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Labor Day 2018 in Detroit



SEIU International President Mary Kay Henry at the Detroit Labor Day Parade



SEIU 517M President Joey Combs and her daughter Taylor with Governor Gretchen Whitmer (Center)



SEIU 517M Members at the post-parade picnic

Leadership Academy Applications are Available Now!



The 2019 Leadership Academy applications are available now! The deadline to apply is September 14, 2018. Our goal is to enroll four member leaders from each region and division within our local.

The Saturday workshops start out with showing the member leaders how to internally organize their workplaces to build and

sustain real power. The workshops continue by giving the member leaders effective communication tools and resources. Finally, the last workshops were dedicated to building better communities by building strong relationships with fellow leaders and other allies. These workshops also show our member leaders how to be strategic thinkers, to lead on organizational equity and inclusion and how to write plans to effectively carry out a community partnership.

If you are interested in applying for the next academy session, please complete the following application: <http://www.seiu517m.org/wp-content/blogs.dir/40/files/2018/07/2018-19-LEADERSHIP-ACADEMY-APPLICATION-blank.pdf>

Help Bring in the Harvest in Saginaw!

On Saturday, October 13, 2018, celebrate a change in the seasons and wrap up a successful first year of gardening with a FREE enjoyable afternoon and fun for the whole family!

The event is being held at the H.M. Boyd Community Garden, behind the SEIU Union Hall Located at 1420 S. Michigan Ave, in Saginaw and will begin at 11 a.m. and last until 3 p.m.

There will be:

- Music & Games
- Kids Craft's
- Fun activities for the little ones
- Harvesting Fall Crops
- Free garden themed giveaways and prizes
- Community Vendors

Tiny-Tots tours of the garden will be available upon request. Help in harvesting the fall crops in the first year of the Community Garden.

SEIU 517M Scholarship Golf Outing a Success



A great day of golf for a great cause. We had 46 golfers participate in the 2018 SEIU Local 517M Scholarship Golf Outing which was held on Friday, August 3rd at the Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time.

The winners of the outing were:



First Place - The Expendi-balls Team of Andrew Santini, Keith Krawczyk, Dave Benit, Joe Walczak



Runners Up - The Seve and Sons Team of Steve Holmi, Gary Simons, Dan Dell, Barry Burns pictured above with Outing Coordinator Dave Corrie (center)

There were also a number of prize holes. The prize hole winners were:

- Hole #2 Closest to the Pin on Green - Barry Burns
- Hole #5 Closest to the Pin on Green - Dan Dell
- Hole #6 Longest First Putt Holed - Bob Smrek
- Hole #7 Closest to the Pin on Green - Gary Simons
- Hole #15 Closest to the Pin on Green - Joe Walczak
- Hole #16 Longest First Putt Holed - Aaron Moore
- Hole #17 Long Drive in Fairway Men - Andrew Santini
- Hole #17 Long Drive in Fairway Women - Yolanda Johnson
- Hole #18 Closest to the Pin on Green - Aaron Moore

We would like to thank our sponsors who helped make the event a success:

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The annual event raises money for the SEIU Local 517M Scholarship Fund to help members and their children with college or trade school expenses. This year, we raised over \$3000 for the Fund. Last year the Fund awarded eight \$500 scholarships to union members and their children.

Next year's event will be held on Friday, August 9, 2019, at the same course. Get your foursome ready and join us for a great day of golf, fellowship and supporting a great cause!

Technical Unit Member Earns Baking Honors

Felicia Haynes, a Pharmacy Technician at the Thumb Correctional Facility, won First Place in the Annual Bookstock Recipe Contest held in Livonia with her "Pineapple Express" cupcakes. Felicia has been baking most of her life and plans to begin a new career. Her cupcakes will be featured under the name of "Ms. Ann's Sweets" at Good Cakes and Bakes which is located on Livernois in Detroit.

The Bookstock is Michigan's largest used book and media sale which raises money for literacy causes. The baking contest was on the fourth day of the sale.

View the Detroit Free Press Article here: <https://www.freep.com/story/news/columnists/rochelle-riley/2018/04/25/royal-oak-baker-pineapple-cupcakes-bookstock-contest/551983002/>

State Employees Volunteer at the Lansing Food Bank



On August 21, 2018, SEIU 517M members volunteered at the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Members that participated were L-R in Picture: Eric Wildfang, Kaitlyn Leffert, Anika Ester, Cynthia Swain, and Tonya Heyer.

These State Employees used their school/community participation leave time negotiated by the Union

to separate canned goods into boxes to be delivered to organizations who help the needy. Look for the next opportunity to volunteer soon!

Calendar of Upcoming Union Events for September, 2018

September 5: Lapeer Schools Unit Meeting, 2:30 pm

September 7: Flint/Sodexo Unit Meeting at the Flint Library, 2:30 pm

September 8: Saginaw Township Custodian Unit Meeting, Heritage High School, 10:00-Noon

September 11: East China Schools Unit Meeting, Marine Middle School, 2:45 pm

September 25: Bangor Custodian Unit Meeting, South Walnut Elementary, 5:00 pm

September 28: 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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