



Theresa St. Aoro, a member of the Council 5 Executive Board, and Jerry Serfling door knock as part of a Labor 2016 Day of Action.

## Get Out the Vote

Election Day is nearly here, and there's still time to take action.

In the final weeks until Election Day, the AFL-CIO will leverage 100,000 volunteer hours to knock on 1 million doors in key battleground states. In AFSCME Council 5, members already have filled 473 volunteer shifts for Labor 2016, topping our turnout goal.

With the stakes this high, we can't let up. Volunteer **Saturday, Nov. 5** through **Tuesday, Nov. 8** at:

- Apple Valley, 7300 147th St. W., Suite 100
- Bemidji, 401 Beltrami Ave. NW
- Coon Rapids, 552 Northdale Blvd.
- Duluth, 4833 W. 4th St.
- Faribault, 212A Central Ave.
- Grand Rapids, 809 NE 4th St.

- Minnetonka, 14525 Hwy 7, Suite 345
- Red Wing, 316 Plum St.
- Rochester, 1500 1st Ave. NE
- St. Cloud, 11 7th Ave. N., Suite 100
- Willmar, 130 SE Willmar Ave.

Sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/zvw6xzz>. For information, contact [Zach.Sias@afscmemn.org](mailto:Zach.Sias@afscmemn.org) (North); [Laura.Askelin@afscmemn.org](mailto:Laura.Askelin@afscmemn.org) (East); and [Abdul.Omar@afscmemn.org](mailto:Abdul.Omar@afscmemn.org) (West).

## Red Cross Joins AFSCME

Congratulations to blood collection workers at Red Cross, who voted 3-1 to join AFSCME. They won respect, dignity and a voice on the job. Ballots were counted Tuesday in an election where the employer agreed to remain neutral. These 288 workers join Local 3931,

## Vote Tuesday, Nov. 8

There are only two weeks left until Election Day.

Please vote. If we help win back just seven seats in the Minnesota House and retain the Senate, we can end the logjam in Saint Paul and help Gov. Mark Dayton make progress for workers, our families and our communities during his last two years in office. Nationally, we need a President like Hillary Clinton who supports workers, not someone like Donald Trump who "loves" so-called right-to-work.

Your fellow workers and AFSCME members have carefully interviewed and screened candidates. You can find their endorsements here and bring them to the ballot box: <http://afscmemn.org/vote>.

Want to early vote? <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/>.

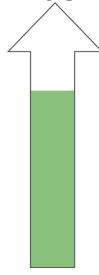
Find your polling place at: <http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

which was instrumental in the victory.

Workers on the organizing committee are already making our union stronger. Please welcome leaders Michael Peterson, Nicholas Hellen, Samantha Attilson, Ramzey Abu Shanab, Ngoc (Kim) Vuong, Roy Nodsle, Lisa Pesta and Susan Fuchs.

Honor is due to our phenomenal organizing team: leads Marybeth Juetten and Thom Boik, along with Beth Walters, Andy Hamerlinck, Adrienne Kern, Garat Ibrahim and staff from AFSCME international.

## AFSCME Strong Update



AFSCME Strong is our program to determine our own destiny by building a stronger union with members who are more engaged. Sign a membership card to protect your job, defend our rights and preserve the quality of services we provide our communities. We're nearly **81 percent** of the way to our public-sector goal of 94 percent membership.

## Seide wins Wellstone Award

The DFL awarded Council 5 executive director Eliot Seide the Paul D. Wellstone Award, honoring him for a lifetime of commitment to labor. Seide has spent 28 years organizing with AFSCME members in Minnesota, New York and across the nation.

"In a labor-driven atmosphere, Eliot's constant leadership and devotion to organized labor make him the perfect recipient for this award," says DFL Chairman Ken Martin.

"The award really belongs to my AFSCME family," Seide says. "Like Paul Wellstone, we believe that politics is about improving people's lives. We know that 'We all do better when we all do better.'"



Roy Noddsle, Lisa Pesta and Susan Fuchs are members of the American Red Cross organizing committee who helped win union representation for blood collection workers.

## Free Child ID Kits

Every year, nearly a million children run away or are abducted. AFSCME is working to reduce this number in partnership with the National Child Identification Program and the American Football Coaches Association. AFSCME is giving away free child ID kits inside the fall issue of AFSCME WORKS magazine so people can collect and store their child's fingerprints and DNA in a safe place in the home. Find information at: <http://www.afscme.org/blog/protecting-our-children>.

## Help Fund Labor Ball

AFSCME's Next Wave MN and the AFL-CIO Young Workers are hosting the free annual Labor Ball **Thursday, Nov. 10** from 6 p.m. to

midnight at the VFW, 2916 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis. They're seeking donations to fund the event, which includes food and dancing. Mail checks to: Minnesota Young Workers, 175 Aurora Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55103. Proceeds go to the MNA strike recovery fund.

## Financial Training

Council 5's education department is hosting a Financial Responsibility Training for locals **Nov. 16** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Council's South St. Paul office. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch. To register, call 651-287-0524 or email [Melinda.Pearson@afscmemn.org](mailto:Melinda.Pearson@afscmemn.org).

## Labor Skills Classes Offered

The University of Minnesota Labor Education Service is offering classes to build union skills. Basic steward training is **Saturday, Oct. 29**. Collective bargaining is **Nov. 12 and 19**. Tuition is \$50 a class. To register or view more classes, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/hprj2v2> or call 612-624-5020.

## Get in on the Action

Action Update publishes twice a month for locals and activists in AFSCME Council 5. Download a copy at [www.afscmemn.org](http://www.afscmemn.org) or share an event by emailing: [Lynette.Kalsnes@afscmemn.org](mailto:Lynette.Kalsnes@afscmemn.org).

### Mark Your Calendars

Door Knocks and Phone Banks	Nov. 5 to Nov. 8, various shifts	Sign up at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/zvw6xzz">http://tinyurl.com/zvw6xzz</a>
Election Day	Nov. 8, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	Find your polling place: <a href="http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/">http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/</a>
Labor Ball	Nov. 10, 6 p.m to midnight	Uptown VFW, 2916 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis