

SCFL Community Services Committee Report for Monday - 15 April 2024

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2024 WI State AFL-CIO Community Services Conference

The 2024 Conference was held at the Madison Concourse Hotel on March 21st and 22nd. There weren't a lot of Locals from the area that attended so I am curious as to why Locals DON'T attend. NO judgement, just would like to know what could be done differently.

Lots of Layoffs Happening - Please Reach Out!

There are a number of layoffs happening in our area and, in many cases, the companies involved do NOT have to do the official WARN (because it's not a complete closing or the percentage of those affected is under 25%). Please reach out as there IS help available - but if the WDBSCW doesn't know, they can't start the process.

Volunteer Your Time - Providing Help Right Now!!

If you personally or as a group/family want to help out by volunteering with area agencies in Dane County, there is a local website, <http://www.volunteeryourtime.org/>, which allows you to look for opportunities. For Dane County employees, this is the source for opportunities where you can "invest" your allowed/granted eight hours of volunteer time annually. Do let me know if you need help finding something of interest.

Insurance on the Market Place and HealthConnect

On the HealthCare.gov Marketplace, anyone qualifying for Special Enrollment can sign up at any time. And HealthConnect is a program where people making up to 150% of the federal poverty level (FPL) who live in Dane County could have their premium cost paid up front (not a reimbursement).

United Way 211 - Help Starts Here

United Way 211 is a free, confidential information and referral resource available via telephone (voice or text) 24 hours a day, every day. It covers the entire state and you reach a "live" resource specialist by simply calling 211 on your telephone or texting your zip code to 898-211. If you prefer, the information is also available online at <https://211wisconsin.org/>.

National Association of Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive

This annual event - the largest single day collection of food in the nation - will be held on Saturday, May 11th. Locally, the NALC is partnering with Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin who will be seeking volunteers for the Westside station (Struck Street) and at the Main Post Office (where food comes in at the Carrier Annex). And The River Food Pantry is covering Hilldale. In a change from last month, SCFL is no longer "staffing" the South Side station (at 820 West Wingra Drive) - that will be done by the Goodman Community Center. This leaves just the Capitol Station (at 702 East Washington Avenue) for SCFL. So we need to find volunteers - probably two to four people, from about 1p to 6p, would do it. If you are able to help out, please let me know directly.

