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Labor Quote: With all their faults, trade unions have done more for humanity than any other organization of men that ever existed. They have done more for decency, for honesty, for education, for the betterment of the race, for the developing of character in men, than any other association of men. Clarence Darrow

Labor History: June 13, 1963 – Medgar Evers, civil rights leader, assassinated.

FSW's LOSS OF A DEAR FRIEND AND UNION ACTIVIST.

The Rochester Labor community has lost a dear friend, co worker and union activist, Delores "Dina" Finn. Dina held many positions within our local over the years. Most recently, she was a trustee and a Marshall for the Labor Day parade. She will be missed.

ELECTIONS

We will be holding elections 7/23/09 for the following positions within our local; Grievance co-Chair for Services, Steward St Paul 6th floor, Steward YFP/FACT/IMPACT. The nominations are open effective today through 6/29/09. The nominations will close at our membership meeting on 6/29/09. If you have any questions or to nominate yourself or someone else, contact Joyce Rumpf, Election Chair at joyce.rumpf@dfa.state.ny.us.

Absentee ballots will be available 7/6/09 – 7/17/09, contact Joyce Rumpf for an absentee ballot.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JUNE 29 AT 5:30 PM AT THE UNION OFFICE

The agenda will include updates on negotiations, national convention, grievances/arbitrations and upcoming events. In addition, we will close the nominations for elections and hear from one or two of our committee chairpersons.

Health & Safety

FSW Health and Safety Chair is Geena Cruz (Employment Unit at Westfall). The co Chair is Jean Filipowski (Preventive Unit at St Paul St). These leaders

also co chair the joint Health & Safety meeting with our department, the health department and CSEA members. I am asking that all issues dealing with health & safety be directed to them first (before you start sending emails to Perry Wheeler or other Administrators). Both Geena & Jean are on the dfa email system. They will gladly address building, parking lot and all other safety issues. Just as a reminder, I am asking all members who complete an incident report, to please fax a copy to the union office. This will also assist them in being sure that all issues are being addressed in a timely manner.

NEXT GENERATION UNITED

Formally known as the under 40 or young unionist group. Next Generation United is a network of younger labor delegates who will represent a voice for the next generation of their union local. They will be meeting on July 1, 5:30 – 7 pm at the NYSUT building (30 N Union St, Samson Rm). I am looking for FSW members who are young or young at heart who would like to begin to learn more about the union movement. And those who keep saying "I would like to become more active in the union, but don't know where to start". Our local is very active locally and nationally in the labor movement. This group would like our local to appoint 2 delegates, who will have voting rights, to Next Generation United. The meetings are open to every union member. For more information on the group or meeting information contact Julie Schmidtke at 301-1920 or Julie@nilico.com. If you are interested in being a delegate for FSW please, contact the union office.

SAVE THE DATES

August 9, 2009 – Golf Tournament at Webster Golf Club. The next organizational meeting will be 7/13/09 at noon at the union office.

For us golf challenged folks, including myself, we will have a putt-putt course set up during the golf tournament for employees and their family and friends.

Yankee's tickets – These tickets will be sold up to & during the golf tournament. These are special raffle tickets for an overnight stay & Yankee tickets to the new Yankee stadium. Game date is August 28, 2009. These tickets are 3 for \$10. St Paul St., contact Gladys Garcia. At Westfall contact Michelle Alamio or Pearlie Myrthil.

September 25, 2009 – FSW 50th Anniversary Gala at the Rochester Convention Center. The next organizational meeting will be 6/8/09 7/13/09 at 11 am at the union office. We need all members to get involved to make this a success. How can you help, FSW will be selling journal ads for the Gala. Attached is a journal ad form. We are asking everyone to talk to a companies you do business with, religious organization, or community group to encourage them to purchase an ad to help off set the expense of the Gala. Any questions, contact the union office.

October 23, 2009 – FSW Human Services Worker of the Year award. Rochester Convention Center. The next organizing meeting will be 7/13 at 11:30 am at Flanders.

TEST PREP STUDY GROUP DATES

Thank you to Joan & Jim for all of their assistance and to everyone who participated.

CORPORATE CHALLENGE

Was rained out however, Those of us who attended enjoyed each others company and the food catered by Dinosaur BBQ. A big “**THANK YOU**” to Ed Wawrzaszek for all is work in organizing the event. This was Ed's first time at this event. Theresa Henry, a member from Child Support, slipped, fell and broke her foot/leg n 2 places. We all wish her a speedy and pain free recovery

Alyssa's Angels Dancing in the street held May 30th.

The event as over shadowed by the air show. However, over \$2000 was raised for Alyssa's Angels.