

## April Newsletter

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**Meeting Dates**

Rockford Labor Temple  
 212 S. 1st St.  
 Rockford, IL

**May 2, 2020**

Country Inn and Suites  
 1710 S. Dirck Drive  
 Freeport, IL

**June 4, 2020**

**All Membership meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. Food and drink will be provided at 6:00 p.m. for all meetings.**

**A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR PRITZKER TO STATE EMPLOYEES MARCH 18, 2020**

I want to start off by thanking you. You're helping to provide critical services to the 12.7 million residents of our state at an unprecedented time in our history.

I want you to know that I'm taking every precaution the medical experts advise to keep you and all the people of our state safe.

My Governor's Office staff and our agency directors are working around the clock to execute the smartest, most effective responses to this virus.

My number one priority is protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of all of the residents of Illinois.

You all have and will continue to receive guidance about how your work situations will adapt during this time. Some of you will continue working in your assigned locations - because the work you do is literally a matter of life and death for the people that you serve. And some of you will work from home, so we can keep government functioning while containing the virus as much as possible.

No matter the circumstance, I have every confidence in you - our state workforce.

The weeks ahead will be tough, but I know we will rise to the occasion - together. With courage and resolve, we will forge ahead even in these uncertain times.

There's an old expression: the only way out is through. We will get through this together. Thank you.

For more information on the state's response to COVID-19, **visit [coronavirus.illinois.gov](https://coronavirus.illinois.gov)**

**To watch the Governor's message go to; <https://multimedia.illinois.gov/gov/Gov-Message-to-State-Employees-031820.html>**

## **CORONAVIRUS**

AFSCME COUNCIL 31 is working tirelessly with Governor Pritzker's office to address this deadly virus. Some members are working remotely while others are manning the offices. AFSCME COUNCIL 31 continues to meet with management on providing protective gear for all who must meet with clients. AFSCME COUNCIL 31 will provide union leaders and members updated information throughout this crisis. If you have questions or concerns, contact Kathy Lane at [my3boys448@yahoo.com](mailto:my3boys448@yahoo.com). Identify yourself and what agency/site you work at for Kathy to answer your specific questions.

## **PERSONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM**

Now more than other members or family may feel the need to talk to a counselor due to the crisis we continue to face. Contact PSP where your conversation will be held confidential. The intake worker will provide you with more information. Call PSP at 1800-647-8776.

## **MEET OUR MEMBERS**

As you know our Local represents employees in many different State agencies throughout Northern Illinois. We would like to get to know each and every one of you better. So, if you would like to help us do that, answer the following questions and we will feature a different employee in each newsletter. Email your submissions to Alice Sutherland at [Mikenalice86@aol.com](mailto:Mikenalice86@aol.com).

We look forward to hearing from you.

1. Tell us about your job at (Please identify the agency you work for). How does your job provide a valuable public service?
2. How does your job provide a valuable public service?
3. What's your inspiration to go to work every day?
4. How does your union improve your work?
5. How has your union job impacted your family?

## **IT'S SCHOLARSHIP TIME**

Applications for AFSCME Local 448's Cindy Overton Memorial Scholarship will be coming out in **May**. To be eligible for this scholarship the applicant must be the child of a current AFSCME Local 448 member who is attending, or will attend, a College, University or Technical school during the fall 2020 semester. Complete details and applications will be available on our website, AF-SCME448.org, or you can contact your Steward or Chapter Chair.

## **12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING TO BENEFIT KREIDER SERVICES**

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Golf outing benefitting Kreider Services will be on 5-9-2020 at Silver Ridge Golf Course. We will be sponsoring five teams of four golfers for this outing. The Golf outing could be rescheduled due to the coronavirus.

To help with the golf outing or play, call Tamara Shorter at 815-621-6822.

## THANK YOU TRUSTEE MOORE

Tiffany Moore has served as a Trustee for our local since 2018. At this time she has decided to step down to focus her time on her family and education. We would just like to say thank you to Tiffany for all the time and energy she has devoted to our local.

## INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

To be held in Los Angeles on August 8-15.

## NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

We will have nominations and elections on June 4, 2020 at the membership meeting. The meeting will be held at Country Inn and Suites, 1710 S. Dirck Drive, Freeport.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### APPLE BUTTER SNICKERDOODLES

3 cups flour	2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cream of tartar	1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup unsalted butter, softened	1-1/4 cups sugar
2 large eggs	1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup Apple Butter	1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

1. Whisk flour, baking powder, cream of tartar and salt in a medium bowl. Set aside.
2. Cream butter and 1-1/4 cups sugar in a mixer until fluffy. Mix in eggs, vanilla, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and apple butter.
3. Beat just until mixed. Add I flour mixture and mix until just blended together. **Chill your dough at least 4 hours.**
4. This dough **MUST** be cold before baking. Because of all the butter and apple butter, the cookies will spread quite a bit if you skip the chilling!
5. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line cookie sheets with parchment or a silpat baking mat.
6. Place 1 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/3 cup sugar in a small bowl.
7. Scoop balls of cookies dough and roll them in the cinnamon sugar.
8. Place on your cookie sheet. Place dough back in refrigerator until next batched to be baked.
9. Bake for 13-14 minutes. Cool slightly before removing from cookie sheets.

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