

Council #10



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MAKE CONNECTIONS

Election Day
 November 6, 2007

Education Week
 November 11-17, 2007

Thanksgiving Holidays
 November 22 and 23, 2007

Christmas Holidays
 December 24-26, 2007

New Year Holidays
 December 31, 2007 and
 January 1, 2008

**weac.org****Election of Wisconsin 2008-09 State Delegates to the NEA R.A.**

The 2008 NEA Convention will be held July 1-6, 2008 in Washington, DC. The 2009 NEA Convention will be held July 1-6 in San Diego, California. Members of the WEAC will elect delegates to the NEA Representative Assembly for a two-year term in March 2008. Members planning to seek election as delegates are required to file their declaration of candidacy in the office of the WEAC Executive Director, postmarked no later than **January 5, 2008**. For more information contact Shorty Ott at otts@weac.org or (262) 789-6000 ext. 103.

Greenfield Teacher Receives Milken National Educator Award

Megan Dixon is this year's sole Wisconsin recipient of the Milken National Educator Award, an annual recognition of elementary and secondary school educators around the country who are nominated without their knowledge. She received a check for \$25,000 that she said she would use to buy books for her students. "This award is known as the academy award for teachers." We're proud and fortunate to have this "academy award winner" as a fellow educator in Greenfield. Congratulations Megan on your award.

Get to Know Your ESP Local Leaders

Karen Baldwin and Linda Figueroa are Co-Chairs for the Cudahy Secretary unit. Claudette Van Ert is President of the Greendale Secretary unit. Pam Stiglitz is the Chair and Nancy Flatow is the Vice-Chair for the Oak Creek Aides unit. Marge Kosloske is the President of St. Francis ESP. Barb Groshek is President of the South Milwaukee Aides unit and Gail Kablau is President of the South Milwaukee Secretary unit.

Are You Interested in Becoming a UniServ Director?

The Wisconsin Education Association Council is currently seeking applicants for a staff internship. The WEAC Intern Program provides for a one year, full-time internship. Interns are selected from applicants who are interested in an opportunity to become professional staff. **Women and minorities are strongly encouraged to apply.**

The intern selected will work directly with a group of mentors, including UniServ staff and WEAC program staff. The intern program is designed to be an on-the-job learning experience. Internships are full-time positions with duties scheduled during the week and on weekends. Interns can expect to receive cross-training on a number of programs and within a variety of UniServ units and WEAC. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JANUARY 4, 2008.**

Interns are not allowed to hold any appointed or elected office at any level of the Association (local, UniServ, state, or national).

For additional information or an application, write, e-mail, or call Mark Simons, Negotiations Specialist, 13805 W. Burleigh Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005-3058, simonsm@weac.org, or (262) 789-6000.

Wisconsin Initial Educator License

The following information is intended for all educators who hold a current Wisconsin Initial Educator License with an effective date of July 1, 2005, July 1, 2006 or July 1, 2007. This mailing includes requirements for initial educators as described in the Wisconsin Quality Educator Initiative - PI 34 and a Q & A with clarifications regarding the professional development plan (PDP) for licensure and related topics.

Note that previous information from the Department recommended that initial educators have their goal approved by October 1 of the second year of employment as an educator. Based on feedback from educators and school districts, the recommended timeline for goal approval has been extended from the single date of October 1 to a flexible range extending from June 1 at the end of the first year of employment to January 1 during the second year of employment. Please see the reverse side of this memo for the revised recommended timeline for completion of the PDP.

All who hold a 2005-06 or 2006-07 Wisconsin Initial Educator License, and 1) who have been regularly employed; or 2) who have previously completed the goal approval process; or 3) who are currently completing the goal approval process, must mail or fax a copy of their completed PDP Goal Approval Form, PI-PDP-3 to the Teacher Education, Professional Development and Licensing Team by January 1, 2008, unless you have already submitted the form. Form PI-PDP-3 is available at dpi.wi.gov/tepdli/iess.html. The mailing address is PO Box 7841, Madison, WI 53707, and the fax number is (608) 264-9558. Your goal approval form must have three PDP review team member signatures. Note that if you are completing the goal approval process through the Wisconsin-PDP or through the QEI (Quality Educator Interactive), your goal approval form will be emailed to our office directly by the WI-PDP or the QEI.

As a reminder, the PDP itself is never submitted to the Department, just the signed goal approval form at the beginning of the process and the signed verification form at the end of the process.

Council #10 PAC Dues Rebate

Any Council #10 member who wishes to have his/her Council #10 PAC contribution (\$3 full-time teacher, \$1.50 full-time support staff) refunded must send a signed written request to the Council #10 Office, 13805 W. Burleigh Rd., Brookfield, WI 53005, no later than November 15, 2007. Only requests postmarked on or before November 15 will be honored and any which are postmarked after that date will be disregarded.

Get Your Classroom Supplies at Discount Prices

The average educator spends hundreds of dollars out of pocket each year for classroom supplies. Fortunately, tax legislation permits educators to recoup some of their personal expenditures for their classrooms. Up to \$250 of "qualified expenses" may be deducted, including non-reimbursed expenses incurred for books, supplies, computer equipment (including related software and services), other equipment, and supplementary materials used in the classroom. The good news is the NEA Classroom SuperStore maintains an online history of your purchases, so you can quickly itemize your out-of-pocket expenses at tax time. Rather than tallying up all those receipts, let the NEA Classroom SuperStore do it for you! Members also receive an additional 10% discount off already low prices and free shipping on any size order of in-stock items. You can also create an online "supply list" that enables parents and others to order items you've selected for your classroom. Visit the NEA Classroom SuperStore at www.neamb.com/classroom or call 1-800-248-9171 and mention offer code NEAMB. (Note: As you shop, you will see references to free shipping on orders over \$49. Don't worry; NEA members receive free shipping at checkout on any size order of in-stock items.)

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.