

## August Newsletter

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**Meeting Dates**

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| <b>Executive Board Mtg</b>                                 | <b>August 5, 2021</b>       |
| <b>Membership Meeting</b>                                  | <b>September 2<br/>2021</b> |
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| <b>All Membership meetings<br/>will begin at 6:30 p.m.</b> |                             |

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

As we start to get back to normal, we will be holding our 1<sup>st</sup> in **person membership meeting** since Covid restrictions began. The meeting will be held at the Rockford Labor Temple 212 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street in Rockford on 9-2-21 beginning at 6:30 PM.

**CONVENTION CALL**

AFSCME Council 31 will be holding its bi-annual convention in Springfield this year. The convention dates are 10-14-21 through 10-17-21. **Elections will be held for those interested in attending the convention at our 9-2-21 membership meeting that will be held in Rockford at 212 S. 1st St. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.**

Those interested in participating in the convention should be at this meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you need to send an email to Alice Sutherland at [presidentafscmelocal448@gmail.com](mailto:presidentafscmelocal448@gmail.com) indicating that you are interested in attending the convention. **Any email must be received prior to the beginning of the meeting which will be 6:30 PM 9-2-21. If it is received after that time, the sender will not be eligible to be included in the participant election.**

Conventions are a great way to get to know your union brothers and sisters, as well as a chance to attend workshops on many topics which can help us in our daily lives. If you have never attended a convention, I would encourage you to consider it.

**BAD ADDRESSES**

If you move, don't forget to let your steward know your new address or send an email to Alice Sutherland at [presidentafscmelocal448@gmail.com](mailto:presidentafscmelocal448@gmail.com). Each month we get several newsletters back because members have moved and we don't have an updated address. Member's if you know of someone who has moved, make sure to reach out to them and let them know they need to update their address with us. We want everyone to stay informed.

### **LABOR DAY PARADE AND PICNIC IS A GO!!**

After being canceled last year due to Covid 19, Rockford United Labor's Labor Day parade and picnic is scheduled for Monday 9-6-21!! As always, our local will be participating in the parade.

This year we will also be purchasing food and drink tickets for the picnic which is held after the parade at Davis Park. These tickets will be distributed first to those marching in the parade (members and their families). Watch our Facebook page and website for info on where and when to meet to line up for the parade. Hope to see you there!!

We have all worked extremely hard since Covid began. We deserve to take a day and celebrate. Even if you can't march in the parade, come on down to the picnic and enjoy the fun.

Unfortunately, there will be no Labor Day pageant this year. However, anyone who would like to represent the Princess, Miss, or Queen category, is welcome to ride along in the parade with our local.

### **CONTRACT UPDATES**

We are still waiting for hard copies of the contract which CMS is responsible for having printed. Apparently, no one wanted to submit a bid to do the work. They now have a vendor who is working on it, but we still do not know when it will be available. Until then, you should be able to access an electronic copy on your agency's internal website or you can access it by using the following links.

Full Contract [https://www2.illinois.gov/cms/personnel/employeeresources/Documents/emp\\_afscme15-23.pdf](https://www2.illinois.gov/cms/personnel/employeeresources/Documents/emp_afscme15-23.pdf)

MOU [https://www2.illinois.gov/cms/personnel/employeeresources/Documents/emp\\_afscme15-23mou.pdf](https://www2.illinois.gov/cms/personnel/employeeresources/Documents/emp_afscme15-23mou.pdf)

Appendix A [https://www2.illinois.gov/cms/personnel/employeeresources/Documents/emp\\_afscme15-23appendixa.pdf](https://www2.illinois.gov/cms/personnel/employeeresources/Documents/emp_afscme15-23appendixa.pdf)

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### **CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS!!**

It is with great pleasure that we are announcing this year's winners of the Cyndi Overton Memorial Scholarship.

**Hayden Zaluckyj** – Hayden is the son of Jennifer Zaluckyj who works for DCFS

**Joe Gibbons** – Joe is the son of Joyce Gibbons who works for EPA

**Kaylee Runte** – Kaylee is the daughter of Eileen Runte who works for DCFS

**Olivia Ankney** – Olivia is the daughter of Shannon Hughes who works for DHS.

Congratulations to you all!!

### **SPRING FORWARD TOGETHER EVENTS**

Our Spring Forward Together events which were held in Rockford, Dixon, DeKalb and Freeport were a great success!! We could have had a better turnout in a few areas but those who came had a great time meeting other union brothers and sisters. We look forward to more events in the future.

# LABOR DAY PICNIC & CAR SHOW

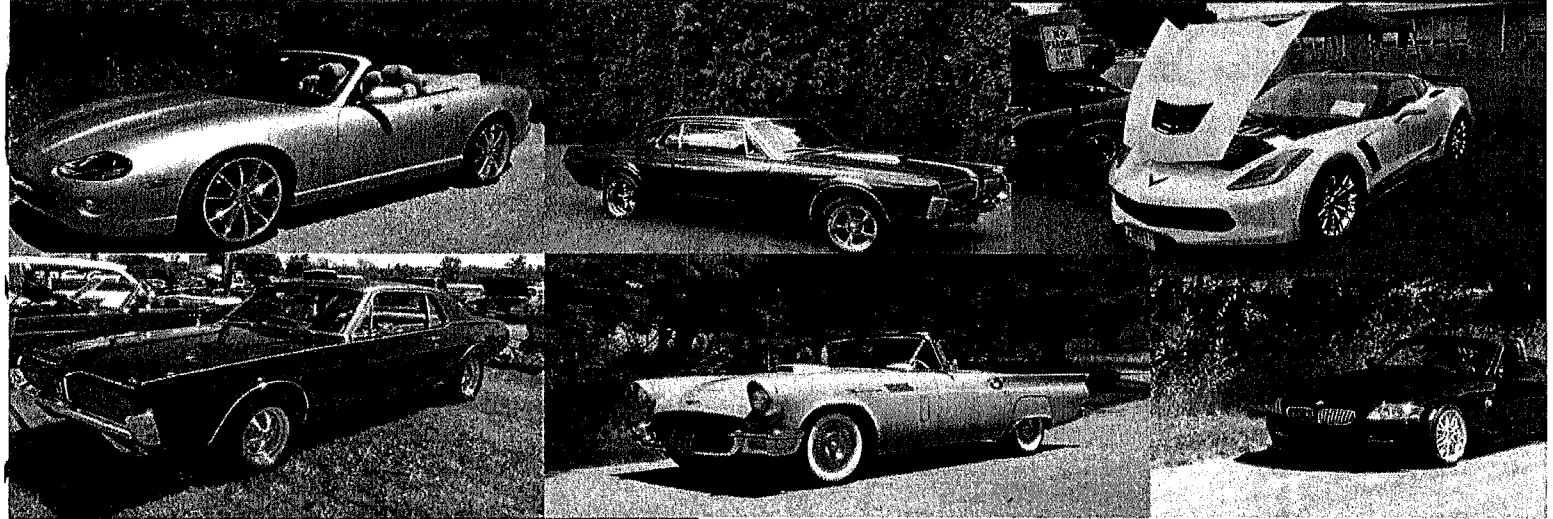
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TO BENEFIT UNITED WAY OF ROCK RIVER VALLEY.



**\$20 ENTRY FEE**  
(CAR SHOW REGISTRATION)

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2021**

**DAVIS PARK - 320 SOUTH WYMAN STREET**

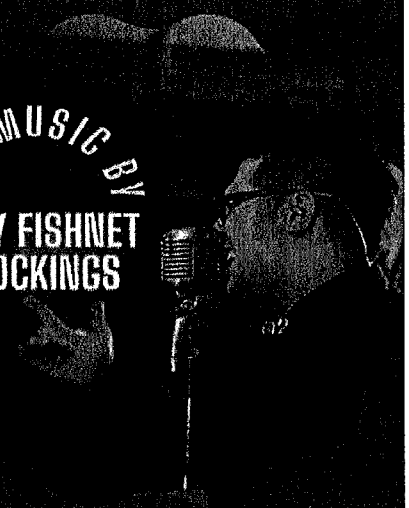
**FOOD TICKETS : \$7.00** PER PERSON  
**BEER TICKETS : \$4.00** PER PERSON

**CAR SHOW REGISTRATION FROM 8AM-12PM**  
**EVENT TIME 10AM - 3PM**

**AWARDS:**  
TOP 40  
MANY BEST OF  
JACK CALDWELL  
MEMORIAL AWARD  
AND MORE!

AGAIN  
THIS YEAR WE HAVE  
" VENDORS ROW "

LIVE MUSIC BY  
DIRTY FISHNET  
STOCKINGS



CAR SHOW: PLEASE CONTACT RON MAHNKE, 779-423-8708  
FOOD AND BEER TICKETS: PLEASE CONTACT GINA MEEKS 815-419-1143

## CHERRY DESSERT

¼ cup of graham cracker crumbs  
¾ cup margarine-melted  
1 (8 ounce) package of cream cheese  
½ cup white sugar  
1 dash vanilla extract  
1 dash almond extract  
1 cup of heavy cream1 (12 ounce) can cherry pie filling

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9x9-inch baking dish. IN a small bowl, combine graham cracker crumbs and melted margarine. Stir well and press into baking dish. Bake 5 minutes and cool.

In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, sugar, vanilla and almond extract. Mix well. In a medium bowl, whip cream until stiff peaks form. Fold whipped cream into cream cheese mixture. Spread over cooled crust. Dot with cherry pie filling and smooth with knife or spatula to cover. Chill in refrigerator until serving.

Enjoy!!

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