



The Classifieds

A FEW THOUGHTS FROM THE UNIT CHAIRMAN

by *Cecelia Stacy*

Stronger Together Enforcing our Contract, Fighting for Justice United

As mid-April approaches, it appears as if everyone is on the countdown to the last day of school. By the time our newsletter is received, we will have 34 days left in this 2017 – 2018 school year. In these remaining days, we will have 2 three-hour days (Thursday, April 26, and Friday, May 18), and let's not forget Monday, May 28, Memorial Day. As quick as this year ends, the new one will begin. Take the next 30 days or so and be the best you can be. The little extra we do could make the difference between ordinary and extraordinary in a child's life. Let's remember, it ain't over til it's over.

\$1,000.00

Questions continue to arise pertaining to the AMRP (Approved Medical Reimbursement Plan). There seems to be some Information being shared with some members by the

administration, but not with all. The Union has not received the logistics pertaining to the plan and once we have the information we will share the plan with the membership. Patrick McDermott has been putting the plan together with the Northern Illinois Insurance agency and should be displayed shortly. The \$1,000.00 was negotiated in the contract and will happen. From what the Union knows, this is not a flex spending plan and you will not lose monies at the end of the year (Dec.31st). You will no longer receive cash in your paycheck, not an option. Again, all the logistics have not been worked out and until we are given the opportunity to see the plan we really can't give you details more than what is here. The only sure thing at this time is we negotiated \$1000. Thank everyone for their patience!

Paras Licenses

Notification has been sent out to all members who licenses are due to expire June 30, 2018. This process will be available starting April 15. However, we have been asked not to start the renewal process before April 21. All renewals must be processed online

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through ELIS. There is a \$50.00 fee that must be paid online with a credit or debit card. The three steps are as follows:

- Login to ELIS: <http://www.isbe.net> Click system quick links at top of pg. ELIS
- RENEWAL link will be available ON the HOME page
- Click RENEWAL and begin the renewal and registration process

If more information and or help is needed, ROE8 is located at 27 S. State Ave Suite 101 and the phone number is (815) 297-9032

Summer School

Summer University will be held at CSMS. There's a need for 12 to 15 Paras. The dates school will be in session are June through July all interested candidates must apply on line. The pay per HR Secretary Angie O'Brian will be \$9.25 per hour for Paras. ALL Summer Positions (kitchen, maintenance, etc.) are posted on the district's website and application must be filled out online.

Advisory Committee Selection
Don Hill

At the November membership meeting, the topic of Advisory Committee was discussed. The makeup of the Committee was the main concern; I stated that all areas of the school, meaning Paraeducators, Cafeteria staff, Instructional Materials Technicians, and Security Monitors should all be represented and not have any one area dominate the Committee. Concerns from all areas need to be heard. Membership agreed on the philosophy; there was a motion to begin this change to the Advisory Council in the next school year. The motion passed. At this schools' year end, the Advisory Council will be dissolved and applications for a new council will need to be submitted to the Union. Hoping all areas will have interested members, in theory all areas will then be represented in the council for the new school year. The application process is scheduled to begin, as discussed in April and the selection process completed before schools end. The new council will then be set and ready for the New Year. I wish to thank all who participated in the process and the discussion we had. We can, and we all need to work together to build a stronger Union.

If interested in an advisory council position, please notify the union hall at 815-235-9713. We will be taking applications up until May 1.

This Month's Events

Date: April 3
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Freeport Middle School
Administrative Board Meeting

Date: April 8
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Union Office
Local 745 Membership Meeting

Date: April 10
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Freeport Public Library
District 145 Membership Meeting

Date: April 17
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Freeport Middle School
Administrative Board Meeting

Date: April 24
Time: 1-6 p.m.
Location: Freeport Public Library
Officer Election and Voting

Next Month's Events

Date: May 8
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Freeport Public Library
District 145 Membership Meeting

Date: May 20
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Union Office
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THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HMMM



Voting for USW officers will take place at the Freeport Public Library on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Conference Room A (1st Level). A sample ballot has been posted at each building.

Inspirational

- Be confident
- Be successful
- Be beautiful
- Be intelligent
- Be hardworking
- Be carefree
- Be modest
- Be driven
- Be forgiving
- Be creative
- Be relaxed
- Be motivated
- Be educated
- Be thoughtful
- Be kind
- Be determined
- Be good

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- Be unstoppable
- Be knowledgeable
- Be sympathetic
- Be honest
- Be worthy
- Be straightforward
- Be courteous
- Be polite
- Be gentle
- Be strong
- Be open
- Be loving
- Be funny
- Be selfless
- Be encouraging
- Be generous
- Be humble

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Doris Cline	JFELC	15
Sally Schnell	Senior High	18
LuAnne Beintema	Taylor Park	20
Tiffany Marten	Center	21
Jeniffer Hartog	Empire	30
Tamilla Stidman	FMS	30

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, 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.*