

ASEA In Action



Worksite Meetings - Past & Present

'How Your Union Works For YOU' was the topic of the last round of ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 worksite meetings held from March thru May, 2014. Business Agents and Organizers spoke to ASEA members about three major subjects: ASEA Local 52's History and Collective Bargaining, the Social/Community Impact of Unions and Legislative Advocacy.

The union believes it's important for all members to have a fundamental understanding about the history of collective bargaining, of where and how our local came about and about what protections and rights one has as a public employee, specifically related to the Public Employment Relations Act (PERA). Collective bargaining was explained in terms of the method, what due process in the workplace means to all our members and what benefits are gained through consolidating a group's collective strength to benefit the whole (ex. various leave banks, health and legal trust, geographic differential, etc.).

Members were given specific examples of how unions internationally, nationally and locally press for better social and economic policies during the 'Social/Community Impacts of Unions' section of the agenda. Poverty is unprecedentedly higher and extremism is allowed to thrive on the hopelessness of the people in countries that have depleted or eliminated unions. World Bank and International Labor Organization studies were cited as examples of how lower unemployment and inflation, higher productivity, speedier adjustments to economic downturns and low levels of wage inequality are all benefits that union rich nations enjoy.

In the 'Legislative Advocacy' section, the membership was informed about the

importance of staying educated concerning legislation, especially since member jobs and livelihoods are tied to budgets and bills passed which can directly affect everything related to one's employment. ASEA's volunteer-financed PAC endorses candidates and causes each election year based on a varying number of factors, all having to do with the individual member and socio-economic benefit to the community as a whole.

Starting in August, the new round of worksite meetings will focus on 'Your Local Chapter.' Emphasis will be placed on **who** they are, **what** they do, **when** they meet, the community **outreach** and **events** they sponsor and **how** you can get involved. Chapters carry out the goals of the union on a regional and occupational level while undertaking items of community importance such as support for local charities and scholarships.

ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 wants your union to run according to your thoughts and ambitions and those of your fellow members. For that to happen, as with any democratically run organization, it requires more than an educated membership with ideas – it takes curiosity and motivation.

Plan to attend the next round of worksite meetings that start at the end of August. Learn more about how you and your fellow members can contribute to and participate in community chapter activities.

Don't forget to check ASEA/AFSCME Local 52's website at www.afscmelocal52.org for additional information and resources.

Be a part of the conversation. Your Community Chapter is waiting for you!

Important Dates

Sept. 1 - Labor Day Parade & Picnic - with the Executive Board and Midnight Sun Chapter in Fairbanks - Meet at Noel Wien Library at 11:30 a.m. to march in the parade.. FREE food at the picnic for those that walk in the Parade (Non-walkers \$5/\$10 for family) Picnic: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Pioneer Park

Sept. 2 & 3 - State Executive Board Meeting in Fairbanks

Oct. 8 & 9 - ASEA Steward Training

Anchorage Chapter Save The Date For Holiday Events

The Holidays are almost here !

Grab your calendar and **"SAVE THE DATE"**

December 27th, 2014

Children 's Holiday Event

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bouncy House, Face Painting, Stilt Walkers, Games & Photos will be part of their "Holiday Amusement"

Adult Jingle & Mingle At The Holiday Party 8 p.m. to 12:00 (Midnight)

Come dressed to impress & ready for photos & festive videos

Join in the holiday cheer, "Jingle and Mingle" & dance the night away!

Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center
600 West 7th Ave.

Watch your email for more (Ho, Ho, Ho) details

Notice Of Open Position: Receptionist/Mail Clerk Anchorage HQ

ASEA's receptionist/mail clerk is responsible for: (1) receiving and directing all incoming telephone calls and greeting the public and Union Members with a professional courteous demeanor, putting them at ease and asking pertinent questions; (2) disseminating information and directions in a clear and concise manner; (3) receiving, distributing and maintaining records of all incoming and outgoing mail.

Punctuality for this position is a **must** and work experience should reflect a clear speaking voice, tact, courtesy, and the demonstration of (Word, Excel and Outlook) required.

ASEA is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Please access our website at http://afscmelocal52.org/asea-files/vacancy_recept_22sep14.pdf to get more information about this position.

Interested applicants mail or fax resume to

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ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

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**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014, 5:00 p.m.**

"Thank You" Juneau Chapter Activities Committee

A "Big Thank You" to our Activities Chair Robin Park and her volunteer crew for providing our members and their families with a wonderful summer picnic on August 3, 2014, at Twin Lakes. This event required a lot of planning, coordination and plain old hard work!!

Robin and her crew are to be commended for their dedication and service to our members. Without them, our December Holiday Party and Picnic events would not happen! So, if you see one of them at work or in the community, please THANK them for their service.

In Solidarity, Don Hale, President ASEA Local 52, Chapter



Picture to the left:

Left to Right: Nadine Lefebvre, Sandy Johnston, Robin Park, & Christi Foli

Not Pictured: Betty Neimi, Dianna Scheel, Jessica Pleasants, Mike Mercer, & Jeremy Johnson

Children's Activity Volunteers: Kelly Stout, Anne Hughes, Blayne Hilderbrand, David Lindoff & Dottie Whitehead

