



## ***EXPERIENCE MATTERS***

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### ***2024 Resolutions adopted by the Senior Caucus***

1. Long term care reform – Create long-term care financial programs and promote access to community and state programs
2. Repeal of for profit HMO Law – MN HMOs should return to not-for-profit status to maximize use of earnings and healthcare spending in Minnesota
3. Protect and support scam victims – creation of a Consumer Fraud Restitution Fund
4. Silver alert – create a Silver Alert System similar to the Amber Alert System for missing

children

5. Aging in place – better organize and promote state programs designed to assist seniors with aging in place

6. End of life decisions – pass bills that allow death with dignity

7. Amend the Minnesota constitution with the Equal Rights Amendment – guarantee equal protection for women at work, in the home, with healthcare . . .

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**Senior Caucus Day on the Hill**  
**March 22, 2024                      8:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.**  
**Minnesota Capitol Room 316, third floor**

*Contact your legislators ASAP to encourage attendance. If they agree to attend email: [dfseniors@gmail.com](mailto:dfseniors@gmail.com) to Sandy.*

8:15 to 8:45 A.M.  
9:00 A.M.

Greeting Senior Caucus Members  
Program convenes with Guest Speakers  
officiated by

## Kay Hendrikson, DFL Senior Caucus Chair

Speakers: President of the Senate Bobby Joe Champion Sen. Judy Seeberger, Rep. Jess Hanson, Rep. Mike Freiberg Rep., Jeff Brand, Rep. Sandra Feist, and more!

*Refreshments will be available for guests and attendees.*

**Special Accommodations** for members, especially those with mobility issues. You may park at the DFL headquarters at 255 E. Plato Blvd. and board the DFL van to take you to the Capitol. Be there as close to 8:00 A.M. as possible. The commute is 10 minutes. The bus holds 7 people, but more than one transport can be made. The DFL van will be available about 12:00 noon to bring members back to the DFL headquarters to your vehicles.

**Wheelchair Availability** - if you prefer to use a wheelchair, we reserved two for our use that day, free of charge. Our Caucus member, Jean, will assist you at the Historical Society, Room 126 - Information Desk, located at the main entrance of the Capitol bldg. (at the East Grand stairs). You must return the wheelchairs to that same location at end of use.

**Parking** - For most members: please find parking near the Capitol. Some parking suggestions are:

- The F Ramp, includes handicapped parking spaces; near the Transportation building
- Parking under the Senate Office Bldg., also includes handicapped spaces and then you must navigate through the tunnels to the elevators.

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### ***Upcoming conventions***

- Senate District 41, March 16
- Senate District 47, April 6

- Senate District 33, TBD
  - Congressional District 2, May 11
  - Congressional District 4, May 4
  - DFL State Convention, May 31 – June 2 in Duluth
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**\*\* Coming Soon \*\***

A standardized Chapter Charter for all Chapters and for use in creating new chapters will be presented soon.

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## ***DFL Senior Caucus Recent Chapter Events***

**Anoka County Chapter** – Our February speaker was Rose Roach, National Coordinator for the Labor Campaign for Single Payor Healthcare.

**East Metro Chapter** – The topic for February was the US Supreme Court's Citizens United decision with speakers Jeff Clark and Andrew Ervin from Move to Amend.

**Mankato Area Chapter** – In February our speaker presented the St. Peter/Greater Mankato area Indivisible group.

**Minneapolis Chapter** – Our political director and committee members have drafted questionnaires for School Board and Hennepin County Commissioner Candidates for the DFL Senior Caucus to approve. The speaker for the February was member Linnea Palmisano.

**Northeast MN (Duluth) Chapter** – Our January speakers were Rep. Alicia Kozlowski and Sen. Jen McEwen presenting information on the upcoming legislative session. They are both supporters of the End of Life with Dignity bill. Gary Westorff was elected chapter Chair and Lisa Radosevich Craig was elected chapter Treasurer.

**North Metro Chapter** – Our well-received speaker for the February meeting was Speaker Melanie Hazlip, Outreach Voter Director in the

MN Secretary of State office. She spoke on the elections process, maintaining its integrity, and legislative changes in 2023.

**South Metro Chapter** – Anne Starr, longtime member and Board member passed away. She will be missed. February speakers Cindy Spellman and Linda Hopkins presented “Idiots, Drunkards and Women” on why America needs the ERA.

*Check the website for Chapter contact information and meeting dates.*

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### **SENIOR CAUCUS BOOK CLUB**

11:00 – 1:00 Monday, March 18, 2024

*Worse Than Nothing: The Dangerous Fallacy of Originalism,*

by Erwin Chemerinsky



A concise, point-by-point refutation of the theory of originalism by a noted legal scholar. It cannot deliver what it promises. Its supporters tout it as a politically neutral and objective method.

Originalist interpretation tends to disappear when its results fail to conform to modern conservative ideology.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/864466648933>

April 15: Canceled

May 20: *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond

Come with your comments and questions!

Request the link from [dflseniors@gmail.com](mailto:dflseniors@gmail.com)

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# Membership!

Join us and become an active member of our DFL Senior Caucus to help us address the needs of seniors.

[Join/Renew here](#)

*Remember you must renew your membership annually if you want to get Senior Caucus information and vote in any event.*

**No dues are required!** Because no dues are required, we would love it if you donate! [Donate Here](#)

*For more information email the Senior Caucus at: [dflseniors@gmail.com](mailto:dflseniors@gmail.com)*

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