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**Kettle Moraine
UniServ Council**

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October 1
KMUC Board Meeting
6:00 PM at KMUC

October 10
**CBC/President's
Meeting**
6:00 PM at KMUC

October 10
Treasurer's Training
4:30 PM at KMUC

October 16
**Financial Planning
Seminar**
6:30 PM at KMUC
Call KMUC to register

October 22
KMUC Exec. Committee
4:30 PM at KMUC

November 5
KMUC Board Meeting
6:00 PM at KMUC

KMUC is affiliated with WEAC



Which Way? The Wisconsin Way

What do the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Realtors Association, the Wisconsin Transportation Builders Association, and WEAC have in common?

Certainly the above groups are not each other's casual allies, but these organizations, along with the Wood Communications Group, have banded together to form a non-partisan coalition called **The Wisconsin Way**. Why? Because the members of all of these groups are concerned about Wisconsin's future, specifically about finding a way to make Wisconsin taxes fairer and reducing the property tax burden without sacrificing our great schools, public services, and infrastructure — the things that have made Wisconsin a special place to live and work.

To accomplish this goal, **The Wisconsin Way** has planned a series of public forums in cities around the state during the months of October and November (see the list below of scheduled forums in our area). Each coalition group is encouraging its members to attend one of these sessions, which will last about two hours and will include a brief presentation about why a change is needed NOW and a chance for those in attendance to voice their concerns about, opinions of, and solutions to the problems facing our state and to hear the ideas of others. Following these public forums, leaders of the coalition will meet to develop a solution and a legislative agenda. WEAC will be a major player in these discussions, as a solution to the school funding issue has been a union priority for several years. For more information, please visit **The Wisconsin Way** website: www.wisconsinway.org

Why should KMUC members attend a Wisconsin Way public forum?

1. To show support for this grassroots initiative.
2. To voice their opinions and/or offer their solutions.
3. To connect with the members of the other groups to build understanding and mutual support.

Because KMUC's goals, based on its mission statement, include informing and involving members in coalition work, the KMUC board voted at its September meeting to reimburse the roundtrip mileage for drivers of carpools to a forum (minimum of two people per car).

Sign up NOW to attend by contacting **Lei Lund** by phone **(920-876-2829)** or email **dlund3@wi.rr.com** Lei is a teacher in Elkhart Lake, a WEAC Board member, and an organizer for **The Wisconsin Way** forum in Oshkosh. When you sign up, you'll be asked to give your phone number and email address so that organizers and coalition leaders can get additional information to you. You will not be asked to commit to further involvement (unless you wish to) nor to give money. Join those of us who want to help shape Wisconsin's future — attend one of the forums listed below:

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| October 22 | Appleton | The Grand Meridian |
| October 30 | Green Bay | Meyer Theater |
| November 6 | Oshkosh | Park Plaza Conference Center |
| November 27 | Milwaukee | Bavarian Inn, Glendale |

2007 WEAC Convention
October 25—26, 2007
Midwest Airlines Center & Hilton Milwaukee City Center

This year's convention begins Thursday with Exhibits opening at 8:30 a.m.. The general session begins at 10:00 a.m. The Keynote Speaker is Tavis Smiley, Author, Political Commentator, and Talk Show Host. You should have received your Convention Booklet in the mail. If you didn't receive one, contact Sarah at 920-565-2913 or berths@weac.org to obtain a copy.

Free flu shots will be available to WEAC members at the Convention as well. Bring your WEA Insurance card to booth 433, next to the WEA Insurance booth, to take advantage of this opportunity. The cost for members without a WEA Insurance card is \$25, check or cash only.

For more information about the Convention, visit the 2007 WEAC Convention page. <http://www.weac.org/aboutwea/2007/08/convention07/main.cfm>

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<http://www.weac.org/weatrustnews>

Are you a Cooperating Teacher?

Help your practicum student or student teacher take his/her first step into his or her professional career...

Share with your future colleague the benefits of joining Student WEA for less than \$35*...

*Personal Liability Insurance (\$1,000,000) while student teaching in your classroom
(the same that YOU have!)*

Online Mini-Resume' Service for finding a job

Rebate off of NEA dues as a first year teacher

NEA Teacher Toolkit Access (Free!)

Access to Student WEA and WEAC Conferences, including WEAC Convention

On WEAC Savers Club Card for discounts nationwide

And membership to your State-wide Professional Association

And encourage them to join!

Online membership sign-up at www.weac.org/Student-WEA

Join online and get a free subscription to "Instructor" Magazine

**State and National Dues are \$26. Local chapter fees vary.*

New Members

Some of you are reading a copy of the KMUC Newsletter for the very first time and you're wondering why you are receiving this newsletter. If you are a new member, whether teacher or education support professionals, we want to welcome you to our family. You now belong to a highly respected association (union), the Wisconsin Education Association Council (WEAC). You also are a member of the National Education Association (NEA), your own local, and you will find a connection to all of this through what is known as a UniServ. Our KMUC UniServ employs two Directors, Jim Carlson and Clyde Clauson and one Associate Staff Assistant, Sarah Berth. Each of our sixteen locals plus KMUC-Retired elect representatives to the Board of Directors, who meet monthly to make decisions and plan events for our UniServ. The Board also elects leadership at its April meeting. You will find the results of the election below.

President—Linda Helf, 4th Grade Teacher & Reading Program Support
Vice President—Cynthia Gross, 6th Grade Math Teacher, Sheboygan
Secretary—Becca Zimmermann, High School Science Teacher, Kiel
Treasurer—Jim Billmann, KMUC-Retired

PI 34 Support Workshop

President, Linda Helf along with Ron Jetty, WEAC Teaching and Learning Consultant, offered a workshop to all second year teachers in our locals to assist them find the support they need in completing their Professional Development Plan. Twenty-four members attended the workshop.

Initial Educators—Here is what the Kettle Moraine UniServ Council is doing to support you as you meet the requirements of PI34:

- We offer an overview of PI34 and the Professional Development Plan (best offered to first year teachers in the spring of their first year).
- We offer a training and work session on developing your PDP (including how to use the Quality Educator Interactive) —(best offered to first and second year teachers in the spring).
- We offer trainings for professional educators to be part of the team that approves your goals and verifies your plan (offered whenever there is a need).
- We offer descriptions of each of the local school districts in our UniServ that can be downloaded into your PDP on our website (www.weac.org/kmuc).
- We offer a list of teachers who have been trained in approving or verifying a plan on our website.

What else do you need? If you have any ideas of how we might further help you with this licensure plan, email Sarah Berth (berths@weac.org), Jim Carlson (carlsonj@weac.org), or Clyde Clauson (clausonc@weac.org) with suggestions. We want KMUC to work with you on your Professional Development Plan.

October News 'N Notes

Local Treasurer's & Membership Chairs

October 10, 2007 ■ 4:30—7:00

KMUC Office

Dinner will be provided

Training on IRS reporting requirements for local associations including employer identification numbers (EINs), tax exempt status, annual Form 990 filings and Form 1099 and 1096 for members receiving stipends. Financial controls and internal review procedures that should be put in place to safeguard local association's assets will also be covered. Call Sarah at the KMUC office to register, 920-565-2913, 800-834-7076 or by email berths@weac.org.

"Managing Your Financial Life"

Presented by Bob Moeller, WEAC Member Benefits Specialist

October 16, 2007 ■ 6:30—9:00 p.m.

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All members are invited to this seminar including financial planning, life insurance issues, investments and estate planning. Call Sarah at the KMUC office to register, 920-565-2913 or 800-834-7076.

Wade House Tickets

The tickets for this years Civil War Weekend were made available Monday, September 17 after 8:00 a.m. By 8:20 the tickets were completely gone! Thank you to all Local Presidents and KMUC Board of Directors who passed the information on to members to make this a success. If you were fortunate enough to get tickets make sure you share your experience with other members.

Tentative PDA Training Opportunities 2007-08

KMUC will be offering PDA training opportunities for all Education Support Professionals during the school year. We are in the process of setting dates and more information will be passed on to you as soon as possible. We will be offering five classes in the following areas:

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| ◆ Communication | Sign Language |
| ◆ Legal/Ethical | Student/Employee Rights & Responsibilities |
| ◆ Behavior Management | Discipline Strategies |
| ◆ Growth & Development | Autism |
| ◆ Elective | Cultural Diversity |