

## May Newsletter

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**Meeting Dates**

**ZOOM MEETING**  
 Contact Alice for link to  
 Zoom meeting

**June 3, 2021**

**All Membership meetings  
 will begin at 6:30 p.m.**

**CYNDI OVERTON SCHOLARSHIP**

Cindi Overton was an AFSCME Local 448 Executive Board member for many years. She worked tirelessly for all our members but especially those at Child Support. Cindi passed away several years ago. We honor her memory each year with the Cindi Overton Memorial Scholarship.

Applications for the scholarship will be available on our website <https://www.afscme448.org> beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. Applications must be post marked no later than July 1, 2021 to be considered.

**Pro-UNION ACT WILL EMPOWER WORKERS**

In a huge win for the labor movement, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act on March 9. Through the PRO Act, labor laws will be reformed to give power back to workers so they can freely organize unions.

“The PRO Act would help unrig the system and neutralize unscrupulous employers who use coercion, intimidation tactics and retaliatory threats against workers trying to organize,” AFSCME President Lee Saunders said. “You shouldn’t fear for your job simply for exercising the right to band together in the workplace.” The PRO Act prohibits retaliation by employers against workers seeking to form a union and gives authority to the National Labor Relations Act to fine and penalize employers engaging in such unfair labor practices.

“I believe every worker deserves a free and fair choice to join a union—and the PRO Act will bring us closer to that reality,” President Biden said. “I urge Congress to send it to my desk so we can summon a new wave of worker power and create an economy that works for everyone.”

The bill now moves to the Senate where it is expected to meet opposition. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer has publicly stated that he will bring the PRO Act (S 420) to a full Senate floor vote once the legislation has attained 50 Senate co-sponsors of either party.

## **DHS HELD FIRST NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION**

Executive Board member and DHS Steward Jeff Bergstrom held our local's first ever virtual NEO. Jeff had 13 participants from DHS that have been hired since we have been living in the Covid-19 world. Everything went well and we look forward to doing more virtual new employee orientations in the future.

## **BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP**

On the job you get the protection of a contract and more strength in the workplace. Off the job, the Union Privilege benefits, endorsed by AFSCME, give you and your family more buying power in the marketplace. With the savings these members-only benefits provide—being an AFSCME member makes sense.

AFSCME Advantage: These benefits are known as "AFSCME Advantage" and they include:

**Credit card:** A low rate, money-saving credit card.

**Mortgages:** A mortgage and real estate program that makes home buying, selling and refinancing easier and more affordable.

**Scholarships:** A scholarship and award program that benefits children of active AFSCME members.

**Life insurance:** Affordable, quality term life insurance designed to help AFSCME members provide for their families.

**Legal Service:** Free and discounted legal advice for AFSCME members and their families. For more information go to AFSCME Advantage | American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

If you are already an AFSCME member and would like to know more details about these programs.

## **RECIPE**

- 1 cake mix, prepared into two round cakes
- 1.5 quart ice cream, softened
- 1/2 cup hot fudge sauce, room temperature
- 16 Oreo cookies
- 8 oz whipped topping, thawed
- Prepare the devil's food cake mix into two 8 inch round cake pan, let cook completely. Wrap with plastic wrap and place each layer in a large zip close bag and place in the freezer. You'll save one for later and use one for this recipe.
- Using the same size cake pan that you baked the cake in, line it with plastic wrap or parchment paper and place the softened ice cream in it and spread into an even layer. Top with plastic wrap and place back in the freezer until set.
- Just before assembling the cake combine 10 finely chopped Oreo cookies and All BUT 1 tablespoon of the hot fudge sauce in a bowl.

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## **RECIPE CONTINUED**

- Place one layer of the chocolate cake on your cake stand (or large plate) and spread the hot fudge cookie mixture over the top in an even layer. Carefully place the ice cream layer on top and frost the cake with the thawed whipped topping.
- Decorate the sides and top with the remaining cookies and hot fudge sauce. Place back in the freezer until set. Just before serving, take the cake out and let sit at room temperature for 10 to 15 minutes for easy slicing.

ENJOY!!

## **INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS**

You can find us at our Facebook site through AFSCME Local 448 or on our AFSCME Local 448 website at <https://www.afscme448.org>.



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