



E-Former

The Official Electronic Newsletter of SEIU Local 517M

July 2018 Edition

- Annual Meeting is July 20th in Lansing
- Bargaining Begins with State
- Register Now for the August 10th Scholarship Golf Outing
- Keep Submitting Your Workplace Pictures and Videos
- 2018 SEIU 517M Scholarship Winners Announced
- Saginaw SEIU and the H.S. Boyd Community Garden
- Calendar of Upcoming Union Events for July, 2018

Annual Meeting is July 20th in Lansing

MAKE PLANS NOW . . . to attend the SEIU Local 517M Annual Conference and invite your co-workers! The conference will be held at UAW Local 652 (426 Clare Street, Lansing) on Friday, July 20, 2018. 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 served.

To register, simply send an email with the subject line reading "Annual Meeting" to cwilson@seiu517m.org with your name and contact phone number by **Monday, July 9th**.

Agenda Items Include:

- Member of the Year Awards
- Leadership Academy Presentation/Graduation
- What are they up to now? (Legislative Update)
- Attorney General Candidate Dana Nessel
- Supreme Court Candidates
- and much more!

Email Cindy Wilson at Local 517M : cwilson@seiu517m.org no later than Monday, July 9, 2018 to let us know you are coming. Questions? Call (517) 482-1737. Hope to see you there! You'll be glad you came—meet the staff, the newly elected Union Leaders and GET INVOLVED!

Bargaining Begins with State



SEIU bargains with the State in 2015

The bargaining teams have been finalized and the first dates have been set as bargaining between the three State Units, HSS, Techs and S&E's begins in late July. Bargaining surveys are starting to go out requesting input for the bargaining teams to use as they craft proposals for negotiations. When you receive your survey please take the time to complete and return it so the teams know the priorities of the membership on wages, healthcare and other issues of concern in your workplace. The State will provide its economic message to all the Unions in early August.

Register Now 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.

This event has been well attended over the years and is always a great day for a great cause! Last year, the event raised enough money to fund 8 scholarships for SEIU Local 517M members and children.

The cost this year is \$80 per player and includes golf with a cart, coffee and donuts, lunch at the turn, chicken and pasta dinner, prizes and much more!!!

You can download the registration form at: <http://www.seiu517m.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/40/files/2018/05/golf-flyer-2018-registration.pdf>

Get your foursome ready and join us for a great day of golf, fellowship and supporting a great cause!

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

Keep Submitting Your Workplace Pictures and Videos

The pictures are rolling in! We asked members to send in pictures or videos of what they do at



Scientific and Engineering Unit member Jennifer Johnson displays a Lake Sturgeon at a fish ladder

work. Here is **Jennifer Johnson** from the Department of Natural Resources. "I get to capture Lake Sturgeon in a "fish elevator" located in the Menominee Dam- the only one in North America! If they meet certain biological criteria, they are moved up two dams in order to have more rearing habitat available for their offspring."

Send your photo or video to seiu517m@hotmail.com so we can highlight how SEIU members serve the citizens of the State of Michigan!

2018 SEIU 517M Scholarship Winners Announced

The following names were drawn as winners of the 2018 SEIU Local 517M Scholarship Award. This year there were a total of eight scholarships awarded value at \$500 each. The winners are:

Brett Blayer, child of Steve and Ronda Blayer, Scientific and Engineering Unit

Kayla Brown, child of Jeanette Brown, Human Services Support Unit

Breanne Dalm, child of Trajun Dalm, Human Services Support Unit

Lindsey Eashoo, child of Daniel Eashoo, Genesee County Road Commission

Wisdom Morris, child of Eric Morris, City of Battle Creek

Brandon Romanck, child of Sandra Schafer, Scientific and Engineering Unit

Jordan Tafel, child of Jennifer Tafel, City of Saginaw

Leander Wheeler, child of Robert Wheeler, Technical Unit

This scholarship is made possible through the effort of SEIU 517M members across the state who are public servants working in our schools, local governments and the State of Michigan.

Congratulations to the winners and all the best for a successful future on behalf of the members of SEIU Local 517M. Information about next year's scholarship program will be available April of 2019.

Saginaw SEIU and the H.S. Boyd Community Garden

SEIU Region 1 members are "growing" relationships and new partnerships in the City of Saginaw. A community garden has been planted on the SEIU property in Saginaw. SEIU leaders in Region 1 are partnering with Ezekiel Project and other community activists to join forces to plant, care for and harvest produce, while educating children and their caregivers about proper nutrition.



Heather Boyd tends one of the raised bed gardens at the Community Garden

The H.M Boyd Community Garden already has four large raised beds of herbs and vegetables growing behind the SEIU Union Hall in Saginaw. Member leaders are currently reaching out to families in the area to get others on board with building more raised beds. Our SEIU members from the City of Saginaw have made sure we have plenty of screened black dirt from the city’s compost site. When we realized that we need accessible water, our brothers and sisters from UA Local 85 donated the labor and materials to have a spigot installed on the outside of the SEIU Union Hall. Community activists are also talking to local business owners to donate money for a tool shed.

Our long-term goal is that we have enough participation in the community so that children in southwest Saginaw city have fresh fruits and vegetables available to them and caregivers know they can come and learn about gardening and maybe take that information back and start their own little garden at home or use the community garden property to grow their own vegetables.

If you are interested in donating or volunteering at the community garden send an email to hboydcommunitygarden@gmail.com or call 734-845-8047.

Calendar of Upcoming Union Events for July, 2018

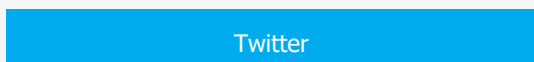
- July 1: New Union Leaders Take Office
- July 19: SEIU Local 517M Executive Board Meeting, MSU Museum
- July 20: SEIU Local 517M Annual Meeting, UAW Local 652, Lansing
- July 24: School and Local Government Region 1 Board Meeting, Saginaw
- July 27: Human Services Support Unit Board Meeting

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

The monthly subscription for the E-Former is included in your membership dues and is intended for members in good standing of SEIU Local 517M.

Connect With Us:

Email: seiu517m@hotmail.com



Contact Info:

SEIU Local 517M
1026 E. Michigan Ave.
Lansing, MI 48912
United States
Phone: 517.482.1737
Fax: 517.482.7870

If you believe you received this message in error or wish to no longer receive email from us, please (Unsubscribing is not supported in previews).