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October 6

“Managing Your Financial Life” Presentation

6:30 PM at KMUC
Call KMUC to register

October 12

CBC/Presidents Mtg. 6:00 PM at KMUC

October 18

KMUC Exec. Committee 6:30 PM at KMUC

October 27-28

WEAC Convention

October 31

KMUC Board Mtg. 6:00 PM at KMUC

November 4 & 5

WEAC Board Meeting Madison

November 9

CBC/Presidents Mtg. 6:00 PM at KMUC

November 13-19

American Education Week

November 15

KMUC Exec. Committee 4:30 PM at KMUC

November 16

ESP Training: Conversational Spanish 6:00 pm at KMUC Call KMUC to register

National ESP Day



Here it is again – the beginning of another school year. I hope you need all the fingers on both hands and more to **count** the number of hours of fun-filled and relaxing days you have had this summer. Those are the days that get us emotionally and mentally ready for the beginning of a school year.

As I am writing this, it is mentor week in my local. While I am **counting** the return of “back to school” dreams and the many trips from my classroom to Office Max or to the School House or to LaDeDa

Books, I remember what it is like to be a beginning teacher. New employees will **count** on those of us with experience to serve as mentors, supportive working partners, and sources of constructive advice and sharing. For those new employees, we want to say, “You can **count** on us.”

When you read this, we will be back in school. The students will have arrived. There are **countless** lesson plans, meetings, papers to grade/assess/read, and the many other things that make this job we do in the public schools oh so busy. But, then we look at the students; they are **counting** on us and they make it possible to see that the work we do really **counts** for something.

There are many things that we do alone in this job; however, there are some for which we need help.

Something new always needs attention. We can **count** on new rules and regulations from our districts, from the state and from the federal government. We can **count** on some confusion about the new licensure requirements for teachers, otherwise known as *PI34*. We can **count** on hearing how the public schools are too expensive or not achieving enough. We can **count** on

more student testing as we try to keep up with the requirements of the reauthorization of ESEA – otherwise known as *No Child*

Left Behind. And, as those of us at grades 3 – 8 and 10 who are trying to understand what the results of that test have to do with the effectiveness of our instruction or our schools, we can **count** on surprises for high school employees as high school reorganization becomes the topic for the next round of authorization of the ESEA.

For our support personnel, we can **count** on more questions about the definition of “highly qualified” and more budget cuts effecting jobs. For all of these challenges, I would like to promise that you can **count** on the Kettle Moraine Uniserv Council to inform you, to support you, and to defend you whenever necessary.

I am hoping for a year of **countless** good experiences and wonderful accomplishments for us all.

Who Counts?

By Linda Helf, President
Kettle Moraine UniServ Council

September/October News 'N Notes on back

KMUC is affiliated with WEAC and NEA



“I See Red” Day Album

KMUC members joined WEAC members across Wisconsin to wear red clothing to work in their school districts for “I See Red” Day on October 15th. Local associations reported outstanding member participation in the action, which served to call attention to KMUC’s commitment to repealing the QEO, abolishing Revenue Controls and ensuring adequate funding for public schools.

October 15th was also the date of a visit to Sheboygan by Democratic Presidential Candidate, John Kerry. Elkhart Lake/Glenbeulah EA President Mark Nevins sent us these photos of ELGEA and ELGESP members wearing red at school and later at the Kerry appearance. Hundreds of other KMUC members also attended the late afternoon gathering.



Front row left to right: Becky Roblee, Angela Roth. Middle row: Mark Nevins, Joann Henschel, Lei Lund, Dean Lund, Jodi Voss. Back Row: Karla Saeger, Jane Subat, Barb Zirwes, Nancy Raeder, Jim DeVries

Barb Zirwes, Becky Roblee, Mark Nevins and Lei Lund braved cold and windy conditions to hear John Kerry speak.

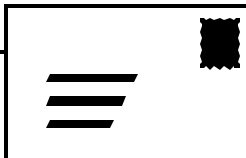


Our thanks to these members who recently donated their time to send messages to our members about the upcoming election at the “Postcard Writing” evenings October 19 & 20 the KMUC office:

Faye Billmann, Stacy Gloede, Peggi Gnad, Cheryl Faucett, Nancy Hanlon, Linda Helf, Dennis Hortum, Aileen Koenigs, Gwen Krueger, Lorena McKerrow, Bernie McKichan, Laura Nevins, Michele Otte, Mary Petrie, Michelle Preussler, Brad Randall, Elaine Reiter, Jean Thierman, Terry Tinkle, Brad Vollbrecht, Bill Wetzal and Patti Zuelke .



Sheboygan’s Horace Mann Middle School staff in red on Oct. 15



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.