



ASEA IN ACTION

City & Borough of Sitka Chapter

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

Important Dates

December 15 - 16, 2016 State Executive Board Meeting in Anchorage

February 6, 2017 State Executive Board Meeting in Juneau

CBS Chapter Makes Holiday Donation

Alaska State Employees Association/City of Sitka Chapter board members Angie Schieler, left, and Tom Climo, right, join Alaska Native Sisterhood Community Holiday Dinners Chairperson Debe Brincefield and Executive Chef Gary May at the Alaska Native Brotherhood Founders Hall on Thursday, Nov. 24 as dinners are prepared for some 400 people in Sitka.

The City of Sitka Chapter contributed \$250 on behalf of its membership to the annual community dinner for the second year in a row. In addition to cash contributions like the chapter's, thirty volunteers also made the community holiday meal possible. "This was the smoothest dinner we've ever put together," Brincefield said.



President's Message - Seasons Greetings

Brothers and Sisters,

These last few months has brought forth many changes and challenges in our workplace, our union, our community and our Nation. We must be thankful for all of our blessings each and every day. Your service to the community you live in is much appreciated. Be proud of what you do and proud of being part of our awesome Union!



As ASEA members, our collective voice is powerful and should be heard in everything we do. Our Union has launched the Never Quit Campaign. Using short video snippets, we want to show YOU doing your work and how YOUR work as an ASEA member impacts State services. Our goal is to reach out to the public and tell YOUR story. I will be putting on my smile, so please join those of us participating and make your own Kodak™ moment. Contact your Chapter President to find out how you can be a STAR in your own short Never Quit Campaign video.

As a union member, you can take advantage of member discounts and savings offered through the AFSCME Advantage Program <http://www.afscme.org/members/advantage>

My wish for OUR Union this Holiday Season and in the New Year is Peace, Love and Blessings to you and your family. Collectively we can make things happen. Thank you for all you do for our State and the ASEA Local 52 Family.

Dawn Bundick, State President
ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

City Of Sitka ASEA Chapter Election of Chapter Officers

The City of Sitka ASEA Chapter is holding an election for the following Chapter Officers:

- President •Vice President •Secretary •Treasurer •1 Executive - Board Seat

All City of Sitka Chapter members in good standing are eligible to participate and vote.

ELECTION DATE: December 20, 2016 - following close of nominations

Nominations will be accepted in person from the floor at the City of Sitka Chapter meeting December 20, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: The Loft - 408 Oja Way (across from the police department)