

ASEA In Action



Chapter Stewards Elected *President's Message*

STEWARDS - ARE THEY?

During the last couple of months, ASEA Chapters have conducted Steward elections throughout the state. The list of Stewards can be found at the following link: <http://www.afscmelocal52.org/benefits-services/find-a-steward>

Stewards serve as a vital link between you, members, your union and management. Many members view their Steward as 'The Union' because they are the most visible presence of your Union in the workplace. Stewards assume a leadership role in the workplace as an effective communicator, problem solver, educator and organizer. Stewards are a conduit in building a united, organized and involved membership in your workplace. Stewards are familiar with our governing documents including the Collective Bargaining Agreement, ASEA Policies and Procedures, Chapter Bylaws, Workplace policies, practices and relevant rules, statutes and legislation. Above all, a Steward must be a fair and objective advocate for all members in their workplace.

Anchorage Chapter Awards Scholarships

On Wednesday, July 12th, the Anchorage Chapter awarded scholarships to 3 chapter members, 5 member dependents and 1 member was awarded Tuition Reimbursement.

The awards we presented to:

Members

Kathleen Dalton \$1,500 to University of Alaska, Anchorage
 Jeremy Hegge \$2,500 to University of Alaska, Anchorage
 Jamael Johnson \$3,000 to University of Alaska, Anchorage

Member Dependents

Brianna Bundick-Kelly \$3,000 to Virginia State University
 Zoe Harris \$2,500 to University of Alaska, Anchorage
 Molly O'Scannell \$1,500 to University of Alaska, Fairbanks
 Larisa Pollock \$3,000 to Georgetown University
 Ariana Saxon \$2,000 to Colorado Christian University

Member Tuition Reimbursement

Alyssa Rodrigues \$500

Congratulations to all!

ASEA Sisters and Brothers,

July was a tumultuous month with the possible government shutdown weighing heavy on our minds. As ASEA members, we stayed ASEA Strong and continued to do our jobs and serve our communities. Although the Legislature passed an operating budget the last week of June and averted a government shutdown, we need you to continue communicating your views on how their decisions affect us as Alaskans, working families and more importantly the services we provide and the jobs we do that serve Alaskan communities.

ASEA worksite meetings this quarter focused on the possibility of a government shutdown. Worksite meetings also included information about how you can help ASEA stay STRONG by remaining a committed Union member in times of uncertainty and how the power of our collective voices and unity will keep us STRONG. Please attend one of the ongoing worksite meetings so you can stay informed and hear about the "M.o.M." (Maintenance of Membership) card that will ensure ASEA stays STRONG in light of the upcoming Janus vs AFSCME Supreme Court case.

Let's continue to be involved with what is near and dear to our hearts. I am passionate about working for and with you, our members. I have to reflect back on my vision/theme, which is to CONNECT, ENGAGE AND INSPIRE!

My Vision for ASEA is Connecting with you, our members and our communities— ASEA IS THE LARGEST UNION IN ALASKA. Market Your UNION Statewide. ***Engaging*** collectively with one another through union involvement and community partnerships and ***Inspiring*** one another to make a difference in our Union. I will do my best to reach out to you and I hope you do the same. My challenge to you (7500+ members) is to ask yourself, "How can I help my Union?" and to reach out to me and let me and your chapter know that you want to be involved. We are STRONG collectively and "UNITY" is in our COMMUNITY.

In Friendship and Solidarity,

Dawn Bundick, ASEA/AFSCME Local 52 President



Anchorage CLC Back to School Drive

Anchorage CLC is holding their annual Back to School Supplies Drive.

•Supplies will benefit underprivileged children

•Drop OFF Locations:

*ASEA/AFSCME 52
2601 Denali St.

*IBEW
3333 Denali St.
Suite 200

*Laborers 341
2501 Commercial Drive

•Drop Off By Aug 4th

•***Suggested items:*** Backpacks, Markers, Loose Leaf Paper, Pencils/Pens, Rulers, Crayons, Colored Pencils, Scissors, Tab Dividers, Gift Cards, Calculators, 3x5 cards, Glue/Glue Sticks, Erasers, Sharpeners and 3 Ring Binders



Cook Inlet Relay For Life



Thank you for your donation in support of Team Justice League & Friends at the 2017 Relay for Life of the Central Peninsula. Thank you for helping us Kick Cancer Out of This World!

Congratulations to the Team Justice League and Friends who participated in the 2017 Central Peninsula Relay for Life for the Cook Inlet Chapter. The Cook Inlet Chapter has been donating to the Central Peninsula Relay for Life for several years and with this year's donation of \$250, we helped Team Justice raise \$3,100. We were told that Central Peninsula Relay for Life raised over \$30,000 to help Kick Cancer Out of This World. Thank you!

Tonia Thayer, Cook Inlet Chapter President

Important Dates

September 11 - 12, 2017 State Executive Board Meeting - Sitka

December 13 - 14, 2017 State Executive Board Meeting - Fairbanks

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