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November 2-3
WEAC Board Mtg.
Madison

November 6
KMUC Board Meeting
6:00 PM at KMUC

**November 7
Election Day**

November 8
CBC/Presidents Meeting
6:00 PM at KMUC

November 12-18
**American
Education Week**

November 16
**Education Support
Professionals Day**

November 23-24
**Thanksgiving Holiday
OFFICE CLOSED**

November 29
KMUC Exec. Committee
4:30 PM at KMUC

December 11
KMUC Board Meeting
Manitowoc

December 13
CBC/President Meeting
6:00 PM at KMUC



We welcome a new member to the KMUC family

As some of you are aware, we have a new Associate Staff Assistant in the office. She started working with us on July 17. Her name is **Sarah Berth**.

Sarah comes to us from Plymouth Joint School District where she was an Administrative Assistant for the last 14 years. While she was at Plymouth, her job duties included managing all accounts payable, administer referendum payments, budget management and reporting, balancing bank reconciliations, reporting pupil counts to DPI for state funding and coordinating the yearly audit.

Sarah is the mother of three and lives in Plymouth. Her oldest daughter graduated from Plymouth in June and is now attending UW-Sheboygan majoring in business. Her second daughter is a sophomore at Plymouth High School and her son is in seventh grade at Riverview Middle School.

Sarah grew up on a farm in the Johnsonville area and graduated from Howards Grove High School. She started her career as a coop student at Heritage Insurance and worked there until March of 1998.

She then accepted a position with Lawn-Boy and worked there until February of 1992 when they closed their office in Plymouth. At that point she accepted a position in the District Office with Plymouth School District.

Sarah has been an active 4-H leader for the past 10 years and also taught Junior Achievement at Cascade Elementary School. Her interests include Nascar and late model racing, football, gardening, reading, cross-stitching and throwing horseshoes.

We are pleased to welcome Sarah to our office "family". She is a welcoming voice when you call.



Congratulations to the following who won door prizes at the Solidarity Kickoff:

Packer Tickets—Sue Salzsieder, Chilton EA

Il Ritrovo Restaurant—Laura Nevins, Elkhart Lake EA

Court House Pub—Tracie Jaeger, Two Rivers EA

Town & Country Golf Course—Cheryl Faucett, New Holstein EA

KMUC Solidarity

By the time most of you receive this newsletter, the election will be over. There won't be anymore campaign ads to watch on television or listen to on the radio, no more debates to attend, no more work nights at KMUC and **WORST** of all no more updates from Jim Carlson. KMUC had approximately 477 activists during this campaign! A special thank you goes out to each of you who may have attended the Kickoff, displayed a yard sign, worked at one of the work nights, distributed literature, worked a lit drop, worked a football game, wrote postcards, attended a debate, delivered yard signs, ran copies, wrote a letter to the editor, held position as a legislative chair for your local, etc. and most importantly voted on November 7th. The effort put forth was awesome!

Local Corner

Featured this Month:

Manitowoc EA

**Watch
December's
Newsletter
regarding
information
on the next
PDP Team
Training to
be held in
January.**



"If not us..."

I can't remember an election year since I've been an educator, where voting to protect public education was not an issue. There was the QEO (lost that one), the right to strike (gone), binding arbitration (remember that one?), and NCLB (enough said). But this year looms larger than any by comparison here in the state of Wisconsin. It's hard to imagine that anything else could be done to public education, well, guess again. Since we have so much to lose (especially in the governor's race), it was not a time to idly sit by and watch others do the work for us. So we (the Manitowoc Education Association) rolled up our sleeves and went to work.

It started at the kick-off rally in September. We had met our 10% goal on paper, but the actual turn out was disappointing to say the least. What did come out of that event with a strong Legislative Committee chaired by our past president, Joe George. Joe and his committee went right to work. It was impressive. Here's what happened, all by the middle of October:

- *Commitment sheets were hand delivered and collected (200 or so, promptly)*
- *A system of delivering time sensitive documents (face to face) was established*
- *A telephone tree for similar use through our Building Reps was established*
- *Communication and coordination of activity established with retired KMUC*
- *E-mails were used to get people out to candidate events (non-partisan)*
- *Rallies were attended*
- *Debates and forums were attended*
- *Signs were put up (lots of them)*
- *Lit drops were delivered*
- *The recruitment of Young Democrats for assistance was employed*
- *Local postcard writing was organized (but not needed)*
- *Letters to the editor were written and published*
- *Distributed "Get out the Vote" stickers and palm cards*

If we should lose the governor's seat to a less than pro-public education candidate, it won't be for lack of effort. It has been a very humbling and gratifying experience to witness an organization stepping up to the challenge so willingly and completely. The MEA has truly lived by the words of the song based on the speeches of Martin Luther King Jr.

IF NOT US, NOT THEM?
IF NOT NOW, THEN WHEN?
IF NOT HERE NOR THERE,
IF NOT THIS WORLD, THEN WHERE?

I am proud to be affiliated with this profoundly professional group of people.

Bob Feller (President MEA)