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ROCHESTER FIGHTS BACK

SAT, APRIL 5, 2-4 PM
COBBS HILL PARK



RSVP!

RALLY & THEN MARCH TO TELL TRUMP,
MUSK, THEIR ENABLERS, & BILLIONAIRES:

HANDS OFF

OUR SERVICES, RIGHTS, & DEMOCRACY

BRING SIGNS AND FRIENDS!

*Indivisible Rochester * Knowledge & Action Rochester * 50501 * ROC NOW
* Pride at Work AFL-CIO, Rochester Chapter * Human Rights Campaign
Western & Central NY * Veterans for Peace * Move On * Public Citizen*



**** Volunteers Needed ****

FSW is hosting the shuttle vans for this event, we need about 4 drivers to drive the mini-vans back and forth from the First Unitarian Church on Winton Rd to Cobbs Hill and back . All volunteers will receive a red FSW fleece.



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EMERGENCY CWA D1 TOWN HALL MEETING

Wednesday April 2nd
7 pm

Executive Order bans collective bargaining for over
1 million federal workers

Last Thursday, the Trump administration escalated its war on workers by issuing an unprecedented Executive Order that strips over 1 million federal workers of their collective bargaining rights. Agencies have been ordered to terminate their collective bargaining agreements immediately and end payroll deductions for dues immediately.

What This Means

This is not just about AFGE. It's not just about federal workers. It's about all of us. An injury to one is an injury to all.

It's a direct attack on Our right to collective bargaining, ability to speak out and democracy itself. Project 2025 laid this out clearly. They plan to dismantle the federal workforce, privatize public services, and eliminate union power. This is just the beginning – unless we stop them.

Online at:

<https://zoom.us/j/93049741869?pwd=jhS6FplQTSEL7Mblr2ynsFD6ZIOy5J.1>





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WHO WANTS TO PLAY SOME KICKBALL!!!



THE KICKBALL LEAGUE OF ROCHESTER
SPRING SEASON BEGINS **4/21/25**

WANNA PLAY??

THE **FWSW KICKERS** ARE LOOKING TO RECRUIT
FWSW MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR KICKBALL TEAM
FOR SOME WEDNESDAY NIGHT **SOLIDARITY**
AND **FUN** 🐼

IF INTERESTED PLEASE EMAIL message@fsw-union.org OR
CALL **THE FWSW UNION HALL AT 585-328-7170 BY 4/8/25** TO RESERVE
YOUR PLACE ON THE TEAM, GIVE YOUR T-SHIRT SIZE AND
REQUEST THE WAIVER TO BE COMPLETED BY START OF SEASON
4/21/25.



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LABORNOTES

PUTTING THE MOVEMENT
BACK IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

Secrets of a Successful Organizer

You've been talking to your co-workers, and they say they feel overworked, underpaid, and increasingly pressured by productivity quotas and the ever present threat of discipline. How do you fight for better?

Secrets of a Successful Organizer is Labor Notes' core organizing training, in three sessions full of lively participatory exercises. We welcome first-timers and repeat attendees looking to sharpen their skills.

This series has three parts. We ask that you attend all of them.

When: Wednesdays, April 2, 9, and 16

Time: 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Eastern / 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Pacific

Where: This is an online event and will be held on Zoom

Online Workshop: Winning a Strong Contract Parts I & II

Save the date for a two-part workshop from **7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Eastern on Wednesdays, April 30 and May 7**, on how to build a successful contract campaign and harness the power of the rank-and-file membership to win the strongest possible contract.

We will cover the basics of building a Contract Action Team (CAT), putting together an escalating campaign (potentially culminating in a strike), and dynamics between the bargaining committee, CAT, and the membership.

Steering Green Transitions

Real solutions to the climate crisis depend on workers' know-how. CEOs usually cling to their dirty profits, or try to cash in on green technology to bust our unions and degrade our jobs. In this online workshop from Labor Notes, you'll hear from rank-and-file workers who organized collective action for better jobs and a livable climate.

When: Wednesday, April 23

Time: 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. Eastern Time / 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Pacific Time

Where: Online on Zoom

These workshops are open to any FSW member in good standing, please contact Christina at president@fsw-union.org to sign up.



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FSW Quarterly Membership Meeting

Wednesday April 16th 2025

5:30 pm

@

**FSW Union Hall
740 Driving Park Ave Suite 1A
Rochester NY 14613**

**RSVP: message@fsw-union.org
(585) 328-7170**

****Please note any dietary restrictions, childcare needs, or any other accommodations you may need in order to attend this meeting****

Agenda Items to Include:

- **Member Election of FSW delegates to CWA convention**
- **Membership approval of Steward appointments**
- **Financial Reviews**
- **Appointment of By-laws Review Committee**



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DEFENDING WORKERS: SAFETY, RIGHTS & THE ROLE OF UNIONS

A roundtable discussion featuring members from PEF, RUNAP, FSW, and local labor experts.

Raffle prizes will be offered at the event including a 50" TV and several gift cards!



April 17th, 2025
05 : 30 PM



Workers United
750 East Ave
Rochester, 14607



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FSW Family Fun Night

**Members
Only!*

Friday April 18th 2025

5 - 8 pm

FSW Union Hall



ICE CREAM BAR



POPCORN



ARTS & CRAFTS



DINNER PROVIDED



GAMES



VIDEO GAMES

RSVP REQUIRED by 4/11/2025
message@fsw-union.org or (585) 328-7170



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UNITE AND FIGHT MAY DAY 2025



Join the May Day Coalition hosted by the Rochester Labor Council for a March and Rally in commemoration of International Workers' Day!

An injury to one is an injury to all. Working people will stand alongside immigrants, federal workers, and our LGBTQ+ neighbors for economic and social justice for all!

MAY 1

Austin Steward Plaza, 5:00pm

Organization Fair and Celebration
at Parcel 5, from 6:00pm

Organizations fighting for economic and social justice are encouraged to co-sponsor and set up informational tables at Parcel 5.

Information on cosponsoring found at: www.roclaborfed.org/mayday2025



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**Applications for the FSW Scholarship are
NOW OPEN!**



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Ed Grabowski/Dina Finn Memorial Scholarship Application

Thank you for choosing to apply for one of two Federation of Social Workers' Scholarships. Listed below are the eligibility criteria:

1. Applicants pursuing a higher degree must be the child or grandchild of a current FSW member or a current member of FSW Retiree Council in good standing, or FSW member in good standing must be the legal guardian to the applicant.
2. Applicants must have participated in at least 5 hours of FSW sponsored labor movement activities in the last 4 years. Documentation may be required.
3. Completed Ed Grabowski/Dina Finn Memorial Scholarship Application.
4. In the event that two approved applications for a child or grandchild are not received by July 18, 2025, applications will then be opened to any current FSW member pursuing a higher degree, with a deadline of August 15, 2025.

Apply at fsw-union.org/scholarship

To complete volunteer hours contact Christina at president@fsw-union.org



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Attention CWA Members:

APPLY NOW FOR JOE BEIRNE SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply now for college scholarships of \$4,000 each for the 2025-2026 school year, and another \$4,000 for 2026-2027. *(2nd year award based on satisfactory academic record.)*

Sixteen new scholarships will be awarded by CWA's Joe Beirne Scholarship Program.

Eligible are CWA members, their spouses, children and grandchildren *(including those of laid-off, retired or deceased members)* planning for college studies.

Final deadline for applications is 11:59 p.m., EST, April 30, 2025.

Applications are easy to make online at the Foundation's website *(including submission of a short original essay)*.

Winners will be chosen in a lottery drawing.

The program honors CWA's founding president, who served for more than 30 years. Joe Beirne took great pride in the roles he played in furthering educational opportunity and working for social justice.

For more information, and to fill out and submit the application form, visit:

cwa.org/beirne



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FSW Stewards

St Paul St (Barlue)

Timothy Buntley - *1st & 2nd Floor*

Lindsay Fagan - *3rd Floor*

Heather Yandricha-Strocko - *4th Floor*

Gina Colon - (Acting) *5th Floor*

Open - *6th Floor*

Westfall Rd (LaSonia)

Darius Weaver - *1st & 2nd Floor*

Queenisha Sampson - *3rd & 7h Floor*

Open - *4th/10th Floor*

Troy Coffie - *5th Floor*

Carol Wilson - *6th Floor*

CSSU/Public Defender (Barlue)

Maria Castellano

Detention Center (Michelle)

Lennie Murrell

MCH/Bivona/Jay St (Barlue)

~ Open ~

FSW Executive Board

President: Christina Christman

Vice President: LaWanda Shipman

Secretary: Julie Garrett

Treasurer: Brittany Everett

Grievance: Michelle McGrain

Grievance: LaSonia Simmons

Grievance: Barlue Allen

Trustee: Sheree Nellons

Trustee: Matthew Ferris

Elections: Percy Smith

Health & Safety: Bob Way

Social Action: Lolita Smith

Membership: Frederick McAllister

Communications: Suzanne Putnam

CCRE: Joyce Prescott

Political Action: Adam McFadden

Education: Rayenda Lennon

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Organizing: Jillian Evans

Mobilization: Melita Jason

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