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Hi Steve, I would like to put this ad in your newsletter. Our class collects old cell phones, CD disks, and ink cartridges that fit in the palm of your hand. Our class uses the funds for community activities as well as class incentives. Staff can interschool mail them to Denali in my name, (Nola Hunter). Thanks so much.

THANK YOU FOR VOTING NOVEMBER 3rd!!!

The election for Borough Mayor occurred on Tuesday, November 3rd. For this run-off election, the impact the membership of the Fairbanks Education Association may well have made the difference since the margin for **LUKE HOPKINS'** victory was 844 votes or 4.9% of the votes cast. **FEA** is grateful for the support of members who volunteered to make phone calls. The following **FEA** members: **Tim Parker, Kate Ortega, Sandi Cummings, Candi Hess, Mari Torgerson, Chris Villano, Jenifer Cameron, and Bill Ernst**, assisted by three retired former members; **Susan Stitham, Nancy Allen, and Barb George**, along with eight of our fellow ESSA members; **Marlis Homoleski, Allicia Tuttle, Fred Landru, Irene Matheis, Susan Coltellaro, Chrya Sanderson, Warren Taylor, and Tonya Brown**; and **NEA** Director **Glen Ramos**, made 1998 phone calls. We are grateful for the assistance of **NEA** -Alaska Government Relations Director, **John Alcantra**, for spending ten days in Fairbanks for this **Get Out The Vote** effort. John reports that **Mari Torgerson** spent three nights phoning members and personally made 315 calls. Way to go **Mari!!!** The combined efforts of **FEA, ESSA, NEA-Alaska Retired, and NEA-Alaska** demonstrated the importance of voting, and that **your vote does count**, in this run-off election.

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FEA Election on December 8, 2009

Just to be sure, elections are still in the news. On Tuesday, December 8, **FEA** will conduct its elections for delegates/alternates to attend Delegate Assembly in Anchorage from January 28-30, 2010. The following members are eligible to be candidates: **Nancy Duez, Curtis Watkins, Karen Dullen, Sean Genson, Chris Benshoof, Paula Addis, Jerry Grogan, Mari Torgerson, and Dana Bowne**. The 50-word biography is due no later than 5:00pm on Monday, November 23, 2009.

Items of Interest to Members

November is **Open Enrollment** month for your **health plan for 2010**. If you have changes to make for 2010, now is the time. Have you completed your form? This is the time to sign-up for the Flex Spending Accounts for 2010 and the Health Savings Account if you are Plan B. You should have received your pin number from WPAS to access your account online. **Monday, November 30** is the last day Human resources will accept changes.

The North Star Imagination Library held their fund raiser, **CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN RECOGNITION DINNER**, at Pike's Lodge on Wednesday, November 4. Our friend Susan Stitham was the MC and conducted a spirited live auction. **FEA** did contribute, arranged by **Jenifer Cameron**, a fine basket of goodies for the auction.

Registration is now being accepted for the **Secure Your Financial Future** class scheduled for January 15-17, 2010. A deposit of \$25.00 (refundable if all sessions are attended) is needed to reserve your seat for the class. Twenty reservations are needed by 5:00pm on **Tuesday, December 15, 2009**. Credit is available for \$90.00. Check the flyer on the **FEA** bulletin board at your school.

If this issue seems a bit different in its structure, check the date and the quote on the reverse. Then enjoy your week.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A TEACHER!!!