



# MEA UPDATE

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## President's Corner

Hello to everyone!! I hope that everyone had enjoyable conferences. I have been busy with member rights issues and negotiations. We began negotiating with the district at the beginning of the month. Look for more information in the future updates,

For those of you who enjoy hearing about my children I have been busy at home too. My 2-year-old daughter, Ellie, is now potty trained. Her newest craze is that she wants a pink guitar so that she can play it while she sings. We are taking her to the Keith Urban concert this summer so I am sure I will have some funny stories to share!! My 4-month-old son, Ben, is now rolling all over the place and loves to giggle. He is trying really hard to keep up with his big sister.

Molly Erickson  
MEA President

## Open Board Positions

There are many open seats on the MEA Board of Directors for the coming school year. We typically meet on the second Tuesday of the month for a few hours. These positions are two year positions unless otherwise noted. **Please let me know**

**before 4:30 on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> if you are interested in running.** You can do this via email to [mberickson@mpsomaha.org](mailto:mberickson@mpsomaha.org)

Elementary Director - 2 positions  
High School Director - 1 position  
Middle Level Director - 1 position  
At-Large Director - 2 positions  
Treasurer - 1 position  
Secretary - 1 position (1 year term)  
Vice President - 1 position

## Tax Information

As many of you I am sure remember, you can claim your dues for tax purposes. The total amount for dues that you paid for 2008 is \$619.80 for local/state/national dues if you were a member all year. If this is your first year as a member you can claim \$127.00 for 2008. You can also claim \$250 for classroom supplies without receipts if you are filing a 1040 form. As long as you have receipts, you can claim more than this amount. For more information on this please click on the following link.

<http://www.millardmea.org/members/dues.htm>

## Passport Card

You can still get Passport cards through our MEA website. Remember this is the card that would cost you over \$90 if you were to buy it without the MEA discount. The cost to members is \$67.50. Use it at many local restaurants and you buy one meal and get one free. The website has an updated list of participating restaurants.

<http://www.millardmea.org>

## Crystal Apple Award

Congratulations to Sherri Buford, our third quarter winner!! She is the READ teacher at Sandoz Elementary. Look for pictures soon on the MEA website ([www.millardmea.org](http://www.millardmea.org)). Pictures of Mr. D are now up if you have not had a chance to see them yet!! Nominations for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter are being taken now through April 17<sup>th</sup>. Go to the website for the nomination form and send them to me via email.

## Financial Workshops

Our last financial planning workshop of the year will be on March 31<sup>st</sup> in Room C at DSAC. This workshop is free to all members and is put on by Vintage Financial. Mark your calendars now and a flyer will be coming soon with more details on how to RSVP.

## President's Dinner

The date for the President's Dinner at Shadow Ridge Country Club has been set for Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are a retiree this

year please mark your calendars. More details will be coming soon.

## What to Do if You're Stranded in Snow

What should you do if you become stranded in snow? The National Safety Council suggests motorists stranded in the snow should follow these tips:

- ◆ Use a cellular telephone to call for help.
- ◆ Use flares or reflective triangles to attract attention and to avoid being hit by another car.
- ◆ Never walk away from your vehicle unless you know exactly where you are, how far it is to help and if you are positive you can improve your situation. Leave a note with date, time and destination in the car.
- ◆ Keep at least one window open slightly.
- ◆ Keep snow and ice from blocking the exhaust pipe, as well as the radiator.
- ◆ Run the engine and heater for 10 minutes every hour, depending on how much gas you have in your tank.

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