

NEWS YOU CAN USE! NEWS YOU CAN USE!

ESP Action Alert! Be sure and read the bright pink flyer that was sent last week regarding payment for professional development hours. August 31st is the deadline for you to turn in all paperwork for either a step increase or to receive \$25.00 per clock hour that you have earned up to 120 total hours. See Liz Rowe in Human Resources.

Primary Election - Please call at least five friends or family members tonight and remind them to vote for the endorsed pro-public education candidates. There are a number of activities scheduled below if you are interested. Please join us to watch the election returns tomorrow at the Claim Jumper in El Con after the polls close. See the calendar.

Important Reminder - Healthcare Benefits open enrollment ends August 31st. Every employee must re-enroll if you intend to take advantage of the District plan. See below regarding informational forums.

Blue Cross/ Blue Shield – We have been informed by our member discount Blue Cross/Blue Shield agent that because of the new National Health Care Program Blue Cross/Blue Shield will no longer be offering child(ren) only coverage. This will take affect with their contract renewal as of October 1, 2010. Coverage for child(ren) will only be offered when another parent is covered on the same plan. They will be accepting applications for child(ren) only coverage through August 31, 2010. After that they will no longer accept applications for child(ren) unless a parent is included on that application. If anyone is interested in child(ren) only coverage the application must be into Blue Cross/Blue Shield by August 31, 2010. All existing plans/coverage for children only will remain in effect.

According to Blue Cross/Blue Shield all medical insurance carriers will be making this change. The AEA Member Benefits Committee will be looking into this program this fiscal year to see if there are any other alternatives.

If you have any questions you can contact either Susan Richie or Linda Scanzello at Glass financial 602-952-1202 or 1-877-895-5012

TEA Leadership Conference - We had a terrific turnout of leaders and special guests for our annual leadership conference on Saturday, August 21st. Many of our endorsed candidates attended the morning “Meet & Greet” before AEA President, Andrew Morrill, addressed the group. It was a very productive day and as a result, the ARs left well - armed with essential information to fulfill their duties.

Ratification Vote Online - TEA is going to online voting. The vote to ratify the negotiated tentative agreements will be the very first for our Association. The time frame to vote begins this Wednesday, August 25 at 5:00am until Wednesday, September 1st at 5:45pm. It's as easy as 1,2,3. Simply go to <https://votenet> and follow the prompts. The user name is your first initial and last name with no periods or commas.

Example: Luci Messing would be lmessing. Your password is the last four digits of your social security number. Be sure to fully complete the process and submit your vote. We will be sending out more information regarding this new process.

Have a great week!

Luci

Date	Time	Event
Monday, August 23	5:30pm – 8:00pm	GOTV Phone Bank for Penny Kotterman AEA Southern Region (6873 N. Oracle, N of Orange Grove)
Monday, August 23	8:30pm	Steve Farley Signs at the polls Meet at Rep. Farley's home (2532 E. Helen St.)
Tuesday, August 24	6:00am – 7:00pm 7:00pm – ????	VOTE! Election Night Watch! Join us at the Claim Jumper (El Con) Light Appetizers provided, BuyYOB
Wednesday, August 25	5:30pm – 7:30pm	House Party for LD 30 Candidate Andrea Dalessandro Cyd Hartnagel Home (13575 E. Kahlua Rd. Vail) RSVP at #647-3170 or chartnag@yahoo.com
Wednesday, August 25	5:00pm – 7:00pm	Meet our next governor, Terry Goddard Mark Stegeman Home (85 N. Sierra Vista Dr.)
Thursday, August 26	5:30pm – 8 :00pm	Educators for Giffords – TEA Night to phone bank Giffords campaign HQ (NE corner of Pima & Alvernon)
Saturday, August 28	8:00am – 3:30pm	Superintendent Search Committee 1010 E. 10 th . Street
Wednesday, September 1	4:15pm – 4:30pm	TEAPAC Contributors Meeting Rincon HS Cafeteria (421 N. Arcadia)

Wednesday, September 1	4:30am – 6:30pm	AR Meeting Rincon HS Cafeteria (421 N. Arcadia)
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