

Holidays 2004



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December 24-28, 30-31
OFFICE CLOSED
Holiday Break

January 1, 2005
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 11
KMUC Exec. Committee
4:30 PM at KMUC

January 12
CBC/Presidents Mtg.
6:00 PM at KMUC

January 14-15
WEAC Board Meeting
Madison

January 17 & 24
ESP Training
Effective Communication
6:00 PM at KMUC

January 20-21
WEAC Staff Meeting
Madison

January 21-23
Midwest Leadership Conf.
St. Louis

**Seasons Greetings
from
your KMUC Staff:
Clyde, Jim and Ruth**

THE KMUC

Presidents Share Holiday Wishes

We asked KMUC local presidents what one gift they'd wish for their members this holiday season. Here are their responses:

Dave Sonnabend (CEA): Happiness and fun with their families!

Mark Nevins (ELGEA): The one gift wish for members: Fair Professional Compensation

Bill Wetzel (HGEA): My wish would be that the public would recognize teachers as the professionals they are, and that they'd receive pay on a parity with other professionals of similar education.

Faye Billmann (Kiel EA): I would like all the members of the Kiel Education Association to continue to find satisfaction and take pride in teaching children and may they all have a healthy and happy 2005.

Jodi Grossen (Kohler EA): I would like for the members of the KEA a nice, easy, calm beginning to a new bargaining session.

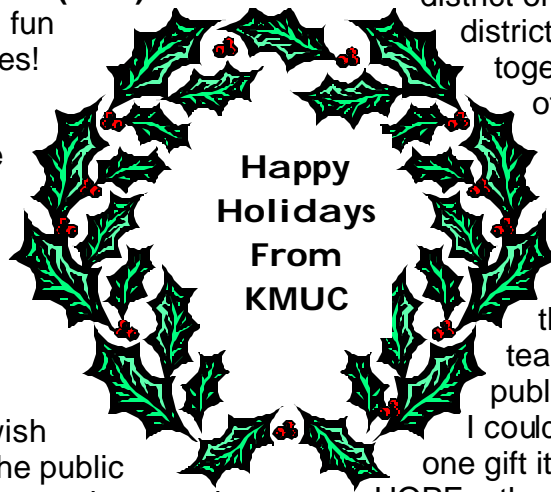
Joe George (MEA): This holiday season I would wish that my members receive continued support and appreciation for their efforts, with the acknowledgement

from the Board & Administration that they are great teachers. I hope that they are filled with peace and calm as we work together in trust to create a great district once again, a district that fights together for the repeal of the QEO, TABOR and revenue caps. I hope that they give thanks for an Administration that defends it's teachers against public attacks...and if I could give them any one gift it would be HOPE – the hope that EVEN WITH four more years and the QEO – they could HOPE that they are in a caring, intellectual environment that will treat them with respect and professionalism beyond what the law requires districts to do. That type of confidence in the future should be a gift given to ALL district locals. Regardless of what you "get" – know that you deserve only the best!

Deb Holschbach (MEP): If I could choose one gift for the MEP members this holiday season it would be that all of their hopes and dreams come true.

Aileen Koenigs (NHEA): My wish for my colleagues in New Holstein would be a meeting with

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the school board that would result in rescinding the imposed QEO.

Bernie McKichan (SFFA): I would present my colleagues with the same sense of commitment towards their faculty association that they have towards their students in the classroom. The local association, after all, represents and fights for the interests of staff in the workplace; members have a stake in the success of those efforts and must be willing to contribute to those efforts. Be an active and informed member of your association!

Carol Haase (SFESSA): My holiday wish is that we continue to support each other for the hard work we all do and look forward to a positive and peaceful New Year! A quote from Harlan Miller: "I wish we could put up some of the Christmas spirit in jars and open a jar of it every month." May all YOUR wishes come true!

Jill Krause (SEA):

Happy Holidays one and all!
May time spent with family
and friends
Be your trumpet call.
Enjoy little things:
Snowball fights,
Homemade cookies,
Twinkling lights;
But most of all
The holiday delights.

Dean Lund (ELGESPA): My wish for the members of the ELGESPA is that they keep the true meaning of Christmas with them all year long. And to give family a hug and tell them they are loved because our time on this earth is short

and we don't hear it often enough. Also the ability to say, "YES I'd be happy to volunteer to do that."

KMUC President, Linda Helf also shared her holiday wish for our Local Associations:

Linda Helf: My wish for the locals of KMUC is that they use the STRENGTH of their leadership and the ENERGY of their members to COURAGEOUSLY face the adverse comments made about our schools by politicians and the media. Our members' best response is

to continue to treat our students in a sensitive, dedicated and professional manner.

Thanks to everyone who took the time to share their holiday wishes with KMUC members.

Enjoy your time off—
See you next year!

This is *your* newsletter. Please let us know what's happening in your local associations so we can share your stories and photos in future issues.

ESP Training Sessions coming up in January

Professional Development Facilitator and trainer, Kay Stellflug, will lead two PDA certified (5 total hours Core Curriculum) training sessions on successive Mondays, January 17 & 24, 2005 at 6 PM at the KMUC Office .

Topics to be covered include: **Communication Breakdown, Listening and feedback, Language of Encouragement, Responsibility on the job and off**

Size of these training sessions are limited. Cost for KMUC ESP members: \$30—includes BOTH sessions and dinner both nights. See your local president for more information.

To register, please call Ruth at the KMUC Office 1-800-834-7076.

Below: another great "I See Red" Day Photo. These Plymouth Education Association members show their true color (yes, we know it's a black and white publication—just think RED) on October 15 at Horizon Elementary School.

