



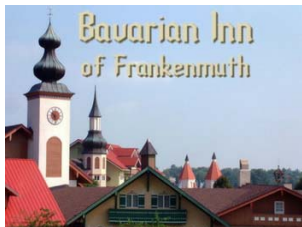
# E-Former

Electronic Newsletter of the Michigan Public Employees SEIU Local 517M

June 2019

## 2019 SEIU Local 517M Annual Conference Registration is Now Open!

Come join us for the 2019 SEIU Local 517M Annual Conference at the Bavarian Inn (1 Covered Bridge Lane) in Frankenmuth on Saturday, July 27, 2019!



This fun-filled and informative program will begin at 9:30 am and will end at 4:00 pm.

Agenda items will include:

- Member of the Year Presentation
- Leadership Academy Presentation and Graduation
- Legislative Update



SEIU Local 517M dues paying members can click this link to [Register Now](#) no later than **Monday, July 15, 2019**. You may also register by using your smartphone's camera and scan the QR code on the right.

Contact Olivia Toretta with any questions at [otoretta@seiu517m.org](mailto:otoretta@seiu517m.org) or call her at the Lansing office at 517-482-1737. Information about the Bavarian Inn is available on their website at [www.BavarianInn.com](http://www.BavarianInn.com)

## Experience the 517Edge!

**SEIU Member Benefits Student Loan Forgiveness Navigator**

Student loan debt now averages more than \$30,000 per borrower. It can be a very difficult obligation to meet – especially for someone beginning their career. SEIU Member Benefits has partnered with Savi to provide a unique student loan benefit to members. Start your journey to student loan freedom.

- 1 SEIUMB.com/LoanForgiveness**  
SEIU Member Benefits has partnered with Savi to provide members a free online student loan evaluation tool to determine your eligibility for federal repayment and forgiveness programs.  
Just answer a few questions on our secure website, and the Loan Forgiveness Navigator will do the rest.
- 2 Free Student Loan Checkup**  
The Loan Forgiveness Navigator checks your loans against free federal repayment and forgiveness programs. The average user finds over \$1000/year in new savings!  
When you are completing the Loan Forgiveness Navigator you will enter your basic personal information, tax information, and can begin your student loans. We recommend having a recent tax return and student loan statement available to make your registration run as efficiently as possible.  
Pick a repayment plan and easily enroll. Savi will provide ongoing advice, tools, and information.
- 3 Enroll in Savi Essential for \$29.95**  
The online calculator will allow you to determine your repayment options and show you what your potential savings could be complete the form. Check you see your options, you can choose to apply for the programs you want!  
As an SEIU Member, you can also take advantage of our convenient eFiling service and get 1-on-1 support from our student loan experts for \$29.95 – a 50% discount from our non-member rate.

**Savi Essential**  
What You Get - ESSENTIAL

- Pre-filled electronic repayment and forgiveness forms and enrollment.
- One-on-one phone support about your loans and the loan forgiveness process.

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As we continue in our series of new benefits and programs that are exclusive to SEIU Local 517M members and their families, we look this week at the Student Loan Forgiveness Navigator.

This program can help you determine eligibility for student debt relief programs and, if you choose, can handle the paperwork for you!

[View the information on the program here.](#)

Help us spread the word on social media and in the workplace by checking out and signing up for the #517Edge on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and our website [www.seiu517m.org](http://www.seiu517m.org).

## Register Now for the SEIU 517M Scholarship Golf Outing



The Annual SEIU Local 517M Scholarship Golf Outing will be held on Friday, August 9, 2019 at Wheatfield Valley Golf Course in Williamston. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Last year, the event raised enough money to fund 8 scholarships for SEIU Local 517M members and their 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!!! [Download the Registration Form!](#)

Get your foursome ready and join us for a great day of golf and supporting a great cause! Contact Dave Corrie at (517) 267-2090, or e-mail at [corried@seiu517m.org](mailto:corried@seiu517m.org) with any questions.

## Human Services Support Unit Steward Elections



The Human Services Support Unit will be holding their Steward/Alternate Steward Elections this month. Those winning election will begin their term of office on July 8, 2019 and their term will end on June 30, 2021.

Unit members in good standing as of pay period ending May 18, 2019, are eligible to participate in the Steward and Alternate Steward Election. If a member is not in current dues status for pay period ending May 18, 2019, they will not have the right to vote, nominate a member for the Steward/Alternate Steward, or run for a Steward/Alternate Steward position in their jurisdictional area. To be eligible to run for a position, you must have been in active dues status for one year.

*If you are aware of a member in your office who did not receive this notice, please have that member call Janice Cosey in the Union Office at (313) 456-2911.*

Members are encouraged to review the [Steward and Alternate Steward Jurisdictional Area Chart](#) to determine the location of your area based on the office where you work. You can also review the position duties by clicking on the position: [Steward](#) or [Alternate Steward](#).

### Election Schedule

- Nomination Forms will be emailed to unit members on **June 7, 2019**.
- Nomination forms are to be returned to Dave Corrie at the Lansing Union Office no later than **noon June 14, 2019** via scan and email to [corried@seiu517m.org](mailto:corried@seiu517m.org) or Fax 517-482-7870.
- Verification of nominees will be conducted **June 17, 2019 through June 19, 2019**.
- Electronic voting will be available online for the following dates **June 20, 2019 through 4:00 p.m. on June 28, 2019**. Voting information will be emailed to eligible voting members.
- Paper ballots will be available on **June 20, 2019** by contacting Dave Corrie via email at [corried@seiu517m.org](mailto:corried@seiu517m.org). Paper ballots must be received at the Lansing office no later than **June 27, 2019**.
- Votes will be tallied **June 28, 2019**.
- Election results will be announced in the **July 1, 2019** E-Former.
- New Stewards take office on **July 8, 2019**.

## State of Michigan Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Coverage for Adult Children

There have been many questions recently concerning dental and vision coverage for adult children.

Employees can enroll dependent adult children for dental and vision benefits during the annual Insurance Open Enrollment (IOE) in August to take effect October 6, 2019. Until then, dependent adult children can enroll only if unmarried, dependent on the employee for at least 50% of their support, and enrolled in and regularly attending an accredited educational institution.

Until October, an adult child cannot be added unless there is a qualifying life event (e.g., new college enrollment) allowing mid-year changes and the MI HR Service Center is contacted within 31 days of that event.

## Bulletin Board Contest in Saginaw

Member leaders at Saginaw Schools, Sodexo Magic Food Service, and ABM Facilities Services are stepping up to improve membership communication at their respective buildings by participating in the SEIU 517M District-Wide Bulletin Board Contest.

Each week throughout the month of May, leaders were charged with completing a task on their workplace bulletin board. For the final week of the contest, leaders designed their own 8.5 X 11 poster answering the question: "What does my union mean to me?" One Building will be selected for the best overall board for the following categories: best message, creative design and best use of materials.



Congratulations to Kempton Elementary for being selected as the challenge winner for Week 2! Pictured Left to Right: Shannon Watkins, Jeanette Barnett, Maria Rodriguez (Sodexo Magic), Verlinder Baston and Justin Humphrey (ABM). Not pictured Linda May and Selena Ledesma.

## Thank You From 2018 Scholarship Winner



I would like to thank SEIU 517M. It is because of your generous contribution that I was able to complete my undergraduate degree. On May 4th, 2019 I graduated Cum Laude from Central Michigan University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Biomedical Science. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,  
Kayla Jenay Brown  
(daughter of SEIU 517M Chief Steward of Saginaw UI, Jeanette Brown)

## Things Are Growing at the Saginaw Office!

Spring is here and that means that is H.M. Boyd Community Garden season at the SEIU Saginaw office! The H.M. Boyd Community Garden works to enrich nutrition education for children and their caregivers by creating a positive neighborhood environment while improving public health and building a stronger community.



In 2018, hundreds of pounds of fresh produce were donated to the Free Farm Stand and the community of Saginaw. Local residents were able to come and take the free produce from this stand.

SEIU Local 517M partners with the community garden along with Ezekiel foundation, Saginaw Community Foundation, MSU -Extension, S.W. Saginaw Neighborhood Association, local farmers, greenhouses and local Saginaw businesses.

The garden is run entirely by volunteers. There is no charge for garden space and all produce is given away free to the community. This project needs your support. There are several days set aside throughout the growing season for members to participate.

The 2019 calendar of upcoming activities:

June 22 - Family Day - Summer Party, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

July 13 - Volunteer Day - Planting and Transplanting, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

August 10 - Family Day in the Garden, 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.

August 24 - Volunteer Day - Planting and Transplanting, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

September 7 - Volunteer Day - Planting and Transplanting, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

September 21 - Volunteer Day - Clean Up, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

October 5 - Fall Harvest Festival, 10:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The community garden is located behind the SEIU Local 517M office at 1420 S. Michigan Avenue in Saginaw.

## Member In The Workplace



L-R: SEIU 517M Secretary/Treasurer Eric Campbell with Niles School Maintenance worker and Unit President Kevin Mercado. Kevin was setting up and tearing down the Niles High School Graduation Ceremony.

## Calendar of Upcoming Union Events - June, 2019

**June 7:** HSS Steward Election Nominations Begin

**June 12:** Technical Unit Board Meeting, Lansing

**June 20:** HSS Steward Election Voting Begins

**June 28:** HSS Steward Election Ballots Tallied

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

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