

Council #10



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Ready to Be Part of the Change?

Do you want to have a stronger, more effective union at work with greater levels of membership involvement? Are you yearning for something real to happen to address the chronic crises in health care and school funding that are driving down our standard of living?

On **Saturday, March 15**, members in southeast Wisconsin have a unique opportunity to learn how to make a significant difference at work and in the community. Organizers from the nationally renowned **Wellstone Action** will be joining us for an all day seminar designed to give members the practical information and skills necessary to effect real change.

Wellstone Action was founded in 2003 to honor the legacy of Paul and Sheila Wellstone by continuing their work through training, educating, mobilizing, and organizing a vast network of progressive individuals and organizations. In recent years they have been partnering with NEA affiliates around the country to build the capacity necessary for effective grassroots organizing and advocacy.

For more information, please contact Shorty Ott at otts@weac.org or (262) 789-6000 ext. 103.

Members Speak Out and Avoid Layoffs

As we advance through the school district budget cycle, some of our members are beginning to receive word about proposed layoffs and hour reductions.

In South Milwaukee, elementary school Faculty Secretaries learned that their school board was contemplating drastic reductions in their hours, despite the fact that their offices were already strained to the breaking point.

Led by South Milwaukee Education Support Professional Association Co-President, **Gail Kablau**, elementary school office staff turned out to the next school board budget hearing and convincingly made their case that cuts to Faculty Secretary hours would be detrimental for their students and schools.

Everyone in attendance was impressed by our members' show of unity and outstanding preparation for their presentation. The case they made was so compelling that the school board has now decided not only to not cut Faculty Secretary hours, they are actually increasing hours at one school.

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MAKE CONNECTIONS

Wellstone Action Training –
Saturday, March 15, 2008 –
Registration deadline is
February 29, 2008

WEAC RA Madison - Alliant
Energy Center, May 2-4, 2008

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10 Things You Should Know About Your Computer

Adapted from the Coulee Region United Educators Communique of November 2007

1. Read your employer's computer use policy. Follow it and re-read it during the year. Make sure you know the policy.
2. Assume you have NO privacy regarding email you send and receive on your employer's computer system. Only send emails that you would feel comfortable reading on the front page of your local newspaper.
3. A "deleted" computer file, including email, can often be accessed by an experienced IT person.
4. There is a trail on computers showing what internet sites you accessed and when you accessed them.
5. School districts are now all utilizing comprehensive scanning technology to find any computer use relating to pornography, gambling, or other unsanctioned use. Any misuse on your part will not be overlooked.
6. Assume that what you see on your computer screen is what your employer gets.
7. Copyright law applies to material on the internet. Online information is available from the Library of Congress, U.S. Copyright Office: www.copyright.gov.
8. What you post on blogs and other websites is not necessarily anonymous and may be seen by many people, including your employer, and it could result in adverse employment action.
9. Unless your school policy provides otherwise, do not give away your password, do not let others see your password, and change your password often. Turn off or lock your computer when you leave your work area.
10. For more information about technology and computer issues in education: www.nea.org/he/techno.html.

Members recommend Butler for Wisconsin Supreme Court

In statewide balloting, WEAC members have overwhelmingly voted to recommend **Justice Louis Butler** for State Supreme Court. Butler, who was appointed by Governor Doyle to fill a vacancy, has been a State Supreme Court justice since 2004. Butler faces Burnett County Circuit Judge Michael Gableman in the April 1 election.

In recommending Butler for Supreme Court, the PAC Committee noted that since being appointed to the high court by Doyle in 2004, Butler has played a leadership role in building collegiality on the court, thereby providing well-reasoned decisions. They also were convinced that Butler's record is one of consistently supporting the fair treatment of employees and protecting the well-being of children.

Member Ads

Door County Cabin for Rent. Accommodates up to 12 people. Cabin is near Baileys Harbor in a rural, woodsy setting. Available year-round. Electric heat, many amenities, fireplace, open concept living, dining, kitchenette, sleeping loft with 4 beds, large deck with furniture, gas grill. Call (414) 427-8420 or (920) 839-2715 for additional information and educator discounts.