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MINNESOTA DFL 

# SENIOR CAUCUS

MAKING A BETTER WORLD FOR OUR CHILDREN,  
OUR GRANDCHILDREN, AND OURSELVES

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*As this is a Presidential election year, we will be concentrating on supporting campaigns of Democratic candidates in every way possible. The stands on issues and the aims for the future of the country couldn't be more different and all of our energy needs to be used to combat the slide to the Radical Right. Fortunately, our Senior Caucus is strong, committed and active and we will fight for what's right.*

**2024 PRIMARY ELECTION** - August 13

First day to vote early - Friday, June 28

Last day to vote early - Monday, August 12

**2024 GENERAL ELECTION**- November 5

First day to vote early - Friday, September 20

Last day to vote early - Monday, November 4

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# KEEP MINNESOTA BLUE

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## **POSTCARD WRITING!!** ***Get Out the Vote (GOTV)***

GOTV is one of our strongest contributions to the election of Democrats statewide. It requires work from every Chapter, and we see results!

Twenty thousand or more preprinted postcards will be distributed among the Chapters to mail to targeted voters. **Numbers are key** – we must send as many cards as possible to keep Minnesota BLUE!

Targeting methods will be determined by each Chapter with assistance from the state DFL Senior Caucus. Postage will be paid by the state Caucus. The addresses will be handwritten by Chapter members, along with the names of Democratic candidates for US Congressional Districts, and MN House Districts. A handwritten message is far more effective at getting people to pay attention and, ultimately, to vote. The card will then serve as a guide for the voter to take to the polls and fill in their ballot.

Contact your Chapter Chair asap to get your postcards and mailing lists!

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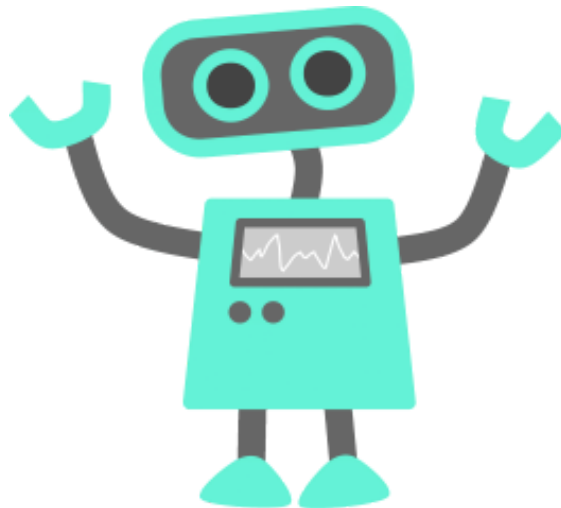
## ***Annual Membership Meeting***

Via Zoom, the Statewide Annual Membership Meeting took place on June 15. It was open to all Caucus members, with voting accorded to members in good standing (an eligible member who submits a membership form annually). The meeting was well attended with approximately 125 attendees.

In addition to the business of managing the DFL Senior Caucus, we heard inspiring and informative talks from US Representative Betty McCollum reviewing the tasks ahead, State Representative Ginny Klevorn on the Task Force on Aging, Ron Harris, the DNC Executive Committee Chair and the State

Director of “Biden for Minnesota”, and Steve Regenstreif who is Chair of the DNC Senior Council.

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## ***Senior Issue of the Month***

### **SCAMS AND FRAUDS!**

#### **Protect your digital self.**

“Phishing” is a serious threat where scammers pose as trusted people and organizations to steal your sensitive information.

To keep your information and accounts safe; recognize common phishing tactics:

- **Unexpected Requests:** A call from a familiar number asking for your password due to ‘suspicious activity.’
- **Urgent Appeals:** Emails claiming problems with your bank account that require immediate attention to avoid fees.

#### **Defend Yourself**

Protect yourself and your money with these safety measures.

- **Use Unique Passwords:** Use and regularly update unique passwords for different accounts.
- **Enhance Security:** Install and update security software on all of your digital devices. Enable multi-factor authentication for all of your accounts.
- **Verify Sources:** Always confirm requests for your sensitive information using official channels. Do not automatically use the contact

- **Too-Good-to-be-True Offers:**  
Texts offering free items in exchange for personal details like your social security number.
- **Malicious Links:** Unexpected payment links that secretly install malware on your device.
- **Impersonation/Spoofing:**  
Callers pretending to be IT professionals needing your one-time passcode to resolve an issue.
- **Careful Clicking:** Avoid clicking suspicious links or downloading unknown attachments.
- **Stay Vigilant:** Be skeptical of calls and messages that demand immediate action or personal information.

Your personal and financial information is for your eyes only. Do not respond to **unsolicited** calls, texts, emails or other messages that feel out of place.

If you have concerns about a particular offer or believe you are the victim of a scam, the MN Attorney General's Office wants to hear from you. Call (651) 296-3353 (Twin Cities Calling Area) or (800) 657-3787 (Outside the Twin Cities), or submit a [Consumer Assistance Request Form](#).



## ***Upcoming Events***

### ***Summer Cultural Celebrations and Events***

July 7-8	Hijiri (Islamic New Year)
July 14	International Non-Binary Peoples Day

July 26            Anniversary of the Americans With Disabilities Act  
August 9            International Day of the World's Indigenous People

**July Recycling Event** Lithium-ion battery recycling event at Slice of Shoreview July 26-28, 2024; Arden Hills/Shoreview Rotary Tent during the annual Slice of Shoreview celebration. Examples of items that might have rechargeable batteries to recycle are tools, toothbrushes, headphones, Bluetooth speakers, smartwatches, cell phones, tablets, and loose li-ion or nickel metal hydride batteries.

**"Social Security Fund it Fix it" Rally**

Minneapolis, July 18, 2024 11am to 1pm  
1811 Chicago Ave Minneapolis  
Alliance for Retired Americans

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## **Political Affairs Committee**

The Political Affairs Committee (PAC) reviews endorsement recommendations from the Chapters. PAC recommendations are reviewed and a decision made on candidate endorsement by the Senior Caucus Board.

To date, the Senior Caucus Board has endorsed multiple candidates based on the recommendations from the PAC and the Chapters. You can find the names of all of the Senior Caucus endorsed candidates at

<https://www.dflseniors.org/endorsements/>

Chapters: please continue to send your recommendation on DFL candidates within your districts. You can find the Endorsement Questionnaires on the website at <https://www.dflseniors.org/endorsements/>

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## **DFL Senior Caucus Book Club**

**Monday, July 22, 2024** 11:00 – 1:00

Current Book: *After the Fall: The Rise of Authoritarianism in the World We've Made* by Ben Rhodes; The author writes personally about finding hope in the belief that looking squarely at where America has gone wrong can make clear how essential it is to fight for what America is supposed to be, for our own country and the entire world. (updated edition).

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86446648933>

Or call in: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)



**August 19:** *Where Have All the Democrats Gone: The Soul of the Party in the Age of Extremes* by John B Judis and Ruy Teixeira

For more info, email to [dflseniors@gmail.com](mailto:dflseniors@gmail.com)

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