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TUESDAY, Oct. 13 and SATURDAY, Oct. 24

Policy Assembly 2009 will occur!!

Policy Assembly, the opportunity for members to suggest changes to our Constitution and Bylaws and an opportunity to change policies our local union uses as it conducts business for members. The Policy Assembly Work Session (**Tuesday, October 13**) will begin immediately following the Building Representative Council at the **FEA** offices. Has your building held a mini-policy assembly to discuss and suggest changes that are needed in the operation of our local union? Bring such changes to the Policy Assembly Work Session. This year may be the time to decide on a policy about pay for performance, membership in the local Central Labor Council, or the amount of per diem to pay members who travel on business for the Association. Do you have an opinion or position? Bring it to the Work Session or Policy Assembly.

Be sure to read the Oct. 2 **FEA**dback for information on who may attend and who may vote. Following is a list of those who need to attend to qualify as a delegate for Delegate Assembly or Representative Assembly: **Jenifer Cameron, Kate Ortega, Mary Ann Adams, Nancy Hummel, Frida Shroyer, Elizabeth Lower, Pat Aikman, Bill Ernst, Kim Brock, Alice Szuberla, Carol Hess, Kim Wallingford, Sandy Cummings, Christine Villano, Cat Albright, Sandra Ryan, Lori Mertes, Lynn Johnson, Karen Williams-Clarkson, Sherry Blizzard, Tina Devine, and Steve Laroe.**

See you on **Tuesday, October 13** for the Policy Assembly Work Session (held at the FEA offices at 2116 South Cushman Street) and **Saturday, October 24** for Policy Assembly (location TBA).

A RUN-OFF ELECTION OCCURS ON TUESDAY, NOV. 3

FEA PACE met for a short meeting on Oct. 7. Support for **LUKE HOPKINS** as Borough Mayor was affirmed. It is important that you plan to vote in the run-off election. More information will be available in the next issue.

Items of Interest to Members

November is "Open Enrollment" month for your health care plan. Are you considering a change? You must return your form to have family members or your spouse covered.

The District is participating in the scheduled **HEALTH FAIR** on Oct. 31 at the Westmark Hotel from 8:00am until noon. More information will be available in the next issue.

The North Star Imagination Library is having a fund raiser, **CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN RECOGNITION DINNER**, at Pike's Lodge on Wednesday, November 4 beginning at 5:30pm with dinner at 6:00pm. Our friend Susan Stitham will MC and conduct the live auction. Tickets are \$50 each.

Board of Directors Retreat

On Friday, Sept. 25, our Board of Directors met for a retreat at the Alpine Lodge for the day. Our Directors learned their fiduciary responsibilities as a member and some discovered this means more than just monetary concerns. Sandy Cummings, Dana Bowne and Chris Villano will assist Treasurer Sandi Ryan on the Budget and Audit Committee. After much discussion, Directors established three goals for the 2009-2010 year. These are: **Increase the Respect for Professional Educators, Educate the Community about the need for a Defined Benefit Retirement Program, and Increase our Communication/Networking in the Community.** The regular September Board meeting was also held and minutes will accompany the Nov. 6 **FEA**dback.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A TEACHER!!!