

Greetings 3937!

We hope your week has gone well. In this issue of our newsletter we have a vacation donation request, some words from our VP, and more!

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**A request from Chantel Kuykendoll:** As some know and some may not the last 6 months have been very tough for me and my family. With unforeseen and difficult health issues that my sister has been battling, my need for leave from work has been great and more than I would have liked to have been but we have to do what we have to do to take care of our loved ones, with that being said.... the unfortunate reality is that my sisters battles with cancer are not over. She will be undergoing more Treatment in Hopes and Prayers that this one WILL WORK!

My need to be away from work during this time is so great, it has left me with very little options going forward other than to apply to the Vacation Donation Program

You are receiving this because I am asking my school of dentistry coworkers to help me and my family during this time by contributing vacation time so I may be away without the additional stress of unpaid time. Any amount of time that can be donated would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for ANY amount of time that you are able to donate. My family and I greatly appreciate your kindness. - *Chantel Kuykendoll*

*How to donate vacation time:*

*Eligible civil service or union-represented staff employees wishing to contribute earned vacation days must complete the form UM 1551 (link below), and signed off on by their supervisor. Once this form has been completed, please send it to our Human resources office (15-116 Moos Tower). They will then complete any additional paperwork and send to OHR .*

[Vacation Donation Form](#)

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Anyone working in the School of Public Health, let me know if you are notified that your retro-active pay was miscalculated. Mine was and both my supervisor and myself received an email about it. So really, if anyone receives such an email, I would like to know. Send info to [afscme3937@gmail.com](mailto:afscme3937@gmail.com)  
- *Mary Austin, President*

VMC Labor Management Committee

If you work in the VMC and are interested in joining a Labor Management Committee, please let us know! We are looking for three people - if you are interested or know someone who is interested (or would like more information), please respond to the newsletter or reach us at [afscme3937@gmail.com](mailto:afscme3937@gmail.com)!

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## VP Corner

Good Afternoon, Local 3937:

On Tuesday, March 20th, AFSCME will be holding a lobbying day, in St. Paul at the Capitol, called Day on the Hill. This a day where we get paid to advocate to our own House and Senate members about the work we do here at the University of Minnesota - why it's important and why they should fund us.

Attending also shows support for the other work AFSCME members do throughout the state. Together we support local government aid; comprehensive transportation funding; safe staffing; resources for colleges and universities; and child protection - while ending the conversation about opening a private prison in Minnesota once and for all.

Day on the Hill also enables us as constituents to have direct contact with our own House and Senate members. This allows our input to have significant impact on the responsiveness of the leaders in our own districts.

So, please join us on 3/20/18 for a day where we will call on the legislature to stop the attacks and work toward a brighter future for our families. Also, there's a free lunch during the day, and a free drink after. You can register

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here: <http://afscmemn.org/content/2018-doth-registration>

The local is paying all registration fees for any member that attends.

In Solidarity,  
Robert Francis  
Vice-President of Organizing  
AFSCME Local 3937

Don't forget! Every Friday is a new opportunity to show your support for the union with a little bit of fun. Wear something green this Friday! Take a selfie or have a friend take a picture and post it to our [Facebook event](#), the most interesting or creative selfie will win a prize! Show us your green socks, shirts, pants, ties, lanyards, lipstick, earrings, or scarves!

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### **Participate in Candidate Screenings!**

The AFSCME PEOPLE committee has various groups based on where we live or work; those groups talk to candidates who are running for elected office. The goal is to elect people who recognize the value of Unionized Labor in the workplace whether it be state, county or municipal. All political actions are funded through voluntary contributions of members to the PEOPLE fund; no dues money is ever used.

People running for office seek AFSCME's endorsement; it is a valuable endorsement.

If you live in the West Metro area (including Minneapolis) and are a member of our Local, please consider coming to the next screening of candidates who are running for office in Hennepin County and other legislative races.

AFSCME is engaged in this year's legislative elections and they are just scheduling our next set of legislative candidates from Hennepin County and from

county commissioner candidates. Our goal for this election is to empower our members through the election process and through introductions to candidates before they are elected. The candidates that get elected are the decision-makers in our democracy; various Locals within Council 5 will negotiate with some of them.

On Monday March 12, there will be a candidate screening for Hennepin County Districts 2 and 4 and other legislative races. Your involvement in the screenings and your commitment to elect endorsed candidates is vital to ensure a pro-AFSCME/pro-worker legislature. The March 12 screening will be held at the Minneapolis Regional Labor Federation at [312 Central Ave SE](#) in room 550 beginning at 5:30pm.

Please let Abdul know whether or not you will attend. (He provides food for the group.)

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*submitted by Jody Ebert, Steward*

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## Save The Date

### Steward meeting

- 2nd Wednesdays: March 14th

### Organizing meeting

- 3rd Wednesdays: March 21st

### Membership meeting

- 4th Wednesdays: March 28th (E-board meeting at 5:15pm immediately followed by membership meeting)

*All at 5:30pm in Suite 356*

[312 Central Avenue SE,](#)

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### Game Nights

March 22nd location TBD

April 26th location TBD

Know of a good location? Let us know!

### Happy Hours

April 5th location (this time we would like to do somewhere on West Bank!)

### Day on the Hill 2018

March 20th - Agenda:

1. Registration 7am-10am at St Paul River Centre on [Kellogg](#)
2. Workshops, 2 of them...beginning at 9am and 10am
3. District meetings
4. Box lunch and bus to Capitol.
5. Rotunda Rally
6. Visit your Reps and Senators
7. 5pm to 7pm Reception at River Centre.



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[Our home page](#) has more information and resources such as steward contact information. Find the most current version of our contract [here](#).

Like us on [Facebook](#) and/or follow us on [Twitter](#), we post a variety of labor related items daily as well as breaking news that affects us.

*submitted in solidarity by AFSCME Local 3937 leadership, edited by Diana Rico, Organizer*