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Greetings 3937! This week we have an update about our local's presidential election, an opportunity to sign up for steward training, a contract negotiations update including an upcoming survey, reminders about events coming soon, and more.

Local 3937 Presidential Election Update

Ballots have been mailed out. You should have yours soon, if you don't already. We expect to have statements from both candidates in next week's newsletter. When you are ready to vote, mark your ballot carefully, with no stray marks or comments. We have already heard some ballots are missing an inner envelope; contact Beth Wolszon at 3937electionschair@gmail.com for instructions on dealing with this and any other ballot issues.

Register by TOMORROW May 11 toafscme3937@gmail.com so we can let University departments know how many are coming. It will still be possible to sign up later though.

VP Corner

Good Afternoon, Local 3937:

Contract negotiation season is here!

This weekend, all Local *members* will be receiving an emailed survey asking for your input on what topics the negotiations committee should prioritize in our next contract. This survey shouldn't take more than a few minutes to fill out, and will cover the usual topics of raises and steps, but it will also ask some more open ended questions.

We recommend every member fill out this survey as soon as possible, even if it's just as simple as wanting a raise. Essentially, when we sit down at the negotiation table, we want to be able to verifiably say that we speak for a majority of our members, and that the majority wants a raise. Of course, it's not all about money. If you have anything else you would like to add, please do. You can also contact the Local anytime.

If you're not a member, and don't receive a survey, but you would still like to propose a contract issue or comment, we will be hosting a series of contract negotiation lunches around the Twin Cities campus where you can become a member and we will send you out a survey. These lunches will also be a forum for any questions or comments, from all members, and we suggest all members and prospective members attend.

In Solidarity,

Robert Francis
Vice-President of Organizing
AFSCME Local 3937

We have a [Union Happy Hour](#) coming up sponsored by all the AFSCME unions on campus. It is Friday, May 18th at Stub and Herbs from 4-7pm. We'll see you there!

Help Letter Carriers 'Stamp Out Hunger' by setting non-perishable food items in a bag (with handles) near your mailbox on Saturday May 12th. Last year Twin Cities letter carriers collected more than 1 million pounds of food which they

delivered to local emergency food shelves operated by Second Harvest Heartland. AND if you are so inclined, you may volunteer to help in this massive undertaking. Volunteers will be needed to help unload letter carrier vehicles and load the larger trucks. For a list of locations and to volunteer, visit www.2harvest.org . Letter Carriers are part of National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Union.

Some of us received a reminder email from the Provost's Child Care Advisory Committee to [take the survey assessing child care services](#). We encourage you to do so, and let the University know how important is to have a quality child development program and excellent child care teachers Remember that while the administration has postponed closing the UM CDC, they have not yet guaranteed our teachers' jobs.

2018 Midwest School for Women Workers

LES is hosting the 2018 Midwest School for Women Workers on the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities campus, June 25-28, 2018. The School will bring together women, transfeminine, non-binary, intersex, and gender non-conforming workers from across the Midwest who want to renew our labor movement and restore our democracy.

Morning sessions will be organized into four tracks:

- **Beyond the Workplace: Strategies for Building Community Alliances and Movement**
- **Creating a More Diverse Labor Movement**
- **Your Rights in the Workplace**
- **Leading with Strength and Solidarity**
- **Internal Mobilization & Organizing**

Afternoon workshops & plenary sessions will address a variety of other topics.

Online registration is now available at <http://carlsonschool.umn.edu/les> through Friday, May 25, 2018.

Scholarship application can be found [here](#). Applications are accepted until May 18, 2018.

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!

Save The Date

Steward meeting

- 2nd Wednesdays: June 13th

Organizing meeting

- 3rd Wednesdays: May 16th

Membership meeting

- 4th Wednesdays: May 23rd (E-board meeting at 5:15 pm immediately followed by membership meeting)

Special Membership meeting (for the Election Committee to officially report the results of the Local's Officer and Executive Board elections.)

Wednesday, May 30th

All at 5:30pm in Suite 356

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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](#).

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