

# ASEA In Action



## Anchorage Next Wave - Keeping Busy Helping The Community Midnight Sun Meet N' Greet/Holiday Party



ASEA's Anchorage Chapter Next Wave Committee volunteered at Williwaw Elementary School's "Family Night" during the evening of Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. The event allowed parents of enrolled children to receive valuable training at on-site workshops, while State worker volunteers staffed areas to feed youth and keep them productively occupied. Thanks to all of our great volunteers and to the Anchorage School District for allowing us give back!



ASEA's Anchorage Chapter Next Wave Committee partnered with the Alaska Food Bank and spent the morning of Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> packing food boxes for low income seniors. Over 950 seniors will receive much needed assistance due in part to the efforts of State workers. Great Job and Thank You for coming out!

## Anchorage Chapter Donates 19th Annual Guns N' Hoses Charity Game Pucks

On Saturday, February 2, 2019, the 19th Annual Guns N Hoses Charity Hockey Game took place at the Sullivan Arena. This was a fantastic opportunity for families to come out and support our Anchorage Firefighters and Police Officers while raising funds for the Children's Hospital at Providence. This was a display of sportsmanship which was fun to watch and an example of the teamwork Anchorage firefighters and police officers show in our community each day.

This free family event had music, food, free prize giveaways, and a variety of skills demonstrations between periods to include a police canine demonstration. There was something for everyone to enjoy, even if you were not a hockey fan. Anchorage members attended and had a wonderful time. Our Sisters and Brothers in blue and red made a difference in our community through friendly competition.

The Anchorage Chapter sponsored the event by providing hockey pucks with our ASEA logo. The donated pucks were used during the game and were also available for purchase. Our Anchorage Chapter pucks SOLD OUT!



The Midnight Sun Chapter (MSC) Meet N' Greet/Holiday Party at La Quinta's Finish Line Restaurant was held on 12/13/2018, and we hope to make this an annual event. One hundred and twenty (120) members and their families attended. Photos were taken with Santa (Bill Hunt) and the kiddos by photographer Ashley Adamczak of Outcrop Images. The MSC Executive Board approved the donation \$1,000 to Santa's Helpers Non-Profit Organization, which supplies food boxes and toys to Fairbanks area families during the holiday season. Door prizes were distributed and the MSC Next Wave Committee held an ugly holiday sweater contest that was loads of laughs and fun.

## Happy St. Patrick's Day President's Message

Sisters and Brothers,

On February 26-27, 2019, ASEA Chapter Presidents or a designated member selected by the Chapter President will travel to Juneau, to participate in ASEA's 2019 Political Education Leadership (PEL) Conference. During the course of these two days we will learn about the political process, the landscape of Alaska and proposed legislation that concerns us. Legislators are scheduled to speak to PEL attendees about their current legislative activities and will provide information on current legislation. Appointments will be made for PEL participants to meet with their individual legislators. ASEA will provide participants information on how to lobby their legislator and how to be an advocate for issues that directly affect ASEA members. Our main focus will be garnering support and votes to approve our collective bargaining agreement in addition to bills that directly relate to not only our jobs but to our everyday livelihoods as community citizens. As you know, there have been many forefathers and foremothers that have fought for our voice and rights in the political system and times have definitely changed.

Earlier in the month on February 12-13, 2019, your five AFL-CIO Vice Presidents, attended the AFL-CIO Legislative Fly-In to Juneau. This event brought together all AFL-CIO affiliates so we could (1) learn about political issues that may affect our affiliates and (2) champion new laws and regulations that may impact education, transportation, housing, wages, jobs, etc. and thereby affect everything in our lives. This was the first opportunity for us as a group to make a difference with our collective voices.

Keep warm, be well.

*In Friendship and Solidarity, Dawn Bundick*

## Seward's Day

Celebrated on the last Monday in March.

