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2024 GENERAL ELECTION- November 5
Last day to vote early - Monday, November 4



VOTE!!

32 Days to Victory

Get all of your friends and family to vote!

Senator Raphael Warnock, 2024 Convention

“A vote is a kind of prayer for the world we desire for ourselves and our children.”

Senior Caucus Phase I Get Out the Vote (GOTV): sent over 13,000 printed and handwritten postcards identifying local, state and federal candidates and targeted to voters 50+ specific to each Chapter area is

complete! With phenomenal support of every Chapter in our Caucus, the cards were hand personalized and mailed to coincide with the beginning of early voting.

Thank you to all the Chapters that so enthusiastically personalized and mailed GOTV cards, and those individuals who have generously donated \$\$ to this effort!! And a special thank you to our Technology Chair, Bill Middlecamp, for all of his work with the Chapters to target the precise voters!

Senior Caucus Phase II Get Out the Vote (GOTV): GOTV emails going out across the state of Minnesota in advance of election day. These individual contacts are targeted by each Chapter to cover the most needed and likely voters in each District.

Sept 17 – what’s at stake, please vote

October 1 – General early voting reminder

November 2 – Final early voting reminder

November 5 – Election Day reminder

Now, we need to keep talking to voters with messages of the importance of voting and the benefits to our quality of life with wins for Democrats - locally, statewide, and in federal races!

“There will be time to sleep when you’re dead!”

Tim Walz, Vice President Nominee, from our Home State!!



Presidential Campaign

Exciting Endorsements for Harris/Walz from Non-Democrats

- Former Minnesota Governor Republican Arne Carlson

- 200+ Staffers for four former Republican presidential nominees
- 111 Republican former national security and foreign policy officials
- 16 Former GOP Representatives
- 4 Former GOP Governors
- 12 Republican White House Attorneys



Legislative Coordinating Commission
Legislative Task Force on Aging

Minnesota Legislative Task Force on Aging

DFL Senior Caucus testimony to the Minnesota Legislative Task Force on Aging.

Kay Hendrikson, Chair of the DFL Senior Caucus, testified at the Minnesota Legislative Task Force on Aging on behalf of over 900 Senior Caucus members statewide in September 2024.

Dr. Hendrikson summarized the DFL Senior Caucus advocacy efforts for the last 20 years. She summarized that *“Aging is not a human services delivery issue -- this is a societal issue.”* She went on to say: We need a cabinet level leadership position, with authority, with oversight, and with adequate budget to accomplish these very necessary functions.

This was a comprehensive presentation that emphasized the nonpartisan needs and solutions for Minnesota seniors statewide. She emphasized the need for an overall cabinet level leadership commissioner or entity to ensure advocacy, oversight and, importantly,

budgeted amounts to make senior issues priorities within State functions. You are strongly encouraged to read her testimony at <https://www.dflseniors.org/professor-schultz-analyzes-the-election-results/>

DFL Booth at the MN State Fair

This year the DFL Booth at the MN State Fair was mobbed with energized supporters of the Harris/Walz campaign, expressing excitement and support, volunteering, and purchasing LOTS of campaign merchandise. It was inspiring to see! A huge thank you goes to our Senior Caucus volunteers who staffed the booth on the Senior Days, spreading the message of senior issues and recruiting new members.

“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, 2008 Convention

Membership!

Membership Committee Report

Our strength lies in more members and more voices, actively and loudly supporting senior issues!

- Membership across the state is 990 members strong!

- Caucus Chair is in discussion with 4 additional chapters/groups to revitalize or begin next year.
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Upcoming Cultural Celebrations and Events

Twin Cities Digital Artist Marlena Myles, a member of the Spirit Lake Dakota tribe, presents an augmented reality art exhibition at the Arboretum. Learn more at

<https://www.exploreminnesota.com/event/dakota-sacred-hoop-walk/29010>

Dates throughout October

Señorita Mariposa - September 19 through October 6, 2024

A bilingual adventure across America! Take flight and discover just how big Señorita Mariposa's mundo maravilloso is as we follow the monarch butterflies journey from Canada to Mexico on this beautiful English and Spanish adventure. *Based on the book by Ben Gundersheimer.* For more information:

<https://www.stagetheatre.org/senorita-mariposa/>

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

<https://www.festivalcalaveras.com/>

DFL Senior Caucus Book Club

American Midnight: the Great War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis, by Adam Hochschild; A reassessment of the period between World War I and the Roaring Twenties, when American democracy was threatened by war, pandemic, and violence, fueled by battles over race, immigration, and the rights of labor.



Join Zoom Meeting:

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

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

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