

May 2013
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the DUTU Newsletter

Watch for
summer
school
pick times

No School
May 27th

Happy
Memorial Day

INSURANCE INFORMATION

Your Governing Council has been, and will continue over the summer, to look into Health Insurance Options for those few of our members who may not be able to meet the insurance eligibility next year.

Donna Frey

Next General
Membership
Meeting:

May 16th

Elgin High School
5:30 p.m.

Reminders & Important Information

Interested in
being
more involved in
your Union ??

See Lyle or Donna

Have
A
Safe
Summe
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Great new calendar with our paydays, scheduled meetings, times and school board meetings on our website at

www.mydutu.org

**Governing
Council
Members:**

President: Lyle Moseman

Vice President: Donna Frey

Secretary: Brenda DelHotal

Treasurer: Carol Gunn

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Health & Safety: Betty Skyles

Newsletter: Heather Bayer

Grievance: Donna Frey/Lyle Moseman

Sunshine/Social: Wendy Skornia

Staff Development: Connie Lohls

Membership: Tammy Cleary

By Laws & Legislation: Dave Ramis

Audit: Linda Turnquist

Field Trips: Dan Umbach

Accident Review: Joe Haubert

Election: Liz Lewis

Benefit Resources: Melissa Gonzalez

Student Discipline:

Association Representative (AR):

GPA: Donna Frey

BARGAINING TEAM

Jim Burns

Brenda DelHotal

Heather Bayer

Sue Hamm

Carol Gunn

Dan Umbach

Lyle Moseman

Donna Frey

Dave Ramis

**LABOR MANAGEMENT
TEAM**

Lyle Moseman

Heather Bayer

Donna Frey

Brenda DelHotal

Wendy Skornia

**List of cards to be
given on behalf
of our union**

March 2013

Cheryl Pierce – Get Well
Deanna Johnson – Get Well

April 2013

Mary Thompson – sympathy
Tony Hollister – sympathy
Norene Sikora – sympathy
Joanne Mcpherson – get well
Marian Clyde – get well



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SUMMER SCHOOL PICK INFO

At Bus Garage

June 1st = Driver's Pick Day

June 3rd = Assistant's Pick Day

Watch for your exact pick time

Summer School Info

Elementary School will be held at

Hillcrest, Heritage (7:30 – 11:30)

Nature Ridge, Lincoln (8:15 – 12:15)

Extended School year will be held at

Liberty (8:00 – 11:30)

Monday – Thursday

June 10th – July 18th (No school July 4th)

Transportation will not be offered to middle school and high school for the summer.

2013 – 2014 School Year Info

Routes posted for viewing at bus garage August 7th & 8th

Routes posted for viewing at Independence August 11th

Pick Days are Monday August 12th and Tuesday August 13th

At Independence

Inservice Meeting is Friday August 16th

Elgin High School at 7:30am

First Day of school is Monday August 19th

Watch for exact pick day and time

Parade News

This year both DUTU and Region 63 will have entries in the Streamwood Festival Parade!! Dutu and the Transportation Dept. will feature the "Book Bus" as our parade entry and Region 63 will be doing something in sync with the Streamwood Fest theme, "The Best of Broadway".

We are looking for 15 volunteers to walk in the parade with the Book Bus and to hand out candy and bookmarks to the children.

And we also need 5 to 7 volunteers from DUTU to march with the other ESP's for the Region 63 entry.

BIG NEWS!!!

The Book Bus Crew has been granted a space to park at the Streamwood Festival after the parade for approximately 3 hours to hold one of their "events". It is a real joy to help the kids find a book to take home and keep, just ask any of the usual Book Bus volunteers and/or Paulette Walsh, their fearless leader. Stop by and see for yourself.

The Streamwood Festival Parade is scheduled for the morning of July 27th and I hope many of you can come out and walk with us or cheer us from the parade route! I will be putting out more information when I get it and should have a list of people that you can talk to if you want to volunteer and give your contact information to. Watch the Union Board for this info.

Thanks
Donna Frey, VP, GPA

**LETS KEEP OUR FLEET
CLEAN**

One day I had to use one of our spare buses and had to clean it before picking up my first school. I got over a full shopping bag of garbage, luckily I had a bag with me. This gave me an idea, why not recycle our bags at the garage.

I would like to thank Sue Blank for her generous offer to make shopping bag holders for us. These bags will be hanging in the garage at several locations. Please take a bag to keep our buses clean. I am sure our stand-by drivers, mechanics, route drivers, school staff, children and parents will appreciate a clean spare bus.

Feel free to bring any left over material or ask Sue how to make more holders. Also, please bring in those shopping bags to fill the holders.

Thank you for keeping our buses clean and leaving a good impression of our bus drivers.

Thanks
Linda Turnquist

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Chemo and Hair Loss

Recently a friend of mine's daughter was diagnosed with invasive ductal carcinoma, stage 2. In other words, she has breast cancer. He had some interesting information I wanted to pass on to you.

To prevent hair loss they tried a technique that has been in use in Europe and the UK for over 15 years, called "cold cap therapy". The FDA in the US hasn't approved it yet, but as mentioned, the Brits and Europeans have been successfully incorporating it over a decade and a half. Briefly, the concept is to freeze a special elastic cap down to -18 to -30 degrees Celsius using dry ice, and then applying it to the scalp for 30-45 minutes prior to the start of chemo, and continuing until 2-3 hours following the chemo session. It freezes the hair follicles and theoretically prevents the chemo from entering and destroying them, thus preventing hair loss.

Because of the wonderful cold caps my friend's daughter used at the onset of chemo therapy, she still has a full head of hair! (This has astounded the surgeon, oncologist and radiologist as well as their respective staffs). Her oncologist has been so pleased with the cold cap process he has referred two other patients to her for instructions on the procedure to maintain their hair.

One of those patients actually works at Tampa General Hospital and the hospital has accepted a donated cold cap freezer, (patients still have to provide their own caps).

One positive result of this experience is now she has the ability to help others in her situation in a small way. Keeping hair during chemo therapy is so wonderful for the self-esteem. Thanks to another breast cancer survivor friend, a local ABC news affiliate in Tampa has requested an interview with my friend's daughter for March 5th with particular interest in her successful use of cold cap therapy and maintaining her hair.

For more information on this therapy go to this site:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICYtweOUSV4>

Cold Cap Therapy - Changing the Caps - YouTube

Hope this can be of help to someone you know

*A little info from your
"By laws and Legislation" chair person.*

Hi everybody.

Our IMRF (Illinois municipal retirement fund) is one of the best benefits we have. However, due to the fact that Illinois is one of the most financially unstable and cash strapped states in the country is causing some legislators to examine OUR retirement fund!! They see US as causing our state to be broke. It is VERY important when we have a chance to call them and voice our opinion to keep OUR benefits that we MUST make that quick call!! Who knows if social security will even be around when we retire!! And unless you have the winning lottery ticket, we will ALL be in a world of hurt if we want to retire!! If you have any questions about your IMRF you can call 1-800-ASK-IMRF, or go on their website at IMRF.ORG. You can sign up for email updates from them. It only takes a minute to do then you can stay informed about YOUR benefit. Another website you can go on is IEANEA.ORG. Check the union board in the drivers room also because that has other information that will help us. I will also try to post phone numbers of our legislators so we can call them and voice our opinion. For those new people at work your IMRF might not seem that big of a deal to start but ask any driver who has been there awhile and when we get our IMRF statements once a year the numbers are looking better and better!!!! As your by laws and legislation chairperson I will try my best to keep you informed. We are winding down the school year and have many challenges ahead.

I want to wish everybody a safe and happy summer!!!! Until next school year, BE SAFE!!!!

Sincerely, Dave Ramis

How to log into "MUNIS"
To check your punch times

Go to www.u-46.org

Click on
Staff Resources

Click on
Human Resources and Insurance

Click on
Workforce link

User Name
Your work ID #

Password (first time user)
Last four digit of your
social security number

Once you are logged in....it will ask you to create a new password...your new password will have to be at least 8 digits/characters; you must have at least one number, one symbol, one letter and one lowercase letter. You will only be required to change the password once a year.

Remember you can print your timesheets upstairs in computer lab.

The Book **Bus**

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What is the Book Bus? I am still hearing this question, even after a full year since we started it. Well, just in case you're still in the dark about this, here's a brief explanation.

Last year we started this adventure for several reasons. First & foremost.... we need to do more! This district needs it! We also were in the middle of negotiations & some positive thinking/actions were a welcome relief.

You may remember the book drive we had last year. It was an amazing success. We collected approximately 2500 books. Well surpassing my expectations! We spent many hours sorting through them & organizing. Don't get me wrong, we are far from a library, but we are somewhat organized. :) We then go to a school & invite students to come out & pick 3 books, for free. If they bring books to donate, they get another for every one they donate. After they choose their new books, they practice their emergency evac skills by jumping out the back, assisted by some of our volunteers. (They really like that part! :))

Our 1st Book Bus last year was at Lords Park Elementary & boy did we have fun! Around 200 students visited & 70 signed up for the Library's Summer Reading Program. (Great way to support the Superintendants reading challenge!) After that we teamed up with the Elgin Parks & Recs at several of their summer free lunch spots around the city. (Fyi, this is a federally funded program that crafts for them to do.) Many of these children have NO books & rarely if ever go to the library. So needless to say, they were VERY excited to join in the fun. Then we did it again in the fall at Parkwood Elem., & most recently this spring at Highland Elem.

This year, we're kicking off the season at Garfield Elementary on Saturday June 1st from 10am until 1pm!

My question to you is..... How can you help?

We're always looking for new donations. Good condition childrens books, from toddlers board books, easy readers, fun chapter, advanced chapter, fun series books....etc. You get the picture.

Always need help loading & unloading the bus, usually the Friday afternoon before, & Saturday afternoon afterwards.

Sorting new donations at the event, greeting students/parents, helping students find just the right book inside, or catching our "jumpers" in the back!

Caution!!!! This may be addicting! You may enjoy yourself, we certainly do! (And if you find just the right book for yourself, borrowing is never a problem!)

If you have any questions or want to help in some way please let me know.

(To keep up with all that happens with the Book Bus, please *friend* "Dutu Bookbus", or *like* "The Book Bus" page on facebook! Check out some of our photos from previous events!)

Thanks for your support! Paulette Walsh

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Summer Kickoff Celebration

June 3rd

At the bus garage south side parking lot.

Lunch will be served from 10:30 – 4:00
Hot dogs, Hamburgers, salads, bottled water & Ice cream

Live music from the soon to be famous band
“The Sam Dandals”

We will be giving away some prizes, to have your name put in
the drawing you need to join in the fun!

There will be a 50/50 drawing, the winner will receive half of the
pot & we will have a list of charities that the winner will choose
from to donate the other half of the pot to.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 we will be selling them in the break
room throughout the day.

Come & celebrate the last day of school!

Your party committee:

Carla Evans, Connie Ledonne, Earl Flackus, Heather Bayer,
Lauran Rantz, Shawn Bernhardson and Sonja Vargas