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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Membership meetings will be held from 2pm - 4pm the third (3rd) Saturday of every month. We rotate monthly between the Children's auditorium and the WHC auditorium

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Grievance Committee Meets on the first and last Wednesday of every month starting at 6pm

ABOUT US

We are a proud dedicated group of union professionals united in our mission to negotiate collectively for better wages, benefits, working conditions, and a fair & just working environment for our diverse community of workers. Below is an example of our commitment to giving back socially to our members. Skate party, summer family cookout, turkey give away, and Christmas party. Visit our website to see more pictures



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Happy New Year, Brothers and Sisters of Local 722! As we come together to welcome a brand-new year, let us stand united in purpose, pride, and positivity. We Can. We Will. We Must Conquer Negativity. The year 2025 is now behind us, and with it comes valuable lessons, hard-earned wisdom, and opportunities for growth. Now is the time to move forward—stronger, wiser, and more determined—as we begin a new chapter together.

Let us commit ourselves to learning every day, enjoying every moment, and treasuring every second. Growth begins when we are willing to reflect on the past, correct our mistakes, and strive to do better moving forward. Truthfulness, integrity, and accountability must guide everything we do and say. When we walk in truth, we build trust, strengthen our union, and set ourselves on a path toward lasting success—because dishonesty always finds its way back, but integrity carries us forward.

Local 722 would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us at our annual Christmas party. Your presence, fellowship, and unity are what make this union more than just an organization—it makes us a family. This celebration was especially meaningful as it marked **Local 722's 50th year** of advocating for workers' rights. For five decades, we have proudly stood on the front lines fighting for fair wages, better hours, safer working conditions, economic justice, workplace dignity, collective bargaining, and strong contract negotiations for our members. That legacy belongs to each and every one of you.

On December 22, 2025, Local 722 continued its tradition of giving back by distributing **640 turkeys** to union members who signed up. Acts like these remind us that solidarity is not just a word—it's action. Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that in 2026, we will once again give out turkeys for Thanksgiving on **Monday, November 23, 2026, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Stay tuned for more details!

As we move forward into 2026, we encourage every member to make this **your year to advance and grow** in your workplace. Invest in yourself. Upgrade your skills. Seek additional education and training. These steps open doors to new opportunities and career advancement. Remember—no one is standing in your way but you. If you want it, go after it with confidence and determination, because progress is earned through effort, commitment, and belief in yourself.

May the grace of God guide us on this new journey. May He bless us with peace, joy, good health, strength, and happiness throughout 2026. Let us continue to lift one another up, stand strong together, and move forward with faith and unity **because the joy of the Lord is our strength.**

Here's to a powerful, productive, and prosperous New Year for the Brothers and Sisters of Local 722.

LABOR UNIONS MUST FIGHT BACK



Over the past year, working people, and union members in particular, have faced an unrelenting assault. Donald Trump has used executive orders to strip collective bargaining rights from more than one million federal employees, directly weakening unions and rolling back decades of hard-won worker protections. This is not just an attack on federal workers; it is an attack on the entire labor movement. What happens to one union member today can happen to all of us tomorrow. An injury to one truly is an injury to all.

The administration's "Billionaire First" agenda has made its priorities clear: slash jobs and benefits for working families while handing massive rewards to corporations and the ultra-wealthy. Union members see the consequences every day. Families are forced to rely on credit cards just to afford groceries. Workers are juggling car payments, rent, childcare, and healthcare costs that continue to rise. Many are working two or three jobs simply to stay afloat. This is not political rhetoric, it is the lived reality of working people across local 722 and the communities in which our members live. This is not a "Hoax".

We are watching an economy increasingly rigged against workers and tilted toward billionaires and corporate interests. If we do not act, these attacks on unions and working families will only intensify. Our collective power depends on our willingness to stand together, organize, and mobilize. That means showing up, not only on the job, but at the ballot box, to elect leaders who respect unions, defend collective bargaining, and put working people ahead of corporate greed.

Now more than ever, we must recommit ourselves to the core principles of the labor movement. The employed stand with the unemployed. The organized stand with the unorganized. Higher-wage workers stand with lower-wage workers. Skilled trades, public sector workers, private sector workers, blue-collar and white-collar alike, all united in purpose and action. That is solidarity, and it is the foundation of our strength.

No union member can fight this battle alone. It will take an all-hands-on-deck movement, driven by unity, discipline, and determination to defend our rights, protect our contracts, and secure a future where working people have real power and a real voice on the job.

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As we move ahead into 2026, we stand at a defining moment for our union, our workplaces, and our communities. The challenges facing working people demand more than passive support—they call for leadership, unity, and action. That is why we are inviting dedicated union members to rise to the moment by joining our **Power 100** group.

The **Power 100** is more than a committee, it is a movement of engaged members who believe in the strength of solidarity and the power of collective action. As a member of this group, you will help organize the unorganized and connect with fellow workers, ensuring that no one stands alone and that every voice is heard. You will play a critical role in spreading awareness about the importance of standing together, defending workers' rights, and building a culture of mutual support across the labor movement.

Power 100 members will also help educate and mobilize our membership around civic participation, including the importance of voting in the midterm elections and beyond. Our voices matter at the ballot box just as much as they do on the job, and informed, active members are essential to shaping policies that protect working families and strengthen our communities.

Beyond the workplace, **Power 100** members will serve as ambassadors of our union values by participating in community events and outreach efforts. By showing up, volunteering, and engaging locally, we demonstrate that unions are not just about contracts, they are about people, dignity, and a better future for all.

This is a call to leadership. It is a call to those who believe that progress is made when ordinary people step forward and do extraordinary things together. By joining the Power 100, you help ensure that our union remains strong, visible, and ready to meet the challenges of the future united, informed, and empowered.

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CLUW 23rd Biennial Annual Convention

Hello SEIU Members I attended the Women of the World Unite 23rd Biennial Annual Convention for CLUW (Coalition Of Labor Union Women) in San Diego Calif. From 11/08/25 through 11/12/25. The convention was also an election year for the National Officer Council and for delegates for the National Executive Board of CLUW.

The convention had 400 members in attendance from local unions from all over the country. We learned that new chapters had been formed in Arizona and those leaders were sworn in at the convention. Guest speakers were on point with the changes and crisis we are facing in all our states and pushing for women to run for political offices that are vacant in their cities.

We addressed the Federal government shutdown and the impact it is having on our families and friends, finances, health care, childcare and just everyday living, and ways we can help each other as we move forward through the years.

We are ending this year, which has been challenging for a lot of us due to the uncertainty of our country and the unforeseen changes we have had to adapt to with this leadership that is in place. This is where we must understand the importance of our votes going forward in our states and make sure, we exercise our right to vote at the appropriate time in our perspective communities and put accountable people in place to protect our rights as citizens of this United States. Here in DC you will be voting for a new Mayor and Council Members as well as a new Chief of Police coming soon. So we need everyone to exercise your right to fill these vacancies with someone accountable and transparent to DC.

At this convention we voted for our NOC and our NEB boards for the next 2 and 4 yr terms. SEIU had lost our seat on the NOC for the last 4 years and we were able to get SEIU back on the National Officer Council by voting Beth Mikus from Pa. into this position. I (Debra Davis) was also voted in for the delegate position on the NEB of CLUW for the next 2 years to represent SEIU and grateful for the opportunity.

I encourage all SEIU members to step up and join CLUW to help women across the globe move our agenda of fairness for jobs, promotions for women and to encourage women to run for political office in your city and to lift each other up. Dues are \$15 dollars per year for your chapter dues and \$50 for your national dues. Our chapter meets once a month, come join us ladies and gents of 722. **Happy New Year To All**



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From a twelve (12) bed rented row house on 13th & F Street, to seeing more than 250,000 kids and being named one of the Top 10 pediatric hospitals in the nation; Children's National celebrates 155 years of premier service to our nations children.

Congratulations to all of our Children's members. All of your hard work has help Children's reach such a great milestone.