

ADVOCATES *for* Senior Issues

YOU'RE INVITED

IN-PERSON MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 17, 2022 10am – 12pm

Arrive a few minutes early to enjoy a continental breakfast & coffee.

WHO: The Advocates for Senior Issues Members, Guests, and Sponsors

WHAT: An opportunity to be together **in-person** once again to ADVOCATE, LEARN, and BUILD Community while GROWING together!

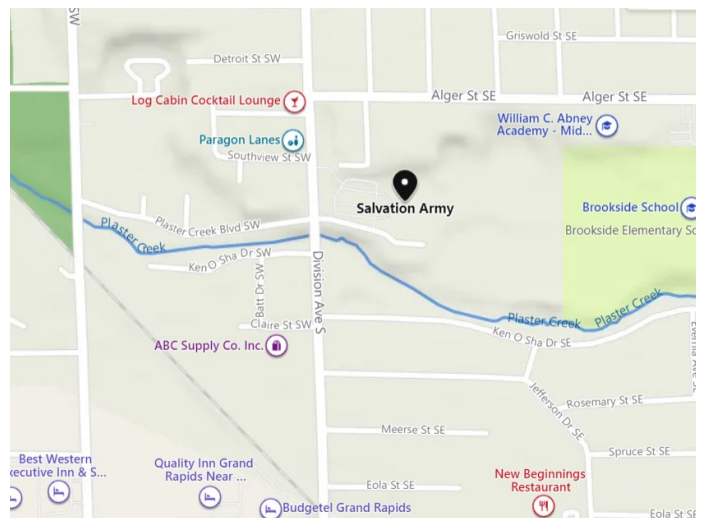
WHEN: May 20, 2022 10am-12pm

WHERE: Salvation Army KROC Center
2500 Division Avenue South
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Questions?

Please contact Advocacy Coordinator,
Sheri Harris

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The Source for Seniors



Count on Us



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Parents Empowering Network

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Salvation Army KROC Center

2500 Division Avenue South, Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Friday June 17, 2022 10:00 am

AGENDA

Call to Order and Announcements:
Lody Zwarenstejn, President

Legislative Presentation

Senator Winne Brinks

Sen. Winnie Brinks is the first woman to represent Grand Rapids in the Michigan Senate since Eva McCall Hamilton was elected in 1920. Before her election to the Michigan House of Representatives, she was a caseworker at The Source. A graduate of Calvin College, the Senator is dedicated to keeping the Grand Rapids and West Michigan an economic leader in the state. . She and her husband Steve, a Spanish teacher, live in Grand Rapids and are the parents of three incredible daughters, Olivia, Annalise and Emma.

Program Presentation



Gilda's Club of Grand Rapids
The Legacy of Gilda Radner

Next Meeting: September 16, 2022

Advocates for Senior Issues is a non-partisan organization, affiliated with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan
www.aaawm.org/afsi



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Region 9
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Robert Levine, MD



June 17, 2022

Questions for Senator Winnie Brinks

1. Could you help us better understand what led to the Baby Formula shortage due to the contamination?
 - a. Did the state have oversight over that factory?
 - b. What could have been done to prevent this emergency?
2. What have we done about the guaranteed consultation rights with the native Americans and the Canadians regarding Line 5. It appears that opportunity has not been afforded. What can we expect moving forward?
3. In this era of increasing threats of violence and partisan in fighting. Do you still see from your perspective peaceful paths through to introduce or infuse civility back into the legislative process?
 - a. How could Michigan lead the nation in this direction.
4. There is a petition drive to allow people to donate to a fund to pay tuition for private schools and their donations would be tax deductible. They are not presenting their signatures for the ballot because of polling numbers which showed 92% of people opposed. They are instead bringing it directly to the Legislation to try and push it through that way. What can be done to stop this charade?
5. What is being done to protect that safe and convenient means of voting for vulnerable seniors?
6. There is a current ballot proposal that would limit people to serve 12 years total which would likely lock people into the house and the senate. What are some of the benefits and some of the concerns about this.
7. Concerning the decrease of fossil fuel use and moving toward alternative energy sources, we would be curious to know what is being done to prepare for the increased use of our current infrastructure which appears to already be strained. Is there federal or state funding being directed in that direction?
 - a. Is this the responsibility of the utility companies in the private sector, the government, or both?

8. Please give us your perspective concerning open carry policies.
9. Where is the concentration of activity regarding Michigan's auto no-fault and the negative affect it has continued to have? Could you briefly update us if there is any impactful activity or new legislation to improve Michigan's auto no-fault and the affect it's having on home care providers and those needing but not receiving quality care or access to services?
10. What is being done at this time to improve the access adoption, and use of broadband and technology across Michigan?
11. What is in place to guarantee and protect the right of the seniors to vote in the most barrier- free way.



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LUNCH & LEARN

FRIDAY, JUNE 17TH

@ 12:15 PM

FOLLOWING AFSI

Location:

The Salvation Army Kroc Center

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED!



MEDICARE CAN BE CONFUSING: MAKING SENSE OF THE ALPHABET SOUP OF HEALTHCARE CHOICES

Medicare can be confusing to navigate, MMAP is here to help! The Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) is a statewide volunteer program that provides older adults, their families, and caregivers unbiased help in understanding, accessing and applying for Medicare. Bring your questions to the Lunch and Learn where MMAP counselors will provide answers!

REGISTER BY JUNE 10TH!
EMAIL: SHERIH@AAAWM.ORG
OR CALL 616-222-7015



It's Time to Renew Your Membership!

Your membership in Advocates for Senior Issues (AFSI) will expire soon.

Our members are a crucial part of the work we do on behalf of older adults in Kent County and we value your involvement!

We will be sending a renewal letter soon but if you would like to save us some postage, please fill out the attached form and get it back to us before

September 1, 2022.

We look forward to continuing to Advocate, Educate, and Build Community with you throughout the rest of 2022 and into 2023.

Questions?

Please contact Sheri Harris, AAAMM Advocacy Coordinator
via email at sherih@aaawm.org or phone 616-222-7015



Annual Membership Form

_____ Renewing Member(s) _____ New Member(s)

Advocates for Senior Issues membership dues are for a full program year, beginning in September.

_____ **Individual / Couple Membership:** _____ \$30 for an individual _____ \$45 for a couple

Please note: The "couple membership" includes two people who reside at the same address.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Second Applicant: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ **Phone:** _____

Primary Contact Email: _____ **Second Contact's Email:** _____

Please **email** my | our membership packet (s) _____ Please **mail** my | our packet(s) via USPS: _____

_____ **Organization Membership:** _____ \$50 for 2 representatives _____ \$80 for 4 representatives

Organization | Affiliation: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ **Phone:** _____

Primary Contact Email: _____ **Secondary Contact's Email:** _____

Representative 1: Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Representative 2: Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Representative 3: Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Representative 4: Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please **email** my | our membership packet (s) _____ Please **mail** my | our packet(s) via USPS: _____

Please complete this form and mail with check to:

Advocates for Senior Issues, 3215 Eaglecrest Drive NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Checks should be made payable to:

Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan (AAAWM)

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MEALS ON WHEELS
WESTERN MICHIGAN

Senior Pantry OPEN HOUSE

1954 Fuller NE, Suite B, Grand Rapids, MI 49505

Join us as we reveal our newly renovated pantry to the public!

June 14

3:30-5:30pm

Giveaways * Tours

* Refreshments

- Learn more about program eligibility, hosting a food drive and volunteer opportunities.
- Bring an item to donate and get entered in our Senior Pantry Open House Raffle!
 - Canned protein, pasta, Rice-A-Roni, shampoo, conditioner, body soap and laundry detergent.