



Valley Outreach program coordinator Caleb Mingus refills the apple sauce supply as Retirees United volunteers Judie Atkins, Jeanette Burfeind, Gloria Alt and Mary Pat Flandrick (a fellow Education Minnesota retiree) bag weekend food supplies for school kids. www.afscmemn.org

Members Reap Election Success

Thanks to help from AFSCME members and retirees, numerous pro-worker candidates won the Nov. 7 Election.

We volunteered hundreds of hours to tirelessly call voters and knock on doors across the state for the municipal and school board elections. Our victories showcased community, hope and what we can accomplish when we work in solidarity.

In Saint Paul, Melvin Carter was elected mayor on the first ballot. All three AFSCME-endorsed candidates for school board won: John Brodrick, Jeannie Foster and Marny Xiong.

In Minneapolis, Jacob Frey won as mayor, unseating incumbent Betsy Hodges. Five of our endorsed candidates won city council seats: Cam Gordon, Steve Fletcher, Lisa Goodman, Andrea Jenkins and Andrew Johnson.

In Duluth, all of our candidates swept their races, thanks to conversations with thousands of residents about our labor vision. Our city council winners are Zack Filipovich, Barb Russ and Renee Van Nett; winning school board candidates are Jill Lofald, Rosie Loeffler-Kemp, Josh Gorham and Sally Trnka.

Our big push for the Duluth streets referendum helped win a whopping 76.5 percent of the vote.

Some AFSCME-endorsed candidates made history, Carter as Saint Paul's first African-American mayor; Renee Van Nett as the first Native American woman on the Duluth City Council; and new Minneapolis City Council member Andrea Jenkins as the first openly transgender African-American woman elected to public office.

School districts also scored at the ballot box, with voters approving most levies for school operations and facility improvements.

Keep Up the Pressure on the Tax Bill

The Republican tax plan is a scam that will give massive tax breaks to the rich, paid for by leaving millions uninsured and raising taxes on working families. Everyone earning less than \$75,000 a year would on average see a tax increase while corporations get a permanent tax cut.

Trump's Tax Scam is moving through Congress, and we can stop it if we make a lot of noise this week. Under their bills:

- Corporations can deduct their state and local taxes. Working people can't.
- Corporations can deduct more than \$10,000 in property taxes. Homeowners can't.
- Corporations get a gigantic tax cut: Their tax rate drops from 35 percent to 20 percent.
- The rich get richer: The biggest tax break goes to the top 1 percent.
- Medicare would face \$400 billion in automatic cuts over the next decade.

This isn't tax "reform." It's a massive tax giveaway to the rich.

Call these GOP Senators. Tell them to Vote NO on the GOP Tax Bill:

- Lisa Murkowski, (202) 224-6665
- Ron Johnson, (202) 224-5323
- Jeff Flake, (202) 224-4521
- Susan Collins, (202) 224-2523
- John McCain, (202) 224-2235
- Bob Corker, (202) 224-3344
- Rand Paul, (202) 224-4343

Meet the S.E.R.'s

TERRIBLE SIX

Rep. Marion O'Neill (R) Maple Lake Rep. Steve Drazkowski (R) Mazeppa Rep. John Howe (R) Rockville

Sen. Michelle Benson (R) Ham Lake Sen. Mark Koran (R) Stacy Sen. Scott Newman (R) Hutchinson

These six Republican lawmakers took a 45% pay raise for themselves - then denied a 2% cost-of-living raise for hardworking state employees.

Federation is holding its annual Blood Drive on **Tuesday, Nov. 28** with the American Red Cross. The Red Cross workers with AFSCME Local 3931 recently negotiated their first contract.

The blood drive runs from noon to 6 p.m. at the labor center, 353 W. 7th St., Saint Paul. To schedule an appointment, call 651-222-3787 ext. 116 or email llwright@stpaulunions.org.

Local 2512 at Chris Jensen Health and Rehabilitation Center in Duluth
Free Park Friday

If you'd like to avoid the mayhem in the malls on Black Friday, the state is offering a great alternative: free admission to all 75 of our state parks and recreation areas.

Don't forget to say thanks to fellow AFSCME members working to keep our parks safe, clean and accessible. Get information at <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/freeparkfriday/index.html>.

Sponsor a Family

Help make the holidays easier and brighter for a family in need.

You can sponsor a family through the RLF Labor Studies and Resource Center's Labor of Love. Thirty percent of the proceeds will go to the Center's Emergency Fund for union families in need; the rest purchases gift cards from union grocers. The deadline is **Nov. 24**.

Make checks payable to the LSRC Labor of Love - Sponsor a Family, and mail them to: LSRC, Attention Laura, 353 W. 7th St., Suite 201, Saint Paul, MN 55102.

Get in on the Action

Action Update comes out twice a month for locals and activists. Download a copy at www.afscmemn.org. Share news by emailing Lynette.Kalsnes@afscmemn.org.

Blood Donors Needed

You can give blood and welcome our new AFSCME brothers and sisters at the same time.

The Saint Paul Regional Labor

New Board Member Elected

The Council 5 Executive Board just elected Sharyn Carrington to a private sector/special district seat. She's the president of AFSCME

Mark Your Calendars		
Event	Date	Place/details
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