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## About this event

Congress wants to cut taxes for billionaires and big corporations—and pay for it by gutting Medicaid.

But they're already feeling the heat from their constituents and afraid to show their faces in district. That's why we need to keep the pressure on.

**Join our mass call this Thursday (5/15) at 8 PM EST/5 PM PST** to find out how we can dial up the pressure and stop them from taking away our health care.

Co-Sponsors: American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Communications Workers of America (CWA), For Our Future, Indivisible, Movement Labs, MoveOn, National Education Association (NEA), People's Action Institute, Popular Democracy, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Public Citizen, Seed the Vote, Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Standing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), Working Families Power



<https://www.mobilize.us/wfpower/event/787215/>



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# LINE DANCING



*G Force Linedance and  
Fitness Class Schedule*

*Tuesdays 6:00 -7:30 pm  
FSW Union Hall  
740 Driving Pk  
Rochester, NY 14613  
Fee \$5.00*

*Learn all of the new line dances  
for the cook outs this summer!*

**\*\*\* FREE FOR FSW MEMBERS \*\*\***

*Contact Gwendolyn Cooper  
585-201-6525*



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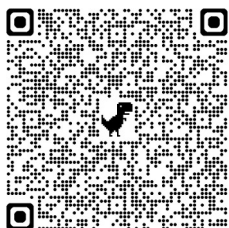
## What's Happening to Labor Law and the Labor Movement in America?

May 30 | 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Since January 20, significant shifts in U.S. labor law have impacted workers and the labor movement. Join us for a conversation on fast-moving changes at the federal level and how they are plaguing the American labor movement and civil society.

Hear from three former NLRB leaders:

- **Jennifer Abruzzo**, former general counsel of the National Labor Relations Board
- **Mark Gaston Pearce**, former chairman of the National Labor Relations Board
- **Richard Griffin, Jr.**, former general counsel and board member of the National Labor Relations Board



<https://www.ilr.cornell.edu/buffalo-co-lab/events/whats-happening-labor-law-and-labor-movement-america>



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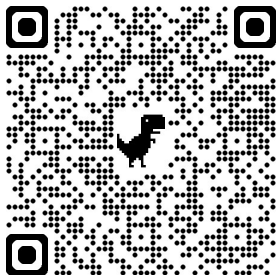
## **LISTEN: “Stewards' Corner: Did You Know You're Allowed to Read Your Boss' Emails?”**

*by Labor Notes staff*

Stewards are often thought of merely as enforcers of a union contract on behalf of the unit.

But as unit members themselves, stewards are in a real position to organize their co-workers—not just play a form of de facto legal defense in individual grievance cases.

Joining this week's pod is Labor Notes organizer Joe DeManuelle-Hall, who leads Labor Notes stewards' workshops, to talk about how to think like an organizer and how to get the information you want from the boss.



<https://labornotespodcast.podbean.com/e/stewards-corner-did-you-know-youre-allowed-to-read-your-boss-emails/>





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**LABORNOTES**

PUTTING THE MOVEMENT  
BACK IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

## **"The People Win: Korean Labor and Social Movements Defeat a Dictator"**

On December 4, just after U.S. elections brought Trump to power, the democratically elected president of South Korea, Yoon Suk Yeol, declared himself a dictator and invoked a military coup-from-above.

Over the next four months, general strikes called by the KCTU and massive popular mobilizations of civil society fought relentlessly to defend democracy.

They ultimately prevailed when Yoon was impeached and thrown out of office on April 4.

This webinar, **which is free to attend**, will bring vivid first-hand accounts of this intense struggle from key leaders and offer inspiration to Americans facing a comparable crisis.

**When:** Thursday, May 22

**Time:** 8 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. ET

**Where:** Online via Zoom

## **Stewards' Workshop: Thinking Like An Organizer**

Stewards are in a great position to strengthen the union by getting more people involved: by thinking like an organizer.

Meet with activists from different unions across the country to learn about how to be more effective stewards by organizing.

**When:** Wednesday, May 28

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern (4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Pacific).

**Where:** This is an online workshop and will be held via Zoom.

**These workshops are open to any FSW member in good standing, please contact Christina at**



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# **Save the Date**

**Union Night with the  
Rochester Red Wings**

**Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> 2025  
6:05 start time**

**Tickets will be \$5 each with \$5 Diamond Dollars issued  
at ticket pickup (pickup at the game)  
~ Max 4 tickets per member ~**





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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.

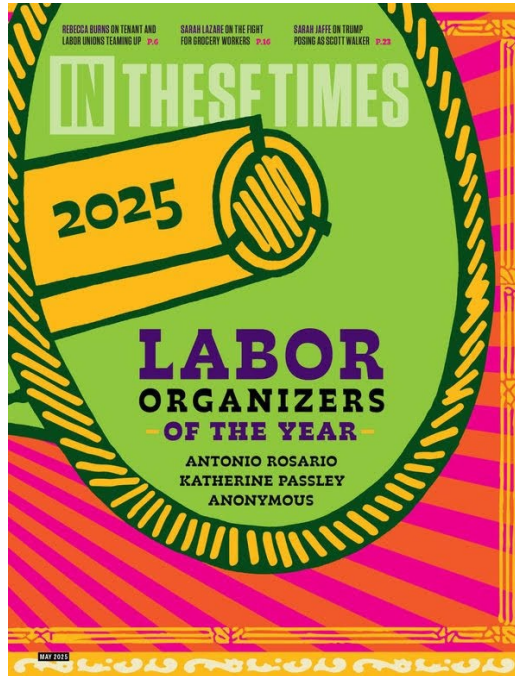
**Apply at [fsw-union.org/scholarship](https://fsw-union.org/scholarship)**

**To complete volunteer hours contact Christina at [president@fsw-union.org](mailto:president@fsw-union.org)**



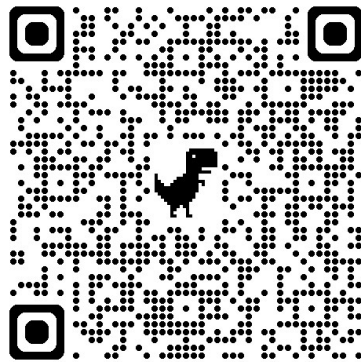
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### Free Subscription To In These Times for Union Members

If you haven't read *In These Times* before, this is a great way to check it out. For decades, *In These Times* has covered movements for social and economic justice, as well as elections, culture, and more. It's also one of the premier sources for reporting on the labor movement and worker organizing.







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Please complete form and give back to your Steward by 6/9/2025

### 2025 FSW Member Updates

Name

Work Area and Building

Phone Number

Street Address

Personal Email

Concerns you have as members—circle all that apply

Favoritism

Pay equity

Inadequate communication from Administration

Safety in the building and surrounding areas

Safety in the community while you are working as a DHS employee

Workplace cleanliness and building conditions

Inconsistent attendance policy/process

Lack of Training

Retaliation

Conference times not being granted

Inadequate Staffing

Other Concerns and additional comments can be written on the back!

Who is your FSW Steward:

Please return completed form to your steward by 6/9/2025



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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 - *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)**

Denielle Fisher (acting)

#### **MCH/Bivona/Jay St (Barlue)**

~ Open ~

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### **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

Women's: Deborah Jackson

Organizing: Jillian Evans

Mobilization: Melita Jason

Retiree: John Rabish