## News from the Union of Classified Employees of Freeport School District 145



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# The Classifieds

## A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE UNIT CHAIRMAN

by Cecelia Stacy

Thanks to all who participated in our survey. They helped the committee considerably on this issue. 91% were returned and a vast majority voted No. Although negotiations are not complete, we did meet Monday, November 6, in an attempt to settle on open proposals. There was an exchange of proposals again, package deals were presented on both sides indicating what we could accept on their part, if they would be willing accept our wants on another. Currently, we have not accepted the proposal pertaining to sick days as explained in the survey. Our next scheduled meeting is Monday, November 20. As information comes available, we will keep you informed.

Our next Membership Unit Meeting will be held November 14 at the Freeport Public Library. Come with your questions and concerns and we will be able to talk more in greater details.

Our 2017-2018 Advisory Council Committee Members are as follows: Cecelia Stacy, Dara Willison, Jen Casson, Andrea Misek, Ricky Robinson.

We have all four classifications of our unit connected on this committee. Our November meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, November 21. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 28. Make sure you e-mail your topics for discussion to our Committee Chair at <u>darawillison@fsd145.org</u>. We e-mail our agenda to Mr. Schiffman a week in

Schiffman a week in advance so that Administrators can be in attendance.

Again, Special Thanks to this year's committee for your commitment and dedication to being on our Advisory Council Committee, and your Union.

Women of Steel (W.O.S.) All female members of the USW are considered Women of Steel regardless of their union-position or the industry of service they work in. Some are activists, and some serve on their local's Women's Committee. We are an activist-arm of the

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USW that evolved from the early women's caucuses that demanded that women have their rightful place in our union. Originally, WOS was designed as a Leadership Course for union sisters to learn how the union works and is still offered in each district annually. Now, the USW Constitution requires that each local union with female members establish a local Union Women's Committee. Any and all interested members are welcomed. In the past we have had a relay for life team, The Women of Steel. We have entered into the Christmas tree contest held at the Freeport Library, and we have hosted fundraiser events in an attempt to raise money for relay for life. We build relationships and build a true sisterhood family. We have held several events in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and this year our convention was held in French Lick. Indiana.

On December 15, 2017 USW District 7 will have a Women of Steel meeting in Gary, Indiana. This meeting will be held December 15, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. We the WOS will be collecting canned and packaged goods in support of the local Food pantry. There will be a box available at our Union Hall (Local 745). We will be collecting goods through December 13. Thank you for your support.

All interested Sisters wanting to learn more are welcomed to come. Please contact me as soon as possible so preparations can be made. This year as Local 745 WOS, it is our desire to collect enough money to purchase a table at Highland Community College in our honor for the "Hands for Hunger" event, (more information to follow in the months to come). Nothing is stronger than a woman of steel (WOS).

# Inspirational

Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lip, and shows itself in deeds.

## This Month's Events

Date: November 7 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Freeport Middle School Administrative Board Meeting

Date: November 12 Time: 9:00 a.m. Location: Union Office Local 745 Membership Meeting

Date: November 14 Time: 4:30 p.m. Location: Freeport Public Library District 145 Membership Meeting

Date: November 21 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Freeport Middle School Administrative Board Meeting

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Date: December 10 Time: 9:00 a.m. Location: Union Office Local 745 Membership Meeting

Date: December 12 Time: 4:30 p.m. Location: Freeport Public Library District 145 Membership Meeting

Date: December 15 Time: 9:00 a.m. to noon Women of Steel Conference Gary, Indiana

Date: December 19 Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: Freeport Middle School Administrative Board Meeting

### THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM

Lack of use causes loss, and you lose automatically when you quit.

Ambition unused declines. Strong feeling unused diminishes. Faith unused decreases.

Vitality unused deprecates. Whatever you do not employ, you forfeit.

Energy unused decreases, you cannot bottle it and save it for another day. That's like saving today for tomorrow or for the end of the year. Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today. If you choose not to use today, it's lost.

One may say well I'll work twice as hard tomorrow to make up for yesterday; that's foolishness, today unused is lost.

Talent unused is lost, ability unused is lost. Whatever you don't use, you lose.

Make sure that all your talents and ability, mentality, ingenuity, vitality, strong feeling, faith, and courage, all that you got is being used or else, you lose.

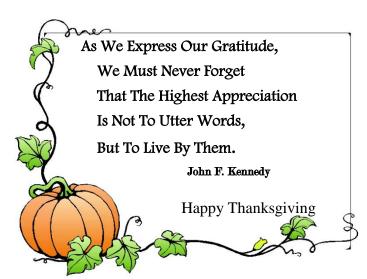
## Southern Sweet Potato Casserole

3 cups of sweet potatoes 1/2 cup of sugar 2 eggs beaten 1/2 cup of butter 1 tsp. of vanilla

## Topping

1 cup light brown sugar
½ cup flour
1 cup chopped pecans
1/3 cup melted butter

Boil and mash potatoes. Mix in sugar, butter, eggs, vanilla and milk. Put into a 13 X 9 baking dish. For topping melt butter and mix in Remaining ingredients. Sprinkle on top of the potato mixture. Bake 25 minutes at 350 degrees.





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## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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Cynthia Erb	Center	6
Brenda Schaefer	Empire	7
Denise Hayunga	Taylor Park	8
Marcia Colby	Taylor Park	11
Toni Lamm	Senior High	14
Alelie Huenefeld	FMS	25
Rosalyn Rudy	FMS	27

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#### **Friends and Family Discount Program**

A Friends and Family Program Discount card can be picked up at the Union office at 2496 E. Maize Road or by contacting a G.N.C. member. Area participating businesses include: Butitta Brothers, CarQuest, Brightflower Nursery, Rock Hollow Conservation Club, Dairy Queen, 4 Seasons Bowling, Loescher Heating, Hampton Inn, Cimino's Little Italy, Art Ross Glass, Amsoil, Carlson Canine Camp, Freeport Quiznos, Auto Logic, and TJ's Truck Accessories.



Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.