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Senior Caucus News Blast

March 10, 2025

DAY on the HILL



DFL Senior Caucus

Day on the Hill

Tuesday, March 25, 9:00 a.m. – noon
Doors open at 8:30 a.m.

Lady Slipper Room*, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar St., Saint Paul
Close Parking**, Accessible, Coffee & Donuts provided. Zoom participation available.

Join us to hear from and engage with our legislators and party leaders including

Senator Lindsey Port SD55 on Senior Housing
Representative Dave Pinto SD64B on Fraud
Kathy Kelso, Legislative Task Force on Aging
Representatives Esther Agbaje 59B, Ethan Cha 47B, Mary Frances Clardy 53A,
Alex Falconer 49A, Sandra Feist 39B, Peter Fischer 44A, Mike Freiberg 43B, Julie Greene 50A

Also hear from candidates for DFL Party Offices including
Richard Carlbom (running for Chair), Lindy Sowmick (running for Treasurer)

*The Lady Slipper Room is on the first floor, accessed without steps from the parking lot on the southeast side.
**Centennial Parking Ramp, Orange Level – Southeast corner of Rev. Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd. and W. Central Park Pl, enter from Rev. Dr. MLK Jr. Blvd. This ramp includes handicapped parking on the orange level.

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Please RSVP to dflseniors@gmail.com

If you want to attend through zoom send an email to dflseniors@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE

Put these on your calendar!

Next up is our annual event **Day on the Hill!!**

Invite your local legislators to come and present to our board members.

Lady Slipper Room in the Centennial Building in St Paul. This is a HYBRID meeting. Space is limited please RSVP to Don Slaten and MaryAnn VanDeVusse at dflseniors@gmail.org

Watch for your zoom link; it will come from dflseniors@gmail.com

Senior Caucus Events for 2025

Save the Date!

- Event: Day on the Hill: **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

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- Event: Annual Membership Meeting: Saturday, June 14
- Event: Summer Social: July 12, hosted by Duluth Chapter
- Event: State Fair hosted by Minneapolis Chapter:
 - Monday, August 25, and
 - Thursday, August 28
- Event: Gala: date TBD, hosted by South Metro Chapter

LEGISLATORS TO CONTACT:

Call, email, and write postal letters. Doesn't matter if they are democrats or republicans. If you are unhappy about what is going on, they represent you.

If all 1000 Senior Caucus members CALL or WRITE them once or twice a week or a month, they will get the message. This is why we are a state wide team – to make a difference!!

<https://www.house.gov/representatives#state-minnesota>

Find your local legislators here: <https://ballotpedia.org/Minnesota>

For lots of election information: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/>

Amy Klobuchar:

<https://www.klobuchar.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/email-amy>

Tina Smith: <https://www.smith.senate.gov/share-your-opinion/>

Betty McCollum: <https://mccollum.house.gov/contact/email>

GUESS WHAT?

They seem to pay even more attention to phone calls.

KEEP CALLING!!

SAMPLE LETTER TO LEGISLATOR

Dear Representative/Senator <Name>,

I am your constituent in <City>. I am writing to express my concerns about <issue, include bill number if relevant>. I'm concerned that <negative outcome>. {repeat for additional outcomes but keep it brief – no more than 3}.

<Describe relevant expertise you have on the issue and/or the personal impact of the issue.>

<Describe support you've provided: voting, donating, campaign volunteer>

I understand that being in the minority right now, Democrats are limited in our ability to block these disastrous appointments/changes. I want you to know that I am a loyal voter and strongly support any efforts you make to prevent the dismantling of services that are critical to Minnesota and the country. Feel free to contact me for more information.

<Your signature and your contact information>

Membership!

MEMBERSHIP

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

- If you want to vote you must be a registered member!
- All members must re-register every year. Go to the Senior Caucus website and the [Join/Renew button](#). Don't forget we must have an address.
- Our technology is easier to send you voting PINS if you have a Gmail address.
- What is a member of the Senior Caucus: When people join, they become members of the DFL Senior Caucus as a whole (not a specific chapter!). You may indicate which chapter you would like to attend, but you can attend **any** chapter meetings. People can be members of multiple chapters and do not have to live in the area of the chapter.
- Help wanted: The membership committee is looking for folks who are willing to help with the "New Member Welcome" plan. We still need folks who will make phone calls, work on "New Member Welcome", and help develop new chapters. If you would like to join the Membership committee contact Jennifer Willette at the dflseniors.org_email address.

DFL Senior Caucus Book Club

On the third Monday of the month, 11:00am, using Zoom, we discuss a book on politics, history, and/or science to understand current events.



Next book club Zoom meeting:

March 17: *The Scheme: How the Right Wing Used Dark Money to Capture the Supreme Court*
by Sheldon Whitehouse and Jennifer Mueller

More information is available on the

dflseniors.org website.

To request zoom link: dflseniors@gmail.com

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