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We Can Will We Must Stay on the path of Righteousness

Hello brothers and sisters of Local 722. Another summer has passed and it is time for a new school year to begin. Please continue to support your children on their new adventures in life for they are our future leaders.

We had a very successful beach day on August 19, 2023 as workers from Washington Hospital Center and Children's National experienced Ocean City together as members of Local 722. Members had fun on the beach, boardwalk, outlets, and the casino. We four (4) buses of members this trip and we are looking to have even more the next time.

I need to address stealing time. Please stop punching in and going to move your vehicles because they are watching. At the Washington Hospital Center they have started to ticket and tow vehicles (at the owners expense) if you are not parking in your designated area, and they will continue to do so for some time to come. So please have your hang tag visible. If you forgot your hang tag go to the parking office.

The hospital center is also working on getting a breakroom for Nutritional Services.

Once again, at Children's and Washington Hospital Center, "**STOP** talking on your cell phones, apple watches and wearing ear buds while working". Are those calls worth losing your job? And remember, "the profanity and inflammatory remarks are prohibited on the premises."

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Membership meetings are held from 2 - 4 pm on the third (3rd) Saturday of every month. We rotate between the Washington Hospital Center True auditorium and Children's Hospital auditorium. Please check bulletin boards for any updates or changes

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SEIU's President Mary Kay Henry and Secretary Treasurer April Verrett says that: Racist Jacksonville shooting on 60th anniversary of the March on Washington is a disgrace

WASHINGTON – Service Employees International Union President Mary Kay Henry and Secretary-Treasurer April Verrett issued the following statement after a white supremacist killed three Black people in a Jacksonville Dollar General store:

“This weekend, on the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, our nation should have been celebrating our progress and reflecting on what’s needed to win racial and economic justice. But instead, we’re mourning the murder of three Black people in broad daylight at a Jacksonville Dollar General, including one employee, by a 21-year-old avowed white supremacist.

As a union of 2 million workers, with members in Jacksonville and across Florida, we extend our condolences to the families of the victims and stand with and for the Black people of Jacksonville at this moment. But as we all know, the culture of white supremacy and violence that seeded this tragedy is deep and extends across our entire nation. It is only by coming together across race that we can create the communities in which everyone can thrive and experience true safety.

Dollar General workers and working people across the economy have taken action, demanding unions and calling on corporations to make their workplaces safer. Neither they nor their customers should fear for their safety while simply going about their daily lives.

When so-called leaders embrace extremism and sow seeds of racial division to win elections and hold onto power, it has life or death consequences. We cannot ignore the fact that this happened in Florida, where Governor DeSantis, a presidential contender, has banned teachers from teaching about how race has shaped our history, creating an environment in which ignorance, fear and hate can fester in young minds. We demand accountability from Governor DeSantis, as well as members of Congress and elected leaders at every level who offer little more than lip service to address hatred and gun violence. How much more bloodshed must we endure while leaders try to score political points while offering zero solutions?”



National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that can happen at any time. Emergency planning is a key component of school safety that can include large-scale actions or everyday activities that help build a safe school environment.

So, as we prepare for our loved ones to return to school be mindful of all the safety issues before them. Families and communities expect schools to keep their children safe from a range of emergency events, like crime, natural disasters, and accidents. Emergencies can happen at any time, and planning for different emergencies can be challenging for schools. Are you in the know on what to do if an emergency happens? Do you know how the school will reunify you with your children after an incident?

Students' physical and emotional safety can impact their social and academic success at school. There are several reasons behind school violence; in some cases, being the victim of bullying could play a contributing role. Everyone in society must work together to create an environment where bullying is not acceptable. So, talk about it at home.

Mental health challenges are common among students also, however, uncommonly reported. According to the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine, up to 1 in 5 children living in the United States experience a mental disorder every year. Symptoms often start in early childhood, although some may develop during the teenage years.

By supporting students who are experiencing mental health challenges, schools can help foster a sense of safety and promote better academic and behavioral outcomes. Providing access to mental health services can reduce mental, emotional, and behavioral difficulties with students at risk.

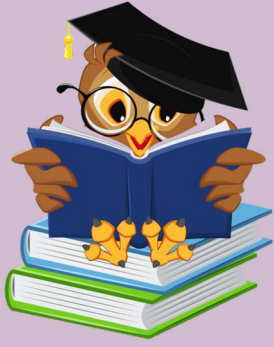
Also, please remember and be aware that school is back in session. Kids are on the streets, and they may not focus on your driving, so you need to be aware of their playing. Please observe the traffic laws, pay attention to the school buses, watch out for the bikes and balls that may pop out of nowhere, and that child running across the street. There are many more safety tips to look out for, but you get the message. Let's prepare for a safe environment for the children, mine and yours, as they return to school.



Local 722 Ocean City Experience

Local 722 sponsored four (4) buses of members and their families to have some fun in the sun in Ocean City Maryland. Many of our members signed up last year to join in on the fun, but the experience was canceled due to weather conditions. But this year the activity moved forward as promised and those in attendance enjoyed themselves





SEIU LOCAL 722 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Local 722 scholarship applications are available to members on May 1st. You must be a dues paying member for 1 year prior to application deadline. Completed applications with all supportive documents must be received in the union office no later than July 1st. There are **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**

The **Alton Akinsegun Scholarship** will be awarded to union members and the **Marchel Smiley Scholarship** will be awarded to young adults under the age of 23 who has a legal guardian who is a member of Local 722. No award or award amounts are guaranteed.

The following are the 2023 recipients of these awards:

Marchel Smiley Scholarship

Aidan Mendes: Univ of Maryland - Aerospace Engineering

Afeef Ali: Virginia Tech - Computer Science

Francesca Leonard: Towson University - Music Education

Jessica Mendes: Thomas Jefferson University - Physician Assistant

Emma Gipe: Shenandoah University - Doctor of Pharmacy

Skky Mabry: P.G. Community College - Radiology

Alton Akinsegun Scholarship

Tiffany Kornegay: Walden University - Social Work

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Labor Day is a "UNION DAY"

Labor Day is one of those holiday names we repeat so often we stop thinking about what the words originally meant. On Memorial Day most of us set aside time to remember the price we paid during previous wars. And many of us make time to give thanks on Thanksgiving. But we only remember Labor Day as the (3) three day weekend that marks the end of the summer.

But Labor Day became historic because of the 1894 Pullman strike where federal troops fired on workers who were on strike. Over time, Labor Day became a day to celebrate working people as well as the unofficial starting point for the fall political election campaign.

For generations, Labor Day activities organized by unions celebrated working class people. Working class voters were eventually celebrated with the National Labor Relations Act of 1935, enshrining in law the right to collective bargaining and giving unions a new level of recognition and clout. This clout leads to human rights which for many of us the fight continues.

Even though it's a federal holiday, thousands of workers still clock in on Labor Day providing essential work. On Labor Day and every day, we fight for all jobs to recognize the value of our labor and for all working people to have the power of a union. This is a benefit from unions that many workers take for granted.