Petty Officer Ken Tiffany (pictured Right) and was assisted by SEIU 517M staff member and WWII Reenactor Dave Corrie (pictured Left).

The flags were ceremonially unfolded then, according to procedure, were properly re-folded and presented to the next of kin, in this

case, SEIU 517M staff Howard Gordon. It was a very moving experience for all involved.

As a way to honor our veterans, we will conduct a Flag Folding Ceremony as part of our Annual Meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> in Lansing. Members must RSVP to have their family flags re-folded for them and presented back to them by veterans.



## SEIU Local 517M Revitalizing Saginaw One Neighborhood at a Time



SEIU Local 517M members from the City of Saginaw, GCA Facilities Services, Saginaw Public Schools and Saginaw ISD teamed with several community partners on June 28th for "Light Up the City - Saginaw" in the Houghton-Jones and First Ward Neighborhoods. SEIU Local 517M members were happy to lead the charge in this walk, which was the first of a series of 8 city wide walks that will occur this summer. The purpose of this initiative is to encourage community members and residents to work together helping

create safer neighborhoods and communities by walking streets and asking neighbors to turn on their porch lights to help fight crime. If you wish to participate in future walks, contact Clint Bryant in our Saginaw office at 989-797-4243.

## Calendar of Upcoming Union Events for July, 2017

- July 13: Human Services Support Unit Board Meeting
- July 14-16: Michigan AFRAM Annual Leadership and Development Conference
- July 20: SEIU Local 517M Executive Board Meeting
- July 21: SEIU Local 517M Annual Meeting
- July 25: Conservative Member Engagement Committee (Lansing Area)

For more information on the above events, consult our on-line calendar at:  
<http://www.seiu517m.org/events/month/>

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