



MEA UPDATE

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I write this in hopes that everyone is having a wonderful end of the year. Now that it has been nice outside Ellie has given up the guitar for the slide. I am hoping that by next winter she will have forgotten about the drums!! I was wrong about Ben crawling by the next Update. However, he is a master at rolling and scooting. As soon as they are both on the move I am in trouble so I am fine with waiting!! I hope that everyone has a wonderful and relaxing summer. I look forward to seeing everyone at the kick-off in early August!! ☺

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

With summer approaching, the Millard Public Schools and Millard Education Association have decided to extend negotiations for the new collective bargaining agreement (contract), effective September of 2009, into the summer.

We are not at an impasse. Talks have been spirited but constructive. The principal source of the delay in coming to an agreement stems from the state budgeting process, which as yet has not settled on a funding package for schools. The current

contract does not expire until August 31st. Both sides hope for a settlement in late May or early June. Association members will receive more information on voting for the contract, as well as cluster meetings, as we near a tentative agreement..

INSURANCE UPDATE

We have met with Deb Wallman from the Fremont Education Association. Fremont has a very successful Insurance Committee so we are going to take information that Deb gave us and put that to use next year. We want to have a group that can empower teachers with information and help everyone to better understand insurance. If you are interested in serving on this committee please let Molly Erickson know at mberickson@mpsomaha.org

CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP

This is a reminder that your membership to MEA is continuous. This means that you will be a member next year automatically. If you do not wish to continue your membership, you need to state that in writing to Molly Erickson by June 1st. If you have any questions regarding this please let me know.

WEB SITE SWEEPSTAKES

Register for the NEA Member Benefits Web site sweepstakes \$5,000 grand prize drawing, as well as other prizes, through Aug.

31. Other prizes include:

- **May 1-15:** Ten \$1,000 12-month CDs.
- **May 16-31:** Five \$1,500 Liberty Travel gift cards.
- **June 1-15:** Ten \$500 laptop computers.
- **June 16-30:** Fifty \$100 Target gift cards.

Register to win at:

www.neamb.com

MEA-R

The MEA Retired group is having a luncheon for all those who are retiring in May. It is Wednesday, June 17th at 12:00 noon at the Old Country Buffet off of 144th and Center.

Also, they are having a golf outing for all members. It is Thursday, July 16th at Pacific Springs. Tee times 8:30-9:30. 9 holes and prizes for \$17.00. For more information and to make reservations, contact Jill Floth at jfloth@yahoo.com, Judy Stratbucker at jstratbu2@cox.net, or Nancy Nieman at nnieman@tconl.com. Lunch is at 11:30 at the Pacific Springs Club House. If you are not a golfer and would like to come for lunch, you can make reservations for the lunch only.

403b INFORMATION

If you have recently been affected by the change in 403b carriers please continue reading. If you had money taken out of your check in Jan., Feb., and March and by June 1

it has not been deposited into your 403b account, please send me an email or give me a call. Chad Meisgeier and I have been working together on this and we want to know how many people are affected before deciding on the next step. Thank you for your help in this process. Please let me know if you have any questions about this before the first if needed.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER

Thank you to everyone who attended the President's Dinner on May 3rd. Thirty-four retirees were honored at the dinner. They are: Nancy Armitage, Cecelia Birckhead, Laurie Brodeur, Rich Brown, Karen Callinan, Jackie Clarke, Wayne Crumbley, Marie Davis, Linda Fauss, Linda Frey, Charles Gould, Sandi Hansen, Diane Hansler, Kathleen Hardenbergh, Ellen Hartfield, Jeff Koerten, Deborah Korves-Gunnink, Nancy Maust, Barbara McKenna, Mary Morley, Cindy Nability, Michael Neemann, Linda Nichols, Pam Norlen, Kaye Nyffeler, Liz Olson, Beth Reitz, Jeff Ritz, Bob Schiermeyer, Suzanne Steckelberg, Mary Strasil, Jerry Tieger, Becky Torrens and Kate Weidauer.

The following were unable to attend: Ellen Batenhorst, Tom Clark, Nick Danze, Mary Ehlers, Richard Everts, Michael Farrrens, Aline Jones, Mary Keefner, Danna Mosser, Terry Neufind and Denise Waller.

Other awards presented were: MEA Rookie of the Year, Rick Wilson; MEA Building Representative of the Year, Paul Schulte; MEA Friend of Education, Dr. Kirby Eltiste; and MEA Crystal Apple Award, Matt Dykstra.

