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Make Your Voice Be Heard at the Capitol!



There is still time to register for the SEIU Local 517M Legislative Lobby Day on Wednesday, May 9, 2018, in Lansing. The event will run from 8:30 am - 3:00 pm and will begin in Room 402/403 of the State Capitol in Lansing. Lunch will be provided, and legislators and their staff will join us to discuss issues in a more informal setting. *(Pictured: SEIU 517M Retiree Liaison Mary Charley discusses policy issues with State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood during a past Lobby Day)*

There are many issues which affect you and your job such as pension protection, privatization, and retiree health care, and the legislature needs to hear from you on those issues. The Union will schedule appointments for you to meet with your Senator and Representative. If there are hearings, or legislation that is being voted on, you will get a chance to watch the proceedings. It is a great way to be a part of the process that affects all of us – both at home and on the job. **You must use vacation time to attend!**

Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GRJJO9M>

Are You Ready to "Go Nuts" on May 3rd for Free?



We will be holding a drawing for 4 Free Lugnuts Tickets on the Chevy Terrace (Includes all you can eat buffet) for the game this Thursday, May 3rd, 2018 at 7:05 p.m. Just email your answers to the two trivia questions to SEIU517M@hotmail.com

1. What is the major league parent organization for the Lugnuts?
2. What famous major league player has a son who plays on the Lugnuts?

If more than one response has the correct answers, we will select the winner by random drawing. Deadline for the contest is Noon on Wednesday, May 2nd. Winners will be emailed at 1:00 p.m. of that day.

Didn't win the drawing? You can still join us for the pre-game meal and the ball game by purchasing your tickets from the SEIU 517M Lansing office at 517.482.1737.

Members and their families will be able to purchase tickets for \$20 per adult, and \$15 per youth ages 3-12. Non-SEIU 517M members can purchase tickets for \$26 per adult, \$21 youth ages 3-12.

The ticket includes: Box Seat, All-You-Can-Eat Picnic Buffet and Soft Drinks in the Chevrolet Terrace.

Don't miss out on the fun. Get your tickets today!

Student Debt Clinics Scheduled for May

One of the biggest expenses we hear members talk about is the cost of their own or a family members student debt and its influence on making other financial decisions. SEIU Local 517M has scheduled several Student Debt Clinics throughout Michigan to help members find solutions to alleviate their student debt costs. The following events have been scheduled:

Lansing - **Tuesday, May 15th** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Lansing SEIU 517M Office (1026 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing)

Grand Rapids - **Wednesday, May 23rd** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Kent-Ionia Central Labor Council (918 Benjamin Ave NE, Grand Rapids)

Locations and dates for other clinics in Saginaw and the Detroit area will be announced when finalized. Check www.seiu517m.org for more information on the new locations.

Email Cindy Mason at cmason@seiu517m.org to register for the Lansing or Grand Rapids clinics. Seating is limited so register today!

Final Notice for the SEIU Scholarship



Time is running out to submit your SEIU Local 517M Scholarship application for 2018. **Applications must be received by Monday, May 14, 2018 by 4:00 p.m.**

Eight \$500 non-renewable scholarships will be awarded this year to students based on successful completion of the application process and meeting certain criteria. Awards will be made via a lottery system from all eligible submissions.

For full details and the application, please click here: <http://www.seiu517m.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/40/files/2018/02/2018-Scholarship-App-21518.pdf>

Union Election Schedule

Candidate petitions are due by the close of business today for members interested in running for union office. The election calendar is stated below:

- May 1, 2018 Deadline for Return of Candidate Petition Forms & Photos
- May 18 - 31, 2018 Electronic Voting Period. Voting begins at 8:00 a.m. on May 18th and concludes at 5:00 p.m. on May 31st.
- May 23, 2018 Deadline for requesting a paper ballot
- June 4, 2018 Paper Ballot Deadline at Noon
- June 4, 2018 Ballots Counted and Election Certified by Election/Tally Committee
- July 1, 2018 Newly Elected Leadership takes office

[Candidate Petition Form](#)

If you have questions about the election process, contact Dave Corrie at corried@seiu517m.org

Grand Haven School Members Raise Funds While Playing Euchre



The Grand Haven Schools unit of SEIU Local 517M held their First Annual Euchre Tournament on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Grand Haven VFW post. There were 28 players and a great crowd of spectators. A great time was had by all.

The event was able to raise \$2,011 for future community charity programs such as the Community Food Truck, Holiday Adopt a Family, and the Back to School Clothing programs. There was a lot of positive feedback on the event and they look forward to holding the event again next year.

Three Rivers School Members Collect Books for Schools



SEIU 517M members working for Three Rivers Schools held a Book Drive on Saturday, April 28th at the Elks Lodge in Three Rivers. Over 800 books were collected to

disperse to elementary classroom libraries within the district. A shout out to our paraprofessionals who volunteered either all, or part of their day to help set-up, organize, grade, level the books that were donated and clean up. Thank you to the Elks Lodge for the use of their indoor and outdoor space! Also, thank you to Tom Lowry for supporting our drive with a two-box donation of chapter books and to all the families who stopped by with boxes, bags and totes full of good reads to share with our students!



Top Left Photo L-R: Laurie Schuster, Pam Lusk, Terri Dickerson, Cathy Luttrell, Heather Gregory, Sarah Tessin, Dawn Shirk

Top Right Photo L-R: Terri Dickerson, Cathy Luttrell, Lisa Pangborn, Sue Bell, Laurie Schuster

Bottom Photo L-R: Rhonda Stahl, Edna Hoffman, Jacquie Hoffman, Heather Gregory, Lisa Pangborn

Save the Date for the August 10th Scholarship Golf Outing



The Annual SEIU Local 517M Scholarship Golf Outing will be held on Friday, August 10, 2018 at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.

Please mark this day on your calendar and plan to be with us for a day of fun golf, good friends, and a great cause!

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

Calendar of Upcoming Union Events for May, 2018

May 9: SEIU 517M Lobby Day at the State Capitol, Lansing

May 15: Student Debt Clinic in Lansing, SEIU Office

May 18 - 31: Union Election Electronic Voting Period

May 23: Student Debt Clinic in Grand Rapids, Kent-Ionia Labor Council

May 23: Deadline for requesting a paper ballot

May 25: Human Services Support Unit 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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