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MEA NIGHT OUT

The MEA Communications Committee is sponsoring a Night Out with the Lancers on Saturday, February 19th at 7:05 pm. It is \$1 night for drinks and hotdogs 1 hour before the game starts. Please click on the link below for an order form and more details on this fun night out!! RSVPs need to be in by Friday, February 11th.

http://millardmea.org/media/MEANightOut withtheLancers.pdf

IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

Your association dues are tax deductible. The amount you can claim for full-time dues for the 2009-2010 school year are \$649.20. If you need a print-out please click on the link below for a printer-friendly version of this information.

http://millardmea.org/members/dues.htm

CRYSTAL APPLE AWARD

Our January winner is Lisa Groth, a science teacher and Department Head at Millard

South High School. To nominate an amazing teacher for February please click on the link below.

http://www.millardmea.org/

UPCOMING VINTAGE FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS

MEA and Vintage Financial have teamed up to offer a tax preparation workshop. This class will be offered on Tuesday, February 15th at 4:30 pm at DSAC. Please click on the link below for more details.

http://millardmea.org/media/VintageFlyer2. 15.11.pdf

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

Begin thinking about a new (1st year) teacher in your building that we can honor at the 2011 President's Dinner. Every year Millard nominates a first-year teacher to honor at our President's Dinner and then we go on to honor that person at the Delegate Assembly at the state level. If they win there they will have a chance to compete nationally as well. So, if you have a new teacher in your building that should be honored please email that to me by Friday, March 4th.

NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

Both the MEA Board of Directors and the MEA Building Representative Council have approved the Negotiation's Team. Your team will be as follows:

Matt Heys - Chief Negotiator Tyler Berzina - Statistician Molly Erickson - President Paul Schulte - Vice President Mike Wiesen - NSEA UniServ

The team will be creating the survey on Saturday, February 5^{th} . It will be coming to you via email shortly after. The results will be shared with you along with the goals of the committee based on the survey results. Continue to look for updates as we move through this process throughout the spring.

OPEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS SEATS

The following seats will be open for the MEA Board for Directors for the 2011-2012 school year.

Vice President (2 year term) Treasurer (2 year term) Elementary Rep. (2 positions/2 year term) Middle School Rep. (1 position/2 year term) High School Rep. (1 position/2 year term) At-Large Rep. (1 position/2 year term)

Please email Kathy Gibbs via GroupWise if you are interested in running for any of the above positions. The last date to submit your name for nomination is Friday, March 4th, 2011.

DA/RA

The Delegate Assembly (DA) for NSEA is being held in Omaha this year at the Embassy Suites in LaVista on April 15-16. The MEA can send 24 delegates. If you would like to attend please submit your name to Molly Erickson via email by Friday, March 4th.

The Representative Assembly (RA) for NEA is being held in Chicago, IL from June 30 -July 7th. MEA can send 8 delegates. Two seats are reserved for the President and Vice President so there are 6 open seats. If you would like to attend please submit your name to Molly Erickson via email by Friday, March 4th.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

There are two ways to receive Legislative Updates. Through MPS Legislative Corps: <u>http://community-</u>

involvement.mps.schoolfusion.us/modules/gr oups/homepagefiles/gwp/750516/1017089/ File/Leg%20Corps%20Acceptance%20Form. pdf?sessionid=276bae68c4a52708f4d17c8a f217586b

Through NSEA:

http://nsea.org/policy/LegUpdate.htm For maps of your legislative districts click on the link below:

http://millardmea.org/leaders/committees/i ndex.htm