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ASEA In Action

The Anchorage Next Wave Committee Has Been Busy

On October 18th, the ASEA Next Wave Committee organized a volunteer drive at the food bank. Over FIFTY members showed up in force to help sort and bag produce and non-perishable items for various non-profit organizations across Anchorage. The Alaska Food Bank was very appreciative of the assistance. Way to go, ASEA!

President's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

November will be a month to remember. First and foremost, we will be making our voices heard through our vote, because our votes matter. Many of our forefathers and mothers have fought for the right to vote, exercise that right. Encourage your young elementary students about the process of voting and encourage your 18+ youth/young adult to go with you to the polls to vote.

This month two important words came to mind: Service and Honor along with two upcoming events. Your Union will be training your workplace stewards to be of Service to you, November 27th, 28th and 29th. Stewards serve you by assisting with those workplace situations that may be challenging or your steward may just need to lend an ear. We are here for you, so please seek out a steward. A list of stewards are on our Union headquarters webpage. If you aspire to help serve your co-workers contact me or another steward and we will gladly help you start this most awesome journey of Service through Stewardship.

Next, I would like to honor and say thank you to our brave women and men serving our U.S. military and our Veterans for their service. Veteran’s Day is November 11, 2018, (celebrated on November 12) and there will be many Veterans events planned around our city and State. One event I am fond of is the Veteran’s Day event at the Alaska National Guard Armory in Anchorage on JBER Fort Richardson. You may not know but I am a U.S. Navy Veteran and I was proud to serve my country and I continue to be honored and proud to serve you as your President. Your Union has created a Veterans’ Committee and if you are interested please send a statement of interest when the solicitation comes out to be a part of that committee. Additionally, our State AFL-CIO has also created a Veterans’ Committee.

What does it mean to Serve. Personally, for me it means doing work for someone or others while giving of yourself unconditionally for the greater good of all for a purpose. Serve by donating your time to a family/child in need, serve at a food bank, volunteer at a shelter, visit with seniors at a senior home, or serve in any way you can. Many of us serve in our everyday lives, through our work, through our families and organizations we belong to.

Lastly, Thanksgiving, There will be thanksgiving events around our communities with many organizations to help anyone in need of food this holiday, and they are always looking for help.

Brothers and Sisters, Thanks for giving the work that you do. We continue to Engage collectively with one another through our worksites, our union involvement and community partnerships. I challenge you to Inspire one another and yourself to make a difference in our Union, because you can.

In Friendship & Solidarity, Dawn Bundick, ASEA President

CNC Held A Get Together While In Juneau

As round two of GGU Contract negotiations resumed, members in Juneau were invited to meet with our elected Contract Negotiating Committee (CNC). A Meet and Greet was held October 25th at the Centennial Hall immediately following day one of the second negotiating session. Members received an update on discussions taking place between our Union negotiators and the State’s Bargaining Team. This is your contract. Stay Informed!

Juneau Chapter Next Wave and ASEA
Juneau Office Take Part In Halloween

Juneau’s Next Wave took part in the Community Trick or Treat at the ASEA office on Halloween. ASEA staff handed out union-made candy! Look at who came to visit!

On October 25th, the ASEA Next Wave Committee hosted its first-ever Movie Night at the Union hall. Over 40 members and their families gathered together to watch a special screening of Disney’s The Haunted Mansion while enjoying pizza, popcorn and candy. It was a spooky-good time, and the Committee looks forward to hosting another movie night in the future!