

ASEA IN ACTION

City & Borough of Sitka Chapter



Thoughts About The 2017 Political Education Leadership (PEL) Conference

I grew up the son of an AFL-CIO Longshoreman Union member in Massachusetts and attended union conventions in Miami, FL and Puerto Rico as a teenager. When I was asked if I wanted to attend the 2017 PEL Conference, I thought 'Awesome! Maybe it will be in Hawaii or even Seattle.' But when I was told it would be held in Juneau, I thought 'Oh well, it still might be fun! As it turns out, it was fun.

The conference ran smoothly and the speakers discussed current state of the state issues and how they relate to our union. Meeting and listening to other union members provided a feeling of solidarity. I also got my photo taken with Governor Walker. The food was excellent and we got to walk around without bumping into any tourists. Maybe I can help plan the destination for the next PEL conference.



Tom Climo, Treasurer of CBS



ABOVE: Left to Right: Kenny Winger, President, City of Sitka Chapter, Governor Bill Walker, Tom Climo, Treasurer, City of Sitka Chapter



ABOVE: Kay Smith, Juneau Chapter



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



ABOVE: From Left to Right: Michael Bredlie, FNSB Chapter; Kay Smith and Paul Nowlin, Juneau Chapter; Erik Johnson, Mat-Su Chapter Standing: Pat Owens, Bristol Bay 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 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 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

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