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MN GUILD NEWSLETTER



Left: SPFE reached a Tentative Agreement almost a week before their planned strike. Guild members and organizers Caitlin Reid and Clara Dockter are seated second and third from the left. See the Week of Action section for more!

COME BOWLING WITH US!

We need a few more members to fill our team for the SPRLF Labor Bowl. Free game and shoe rental! [Tell Allana that you want in](#) before April 5th.

May 2, 2024 | 2:00, 4:00, or 6:00 p.m. currently available
Sun Ray Lanes 2245 Hudson Rd, St Paul, MN 55119

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Labor Writing Workshop

11:30AM-1:00PM | Tuesday, March 26th *Virtual, \$25 fee*

Hosted by: Labor Education Service (*U of M*). Documenting the experiences of working people is why the labor movement has such a rich history. This class will explore literature by and about working people. Attendees will have space to write about their own experiences and share their own work. [Register here.](#)

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MN Guild Membership Meeting

6:00PM | Wednesday, March 27th *Virtual*

All members are welcome to attend! [Email Marilyn](#) to request the Zoom link. The next meeting won't be until May.

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"Covering Politics in Greater Minnesota"

5:00PM Journalism Mixer, 7:00PM Forum | Wednesday, April 10th

Zeitgeist Restaurant & Bar, Duluth, MN

Free event! [Contact Neal Justin](#) (*Star Tribune*) to reserve your spot.

For more info, see the Human Rights Committee Corner article on the next page.

CASH (\$) FOR COLLEGE

CWA Joe Beirne Scholarship

Did you know that CWA National offers partial college scholarships every year to some applicants? CWA members, their spouses, children, and grandchildren, including the dependents of retired, laid-off, or deceased members have the opportunity to apply for one of 16 partial college scholarships (\$4,000 each for 2 years). Winners are drawn randomly from among eligible applicants. To find out more and apply go to: www.cwa.org/beirne

Final deadline for the 2024-2025 school year is **April 30, 2024** at 11:00 p.m. CDT.

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HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE CORNER

Greater Minnesota Forum and Mixer Brings Together Journalists for Important Conversations By Neal Justin (*Star Tribune*)

The Minnesota Newspaper and Communications Guild is one of several sponsors for a series of exciting, educational events in Duluth on Wednesday, April 10.

Activities kick off at 2 p.m. with a student workshop at the University of Minnesota Duluth aimed at high-school and college students with a keen interest in journalism. Special guests include Laura McCallum, politics and government editor for the Star Tribune; Neal Justin, TV critic for the Star Tribune; Laura Lee, Northern News Now anchor; and Katie Rohman, managing editor for the Duluth News Tribune.

That will be followed by a journalism mixer from 5-7 p.m. at Zeitgeist Restaurant & Bar. All working journalists are welcome to attend. We are particularly keen in seeing lots of fellow Guild members from the Duluth News Tribune. Appetizers will be served.

At 7 p.m. there will be a public forum, "Covering Politics in Greater Minnesota." Forum Topics will include:

- What is the role of journalists in a divisive political climate?
- How can they do a better job of covering races and issues in areas outside of major metropolitan areas?
- How can we all work together to combat misleading news?

Panelists include Iron Range author Aaron Brown, The Timberjay publisher Marshall Helmberger, Duluth News Tribune reporter Tom Olsen, WDIO anchor Renee Passal and Laura McCallum, politics and government editor at the Star Tribune.

These activities are designed to cater to readers and journalists who live outside the Twin Cities area, towns where getting responsible, accurate news is more challenging than ever. Both evening events are free, but you need to sign up ahead of time. Seating for the forum is limited. Contact [Neal Justin at njustin@startribune.com](mailto:njustin@startribune.com) to reserve a spot for either or both events.

Joining the Guild in sponsorship is the University of Minnesota Duluth, AAJA, TCBJ, SPJ Minnesota and the Star Tribune.

Join some of the most influential media leaders in the state for a panel discussion and Q&A.

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR 2024

Second Tuesday of the Month
at 10-11am CT.

[Join us on Zoom.](#)

TOP: Rebecca Chang and Jayson Gallager (UFCW 663) were spotted by Larry Nelson (FairVote MN) at the rally to support nursing home workers – part of the Week of Action. BOTTOM: Take Action members, staff, and family pose in front of the capitol at the Good Schools and Dignified Work rally.



Guild Members Join the Picket Lines in March's Week of Action

The first and second week of March, many unions and worker-organizations coordinated strikes and rallies to show a unified labor coalition. Our members showed up to support each other and important causes that affect all workers. The united campaign was so successful that most of the contentious contracts were settled before the planned strikes or just after.

WEEK OF ACTION EVENTS

3/1-3/2 UFCW 663 - REI (Maple Grove) workers strike

3/4-3/6 SEIU 26 - Janitors ULP strike

3/6 Unite HERE 17, others – Rally for Dignified Work (MSP airport)

3/7 CTUL - March in Solidarity with Construction Workers

3/8 SPFE, others - Rally for Good Schools and Dignified Work

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