

Senior Caucus Chapter Reports (Monthly)

Anoka County Chapter: Chair Mel Aanerud (aanerud4@comcast.net)

zoom – September - Senators Jerry Newton, John Hoffman and Mary Kunesh and we talked about senior issues, how we did last year and prospects for the next session

October 13 - three school board candidates one from each District 11, 14 and 16 will be our guests. We hope to meet in person, but will continue to review covid metrics

East Central MN Chapter: Chair Bonnie Lokenvitz (bhldfipoli@gmail.com)

September – zoom- Candidate Kay Henderson spoke - Internal business discussed

October meeting - zoom - This is normally an “off” date

Planned for next month meeting (1PM-2PM) We will be trying a Boomers for Climate Change meeting. I am leaning on Virginia Stark (The Good Fight for a Livable Planet). I am looking for other speakers.

East Metro Chapter: Chair Paul Tuveson (prtuveson@gmail.com)

zoom - October 14th, 11:00 zoom meeting Elder Care and Assisted Living Are Tricky for Everyone: An Employee’s Perspective on the Lack of Support Faced by both Patients *and* Caretakers Kate Yapp will give her perspective and observations about the under-resourced, poorly managed, and misunderstood infrastructure surrounding care for the elderly in all stages of aging in a capitalist society, after working in the field personally this year and her analysis as a student of political science for what it means for policy and our personal lives.

Mankato Area Chapter: Acting Chair Mary Bliesmer (mary.bliesmer@mnsu.edu)

will begin meeting again in October

Minneapolis Area Chapter: Chair Patricia Kelly (chair@MplsDFLSeniors.org)

All meetings in September and October are dedicated to City Council and City Charter amendments

North East MN Chapter (Duluth area): Chair Gary Westorff (nemndflsrs@yahoo.com)

in person – September - interviewed candidates for city council and school board

North Metro Chapter: Chair Norm Hanson (norsan45@hotmail.com)

in person - Speaker: Jeff Eide, Manager, Roseville Library, part of the Ramsey County Library_system.

October - Speakers: Rep. Kelly Moller and Rep. Jamie Becker-Finn, with legislative updates. Both will join the meeting via ZOOM due to concerns regarding the pandemic.

Saint Paul Area Chapter: Chair Lyn Burton (lbarton612@aol.com)

all meetings in September and October will focus on City Council and School Board elections

South East MN Chapter (Rochester area): Chair Patricia Mann (mannpa1@charter.net)

zoom – September our DFL declared local legislative candidates to get input on our priorities.

October - Rochester to meet the standard of an age-friendly city and will invite speakers from the community to help us advocate for programs to achieve that goal. We will also have a speaker to update us on Medicare changes as part of the reconciliation act.

South Metro Chapter: Chair MaryAnn Vandevusse (mavandevusse@aol.com)

zoom – September - Minnesota Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm and Spokesperson for Compassion and Choices, Dr. Rebecca Thoman.

October - MN Senator Greg Clausen, SD 57, and Representative John Huot SD 57B.