

ASEA In Action



Mat-Su Christmas Party

The Mat-Su Chapter of ASEA Local 52 is having a Christmas Party!

There will be a DJ, a Chinese Auction for everyone who attends and door prizes for all ASEA members in good standing. Prime Rib and Teriyaki Chicken will be served. To get your tickets contact: Mary.Beall@alaska.gov Member: \$10.00 Guest: \$20.00.

Settlers Bay Lodge

Saturday, December 17 • 6:00 p.m.

Questions call Jody Brooks at 907-352-4155



AFSCME Partners With The

National Child Identification Program

Each year nearly a million children are abducted or run away and many are never returned to their families. That's a staggering statistic and one that our union can help to reduce.

AFSCME is partnering with the [National Child Identification Program](#) to make our children's lives safer. This fall, AFSCME members and retirees will receive a child identification kit that can be used to store a child's fingerprints and DNA in case the child goes missing.

There's nothing more important to AFSCME than the members who help keep their communities running and our union strong. And there's nothing more important to us as parents and grandparents than our children and grandchildren. Through the use of the child identification kit, a parent or guardian can dramatically increase the chances that a missing child will be located and safely returned.

The provided fingerprint kit, DNA swab and fact sheet are kept by the parent or guardian in their personal records, but when needed — give law enforcement agencies up to 80 percent of the information they need to initiate an immediate search when time is of the essence.

In teaming up with the National Child Identification Program, AFSCME joins several unions and dozens of community, faith and athletic organizations to make our communities safer. In addition to receiving one free kit, AFSCME members will have the option of buying additional kits at the specially negotiated price of \$4.95, half the usual cost.

The kits will arrive with the Fall issue of *AFSCME WORKS* magazine and include instructions for use. It's so easy to gather the information and it could make all the difference in the future.

A missing child is a parent's worst nightmare and we sincerely hope that once AFSCME members complete the kit, they'll never have to use it. As public service workers, we take pride in making our communities safer. If we all take a few moments to protect our families, we can help bring every missing child home safely.

In solidarity,

Lee Saunders, President

Laura Reyes, Secretary-Treasurer

President's Message

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving. Enjoy spending time with your family and friends and remember the next day brings shopping, shopping, shopping! Our nation will have a newly elected President and our State will have new and/or returning Legislators. Be informed and engaged - Vote!

Dawn Bundick, State President
ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

Important Dates

Midnight Sun Chapter (MSC)/ Santa's Helpers Fundraiser

Dear MSC Members,

The holiday season is slowly approaching and Santa's Helpers could use a helping hand. Can we count on you?

Fred Meyers has agreed to do a fundraiser and to have Santa and his friends available for group pictures with children and their families. We need about 15 volunteers each day for this event, 6 volunteers to be one of the characters listed below and the others to help print pictures, take donations and help with crowd control. Santa's Helpers will provide all costumes.

- Santa •Mother Nature •Father Time •Sandman
- Tooth Fairy •Jack Frost •Easter Bunny

Event date and times:

- Nov. 18th 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. •Nov. 19th 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 25th 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. •Nov. 26th 11:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Santa's Helpers is a seasonal nonprofit that the Midnight Sun Chapter helps support every year. We will operate from November 25 to December 17, 2016. Hours are Monday thru Saturday from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Our goal this year is to raise \$50,000 in cash and food donations. We will be located at the JP Jones Community Center to receive cash, food and toy donations. Food and gifts will be delivered to families on December 18th. Food and gifts will be available for pickup at the Center on December 19th to accommodate working families and those not home on December 18th.

This year's team of volunteers are:

Co-Chair: Nava Christian and Bill Hunt

Finance: Sierra Hunt

Banking and Donor Database: Sierra Hunt and Samantha Ojaniemi

Donation Letters: Bill Hunt

Equipment and Mass Moving: Lathrop Wrestling Team and Coach Bockert

Advertising: Nava Christian

Collecting Boxes: Alan Mitchel and Tim Devito. Surplus food donations will be given to the Food Bank

Food Bank: Jerry Soplanda

Collecting Toys: Lindsey and her church

North Pole Senior Center

Loading Boxes: Mark Butcher and members of the Christ Lutheran Church

We still need volunteers for the following positions:

- 10 people to help pack boxes on Dec. 18th at the Food Bank
- Street Signs •Toy Sorting and Packing •Office Manager
- Books •In-Kind Donation Database

If you wish to help in anyway or to make a donation contact:

Bill Hunt at 907-978-5995

Please make checks payable to:

North Star Community Foundation

(memo line write): **Santa's Helpers**

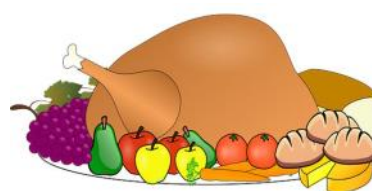
Mail to: P. O. Box 57009, North Pole, AK 99705

To make an online donation go to:

<http://www.nscfundalaska.org/help-santa>

Please like our Facebook page. [santashelpersak](https://www.facebook.com/santashelpersak)

*Thank you & Happy Holidays from
Santa's Helpers!*



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

Dec. 15 - 16, 2016 State Executive Board Meeting in Anchorage
February 6, 2017 State Executive Board Meeting in Juneau