


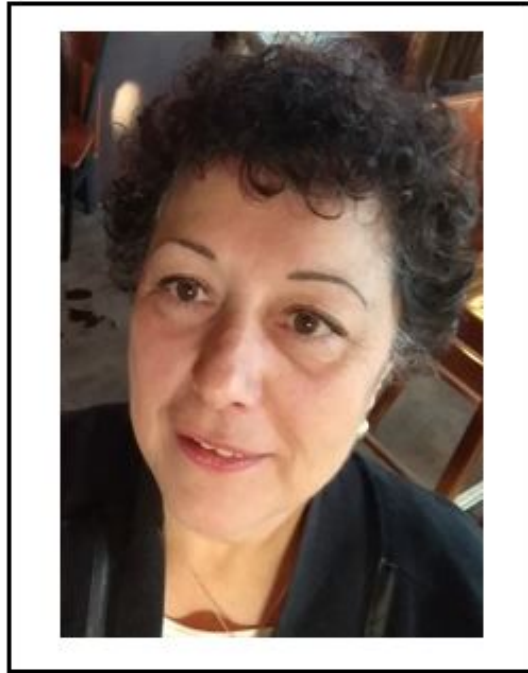
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MINNESOTA DFL 

SENIOR CAUCUS

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

2024 GENERAL ELECTION- November 5
First day to vote early - Friday, September 20
Last day to vote early - Monday, November 4



“By the way with Kay...”

Hi All,

What an exciting month! So many hopeful changes!

We have experienced one of the most thrilling and uplifting Democratic National Conventions in recent history. Our most beloved Obamas spoke at the DNC Convention laying out the Democratic vision for why we need to speak to voters about the upcoming election, in no uncertain terms. They told us how to do it - Senior Caucus Members communicating to seniors, listening to the concerns seniors face, discussing legislation that impacts their lives, and voicing support for the candidates that carry our message to the MN Capitol in St. Paul and Washington D.C. **Michelle Obama said: “*Hope is making a comeback... Let’s do something!*”**

Guess what? The Senior Caucus is doing something! The Senior Caucus did a pilot of thousands of GOTV postcard mailings 2 years ago. We hadn’t done it before. We found out by comparing voter turnout that our efforts did make a difference. Now, in 2024, this presidential year, the Senior Caucus is multiplying that by a big factor. The chapters are having postcard writing parties all over the state of MN. The Chapters are doing local targeting to get out the

most votes across Minnesota. Again, we can make comparisons after the election to see if our efforts made a difference. If you would like to participate send an email to dflseniors@gmail.com and we will get your name to the local chapter nearest you.

The postcards will go out to coincide with early voting Sept 20. The emails will go out in September and again in October to the most persuadable voters and to remind people to vote. The handwritten and printed postcards and all of the emails remind people of what is at stake for senior citizens and all citizens. Especially, this year we need to pull our bloc together to save:

- Medicare & Medicaid
- Social Security, and to
- Lower medication costs

Senator Raphael Warnock said at the 2024 Convention, ***“A vote is a kind of prayer for the World we desire for ourselves and our children.”*** Remind your friends and family to vote. The League of Women Voters says: ***“Vote like democracy depends on it – It does.”*** Now we need to turn that excitement into votes in every way we can.

Thank you to all the Senior Caucus members and all their friends and family that are enthusiastically writing and mailing GOTV cards. Thank you to all of those individuals who have generously donated to make this project work so well.

Be safe, have fun, be healthy!
Always yours,

Kay

Kay C. Hendrikson, PhD
Chair, DFL Senior Caucus.
August 2024

“We yearn for a return to an America where we work together and look out for each other... And together, we too will build a country that is more secure and more just, more equal, and more free.”

Barack Obama, 2024 DNC Convention

It's State Fair Time

The DFL Booth has been MOBBED this year!!

What an opportunity! One of the very impactful events of the year is to meet and talk to Seniors at the Minnesota State Fair, voicing support for the candidates that carry our message to St. Paul and Washington D.C. **We need your last bit of energy and enthusiasm to put in a few hours at the DFL booth on the remaining “Seniors Day”, this Thursday, August 29th.** Please volunteer by contacting our State Fair organizer Tim Bonham at 612-721-1007 or tim@t-bonham.net ASAP. Thank you!!

Political Affairs Committee

The Political Affairs Committee (PAC) has worked for many months creating questionnaires, encouraging candidate endorsements from the Chapters and producing **41** final recommendations for official endorsement by the Senior Caucus Board or Executive Committee.

Candidates can't win by themselves! We endorse those candidates who are particularly responsive to senior issues to help bring them over the line!

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

DFL Senior Caucus Chapter Reports

Northeast Duluth Chapter highlights:

Speaker: Defending Democracy - We Choose Us (WCU) is a state-wide collaborative hoping to create relationships with County Commissioners, Auditors, Attorneys, and City Clerks across Minnesota with the hope of learning more about our electoral process and the people who run elections in our county. Once relationship building has begun, WCU members will be attending St. Louis County Board meetings.

East Metro Chapter highlights:

Our speaker was Laurel Heppner of the Heppner Group, an insurance brokerage firm. Laurel spoke in detail and with a great deal of expertise on the current status of Medicare benefits, changes to come and comparisons between Medicare Advantage and Medicare Supplement Policies. This was our greatest attendance since the pandemic.

Tech Notes

From Senior Caucus Technology Chair

The Statewide Voter Access Network (VAN) is a database available to our DFL Senior Caucus for free to use in our vote-building activities. Technology Chair Bill Middlecamp is available to provide VAN search-output lists on request. There are many search criteria that can be used. The most useful ones are voting districts, Zip codes, age range, sex, probable political affiliation, and voting record. The lists can be printed to PDF files as labels, walking lists, or calling lists, and the lists can be sorted on several attributes, such as precinct, and street address. Before contacting Bill, consider how many names or addresses and the demographic criteria you would like to target. Then, get on Bill's schedule for an interactive session to refine the search

criteria to reach your target contact numbers.

To contact Bill use the Senior Caucus email dfiseniors@gmail.com



Upcoming Cultural Celebrations and Events

SOM-FEST: Somali Culture & Music Night

<https://www.instagram.com/minneapolisparks/p/C-76u7dCbm8/>

Saturday, August 31, 2024 at 6:00PM – 8:00PM CDT

Lake Harriet Bandshell, 4135 W Lake Harriet Pkwy, Minneapolis, MN 55409

Native American Music and Arts Festival

Sunday, September 1, 2024

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Mille Lacs Indian Museum and Trading Post
43411 Oodena Dr., Onamia, MN 56359

African Village EXPO in the Park Event

Date and time; Saturday, September 14 · 10am - 10pm CDT

Location: Centennial Park, Centennial Softball Picnic Shelter
6301 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

12th Annual Festival de las Calaveras: Twin Cities Latinx Music + Arts Festival; Tlalnepantla Arts

Date and time: Saturday, November 2 · 6 - 11pm CDT.

Location: The Cedar Cultural Center; 416 Cedar Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55454

DFL Code of Conduct

Each time there is an election of leaders in a DFL group, the new and returning leaders are encouraged to sign the DFL Code of Conduct understanding form. Whether or not each leader signs it, they are expected to abide by the DFL Code of Conduct. Senior Caucus board members and Chapter leadership are considered DFL leaders and should abide by the DFL Code of Conduct and sign the form.

In general, the DFL Code of Conduct outlines what behavior will not be tolerated and that the DFL members are expected to act in a respectful manner. This would of course, mean no harassment -- physical, sexual, or otherwise. It also means no bullying, no name calling, and no intimidation. All of those inappropriate types of behaviors provide a “chilling” effect on everyone, not only on the targeted individual but also on any individuals who observe this inappropriate behavior.

It is not enough to say that “I’ve been here so long everyone knows it’s just the way I am” or “I’ve always ‘spoken’ my mind.” Name calling, bullying, any type of intimidation, are hurtful remarks. These hurtful remarks cannot be tolerated in the DFL party or the Senior Caucus.

If you are in an elected or appointed position, in the Chapter or on the Senior Caucus Board, you are a leader of the Senior Caucus. Please sign the Code of Conduct understanding form. Here is the link:

<https://dfl.org/codeofconduct/>

DFL Senior Caucus Book Club

Senior Caucus readers, do you know that we sponsor a book club? Once a month (third Monday at 11:00am, using Zoom), we discuss a book chosen by the group. Topics include politics,



history, and science to help us understand our current political climate. Information is on the dflseniors.org website

**Next book club Zoom meeting:
September 16, 2024; 11:00 – 1:00 Monday**

*Vision: a Memoir of Blindness and Justice by
David S. Tatel*

Judge Tatel served thirty years on the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. This memoir describes how he came to embody the ideal of a judge, while blind for more than half his life.

We would love to have you join us. For more info: dflseniors@gmail.com

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