

ASEA In Action



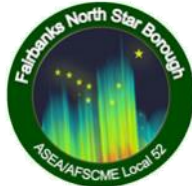
Fairbanks North Star Borough Supervisors Chapter

FNSB Chapter Accepting Scholarship Applications

FNSB's Chapter Scholarship Application is on line at www.afscmelocal52.org on the FNSB Chapter web page.

Ten (10) scholarships will be awarded, with a maximum of \$1,000 each. Scholarship recipients will be drawn by lottery.

The scholarship drawing will be held at the Fairbanks North Star Borough Chapter General Membership Meeting on April 27, 2017.



ELIGIBILITY:

- Current ASEA Local 52, Fairbanks North Star Borough Member
- Member's spouse
- Member's dependent(s)
- Member must be a full dues paying member, in good standing

REQUIREMENTS:

- Compose an essay, typed not to exceed 1,000 words, on the subject, "What ASEA Has Meant To Our Family"
- Completed Application Form



DEADLINE:

- Submit the completed application and essay, NO LATER THAN April 21, 2017:
- Mail: ASEA Local 52, FNSB Chapter, 542 4th Avenue, Suite 226, Fairbanks, AK 99701
- Fax: 907-452-2300
- Email: xeniad@afscmelocal52.org



ABOVE: Left to Right: Governor Bill Walker, Dawn Bundick, ASEA State Executive Board President, Lt. Governor Byron Mallott

Thoughts About The 2017 Political Education Leadership (PEL) Conference

The ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Political Education Leadership (PEL) Conference held in Juneau on February 7-8, 2017, provided ASEA members with an opportunity to observe their elected officials at work. In addition, members observed a joint legislative session of the House and Senate which began with legislators introducing gallery visitors from their respective districts.

Members also observed Alaska's 40 House members and 20 Senators unite for a "2017 State of the Judiciary" address by Alaska Supreme Court Chief Justice Craig Stowers. It was remarkable to observe these three branches of government interacting in the State Capitol after spending a part of the previous day with Governor Walker and Lt. Governor Mallot. The PEL Conference provided ASEA members with a better understanding of Alaska's political process.



ABOVE: From Left to Right: Michael Bredlie, FNSB Chapter; Kay Smith and Paul Nowlin, Juneau Chapter



President's Message - March Awareness

Brothers and Sisters,
March has a few themes I would like to share with you.

- March 3rd, Employee Appreciation Day**
Thanks to all GGU Members, without your hard work as members of ASEA, state services in our communities would be a challenge.
- March 17th, St. Patrick's Day**
The Luck of the Irish.
- March 27th, Seward's Day**, celebrates the signing of the Alaska Purchase Treaty on March 30, 1867.
- Lastly, March is **Women's History Month**.



Women's History Month had its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed PL. 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987, after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress passed PL. 100-9 which

designated the month of March 1987, as "Women's History Month." Between 1988 and 1994, Congress passed additional resolutions requesting and authorizing the President to proclaim March of each year as Women's History Month. Since 1995, Presidents Clinton, Bush and Obama have issued a series of annual proclamations designating the month of March as "Women's History Month." Celebrate a woman in your workplace and your life. Our ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 Women's Issues Committee (WIC) is offering pink wear on our PINK LINK webpage. In May, the WIC will be offering our "Woman of ASEA" scholarship, so stay tuned. *We have women in every profession and occupation who work hard everyday while also taking care of their families. Let's tell your story through the Never Quit video campaign. Contact your local Chapter President and make that video.*

Legislative Update: Your State Executive Board, Chapter Presidents and other key members of our respective chapters were in Juneau networking with representatives and encouraging our leaders to support passing a balanced budget effectively, but not on our backs. ASEA members have contributed in

helping with the fiscal challenge by bargaining two days of furlough and no wage increase in our three year contract. Our local leaders are busy in Juneau crafting bills to help manage our State affairs and we applaud their efforts. Do your part and communicate your concerns to your legislative representatives. Keep in mind that there are local races beginning and your participation is key.

Brothers and Sisters, get to know what our Union has to offer you. Free college, discounts through AFSCME Advantage and local chapter scholarships. We are AFSCME STRONG AND WE NEVER QUIT! Collectively we can and will make positive changes. Thank you for all you do for our State.

Dawn Bundick, State Executive Board President, ASEA/AFSCME Local 52

**Seward's Day
Monday, March 27**

