

ASEA In Action



Midnight Sun Donates to Hospice Flower Sale

Midnight Sun Chapter member Zuzanna Bobinski has for several years taken part in helping raise funds for the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Annual Fairbanks Hospice. This year Andrea Quintyne President of Midnight Sun Chapter and Zuzanna presented a donation of \$250 to Monte Landis, Hospice Coordinator. Hospice volunteers plant seedlings donated by several area greenhouses. Fundraising donations help purchase seedlings and baskets for the plant sale. (Picture Hospice Coordinator, Monte Landis holding the check with Andrea, Zuzanna and young ladies from the Girl Scouts.)



Anchorage Chapter Celebration Of Summer

The Anchorage Chapter Annual Summer Picnic is happening!



- June 10th
- Hilltop Chalet
- Noon - 4 p.m.

Come hear the sounds of BLACKWATER RAILROAD COMPANY, while you and your family enjoy the fun.

- LIVE MUSIC
- BBQ
- FAIR HAIR
- CORNHOLE BOARDS
- SNACKS
- BOUNCY HOUSE
- FACE PAINTING
- MAGICIAN
- OBSTACLE COURSE
- ICE CREAM TRUCK
- DOOR PRIZES
- BALLOON ANIMALS

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!!!

For more information call amber.n.barney@gmail.com

Anchorage Chapter Needs You For The 4th of July Parade

WE NEED YOU!

- July 4th
- 11:00 a.m.
- Where - to be announced

Come participate in the 4th of July Parade!

Show how **AFSCME STRONG** we are!

There are over 3,500 ASEA Union Members in Anchorage. Bring your family and show your support.



- Be Proud to be a UNION MEMBER!
- WEAR your Union t-shirt or Union Colors (AFSCME Green)

For more information contact:

ASEA State President Dawn Bundick at Dawnb@afscmelocal52.org

Important Dates

- September 11-12, 2017 State Executive Board Meeting - In Sitka
- December 13 - 14, 2017 State Executive Board Meeting - In Fairbanks

ASEA HEALTH TRUST

Open Enrollment Ends June 9

Make sure you have submitted the **Family Information Form** by July 1 to ensure that you are getting the most from your Health Trust benefits.

Confirm other health coverage: All participants are required to complete and submit a Family Information Form each year to confirm if your dependents have other health coverage (OHC). Claims cannot be paid until this form is up-to-date.

- ◇ Avoid delays in processing your claims by ensuring the Health Trust has confirmation of your current OHC.

Plan A participants must verify their enrolled spouse's employment status: If you have enrolled your spouse in Plan A, you must confirm if he or she is employed and eligible for health benefits through his/her employer or you will automatically be assessed a \$125 monthly surcharge.

- ◇ Avoid the Plan A monthly surcharge by verifying if your spouse is not enrolled in employer-sponsored coverage.

Go to aseahealth.org, click on Forms, then Enrollment & Eligibility Forms. If you are logged in, forms will prefill with your personal information on file. Simply update the information online and submit it for processing. Or, download the form, fill it out, and send it with a secure message through Contact Us.

Mat-Su Chapter Working On A Scholarship

The Mat-Su Chapter Scholarship Committee is in the process of putting together a scholarship program for their members. Keep watch for more information on their program and where and when to get an application.



President's Message

Brothers and Sisters,

Summer is upon us and Summer Solstice is even more reason to get out and enjoy our long days. I would like to encourage all ASEA Brothers and Sisters to read the BREAKTIME READING emails from your chapters so you have information about all the fun summer events being planned.

I constantly hear "What does the Union do for me?" Find out by asking a steward: or an active union member. Check out the ASEA bulletin board in your break room or go to your chapter's webpage on ASEA's website to find out what summer events your chapter is planning. School is out and families are looking for activities for their children. You can participate or volunteer to organize or walk in your community parade, fun runs, charity runs/walks, i.e., like the Walk for Hope or a relay, attend a concert or organize a picnic.

Notable mentions this month are: (1) the Nationwide LGBTQ events taking place around the country. I am so excited that our ASEA Pride Committee is gearing up to do wonderful things in our Union; (2) The Statewide Next Wave Committee is organizing a "No more trash bags" fundraising event to purchase duffel bags for children in transition to transport their personal items in when they are placed with families; (3) The Anchorage ASEA softball team has started playing games; and, (4) Juneau's Next Wave Chapter is organizing a bowling night. Contact your chapter and/or ASEA Committees and ask what you can do to participate or just come out and have some fun.

We always have potlucks or birthday gatherings for co-workers, be creative - Father's Day is fast approaching, so maybe plan to do something for Dads. Let's work together to come up with awesome ideas on how to have fun this summer at home, at work and in our communities. June is National Steakhouse Month, grill a steak! It's also National Perennial Gardening Month, plant a garden.

Stewards: Please work with your chapter to find out about your upcoming Steward Elections. Chapters: Make those Never Quit videos so we can upload them to the website. Members: Our common goal is to make sure every member knows what our Union has to offer and can do for you! Take advantage of getting to know our Union, because we are ASEA/AFSCME STRONG and we will "NEVER QUIT."

*In Friendship and Solidarity,
Dawn Bundick, State Executive Board
President ASEA/AFSCME*