



# AFSCME Local 2822

## The New Voice

January 2005

## Responsible levy approved

Hennepin County Commissioners voted six to one to approve the responsible levy of 3.97 percent that this union and Hennepin County Administration sought. Local 2822 and the other AFSCME locals in Hennepin County applauded the foresight and courage of Commissioners Johnson, Dorfman, Koblac, McLaughlin, Opat and Stenglien. We feel that some of the services that have been cut will be restored and that we will be able to not feel like we are working with one hand tied behind our backs.

Thanks goes to all of you who wrote letters, made phone calls, and attended the Truth in Taxation meeting on De-

ember 2 and the Commission meeting on December 14 when the levy was approved. There was an excellent turn out of AFSCME members in green shirts or with AFSCME buttons at both meetings. In thanking those who attended, Jean Diederich, president of Local 34 said that your presence "had an impact that will reverberate in the months to come. We put the Commissioners and the Employer on notice that we, AFSCME, are a force to be reckoned with, as it was the constant monitoring, letter writing and phone calling that helped to get the levy of 3.97% passed." She described this effort as the "building blocks for a better contract for 2006-2007."

## Nomination of officers

Nomination of officers will take place at the February 1<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Ridgedale Library. If there are any contested races, an election will take place at the March 1<sup>st</sup> Membership Meeting at the Brookdale Library at 7:00 p.m. All seats are open for nomination: president, vice president, recording secretary, treasurer, membership secretary, two co-chief stewards, four at large positions, and one trustee, which is a three year term. No partridge in a pear tree.

The only qualification for being elected to the Executive Board is being a member in good standing of this local for one year. Minimum duties of member at-large include attending two meetings per month: the Membership Meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday evening of the month and the Executive Board Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Anyone interested or with questions should contact an E-Board member. Phone numbers are on the back page.

## Dues increase for 2005

The annual dues will be raised \$2.10. The members at the November Membership Meeting voted to not request a waiver from the increase as they felt the local will need to have funds available for the upcoming contract negotiations.

Of the \$2.10 increase, \$.75 goes to the International Union, \$1.25 goes to Council 5, and our local keeps \$.10.

## Vacation Donation Requests

Cheryl Fronsoe is requesting vacation donations as she will be out of work for up to four months after surgery.

Kim Brumley is having a difficult pregnancy and is requesting vacation donations.

If you are able to donate hours, you may donate as few as one hour, you can go to the HNet website and, under the yellow Hennepin County logo, click on forms and go to Waiver-Donation under Vacation Donation. It will prompt you from there to print and fill out form or do interactively.



## January Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 4  
7:00 p.m.  
Southdale Library

February Meeting  
Tuesday, February 1  
7:00 p.m.  
Ridgedale Library

Special order of business:  
Nomination of officers.

**For our members who are physically challenged, please let us know if special accommodations are needed.**

## Thank you

From Molly Malecki

As I look back on 2004, I think of all those that I want to thank and acknowledge for helping our union and for helping me serve you. Thank you to our Executive Board, our stewards, newsletter distributors, and all those who have "stepped up to the plate" to help with Building for a Better Contract. Thank you to Steve Marincel, our Business Representative, who helps us keep our wits and is our chief negotiator. Thank you to the former Council 14, now Council 5, for helping us get organized for our next contract. I appreciate the fine relationship we have with the Labor Relations, Human Resources, and the Benefits Departments and with Sandy Vargas, all of whom have encouraged our efforts on the Dignity and Respect Committee, Health Care Committee and various meet and confers. Thank you to my supervisors who have to schedule around my coming and going. And most of all, I want to acknowledge and thank my coworkers at the Brookdale Service Center who have to carry my load when I leave my workplace on union business. I am so grateful to all of you.

## In Memoriam

Sincere sympathy is extended to all the employees who had the pleasure of working with Laurie Thompson in the Service Centers. Laurie passed away unexpectedly on December 15<sup>th</sup>. She will be greatly missed.

## Local 2822 Officers

<b>President</b> Molly Malecki <i>Mmascme2822@aol.com</i>	763-549-3498 Urgent: 763-569-3686
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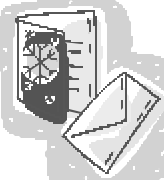
# Bulletin Board

**The New Voice deadline is January 4.** Articles will be accepted up to and including the day of the monthly Membership Meeting for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. Send your written contributions to Molly Malecki or Lynn Stetler.

Visit Local 2822 Website

<http://www.afscme2822.org>





Help us remember your co-workers with a card. Let us know to send a sympathy card, get well or congratulations. We will send a card, hand-made by E-board member Lynn Stetler.

Contact Heather Clark, our Good and Welfare Coordinator at 952-847-8650 or by e-mail: [hclark@hclib.org](mailto:hclark@hclib.org). The request should include the name of the member, the reason for the request and home address, if possible."

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## I want a paper contract

To sign up as a full union member or for Delta Dental Insurance, or to get answers to questions about AFSCME and membership benefits, please fill out this coupon and send to:

**Merry Brigham**  
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