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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 21 Next classified ad deadline
January 1 New Year's Day
January 2 Next *OpenLine* article deadline
January 9* **Council meeting**
January 15 .. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 16 Spring Semester Begins
January 23* **Council meeting**

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*** Note that the Council meetings have changed temporarily for the month of January to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays due to the holiday break.**

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

~ Pat Schnitker, 2006 Holiday Party Chair

"Love the space!" "A new standard for this event has been set!" "Our kids LOVE Reggie!" "Santa and Gamma Phi – we couldn't ask for any more!" "The running and jumping spaces are ideal!" "It's so nice that you offer this every year." "It's wonderful that Civil Service and Administrative Professional Councils can work together to provide such a marvelous event!" These are some of the comments we heard from attendees during and after the Annual Children's Holiday Party on December 2.

Despite the winter storm, which closed the University just one day before, approximately 300 attendees made their way to the 2006 Children's Party event. This year we successfully merged the positive parts from past years with some new and innovative additions. Once again, Gamma Phi Circus provided wonderful performances and the always entertaining clown(s), and Al Light was wonderful as MC during this part of the event. To the delight of many young eyes, Santa, Mrs. Claus and three elves arrived from the North shortly after Gamma Phi finished their routines. Reggie Redbird flew in about the same time. Excitedly, children and their families lined up to share their holiday wish lists and to have family photos taken with these celebrities. Punch, water, and cookies were available for all in attendance. Goodie bags containing crayons, pencils, an activity sheet, pompoms, balls, and treats were available and distributed.

Probably the most exciting aspect (for both children and adults) was moving this event into the Horton Field House. The considerably larger space allowed Gamma Phi the opportunity to expand their performance options, and gave us room for tables and chairs for eating snacks, coloring pictures, or for sitting and relaxing, and maybe making a phone call or two. A large number of attendees took note of, and even studied, the AP (Administrative Professional) Council display illustrating the various holidays celebrated around the world at this time of year, where those holidays originated, and how they have found their way to the United States! AP Council also provided funding for two inflatable activity centers/environments! The Field House

provided enough space for children to run, but (to the delight of their accompanying adults) most of the children seemed to prefer burning their energy in the enclosed, softer spaces! Since we had the space this year we could also add a couple of volunteer face painters and two henna painters! (Originally we had plans for even more activity booths, but perhaps they are meant to be saved as new additions for 2007!)

Of course none of this would come together if it weren't for the extra efforts from so many of our co-workers and colleagues. A special thank you to Paul Crawford, Keith Smith, and others from Facilities; the volunteers from the ISU Indian Student Association; Barb Arbogast, Pam Burress, Jac Copes, Sarita Cox and her husband, KC Cox, Melody Palm, Jan Jolynn Staley and her daughter, Jordan Staley, and Jack Wylie from the Civil Service Council; Nikki Brauer, and her graduate assistant, Jessica Domann, Kim Hays, Stacy Ramsey, and Derek Story from the AP Council; Rachel Calhoun, Christa Lawhun, Sharon Garee, and Marlon Webb as volunteers; and The Vidette and President Bowman! Oh yes -- whenever patronizing one of the local McDonalds restaurants, Denny's Doughnut shops, or Santa and Mrs. Claus (a.k.a., Chuck and Judy Geigner), please thank them for their support with this event as well.

Have a very happy, merry holiday season and break!



SERVICE AWARDS

~ FELICIA YOUNG

30 YEARS

- Richard E. Gardner, 3470 Admin Information Systems, 12/20/1976



25 YEARS

- Bonny Lou Alsene, 9100 Campus Services/Grounds, 12/27/1981

20 YEARS

- Ben J. Jackson, 9000 Facilities Management, 12/1/1986
- Beth Ann Turner, 3200 University Advancement, 12/8/1986

15 YEARS

- Vikkie J. Cossio, 5620 School of Art, 12/14/1991
- Faith Alene Ten Haken, 4420 History, 12/12/1991

10 YEARS

- Mark A. McClain, 9000 Facilities Management, 12/16/1996
- Carmen Plummer, 3470 Admin Information Systems, 12/9/1996
- Eugene M. Thacker, 9000 Facilities Management, 12/9/1996

FACULTY/STAFF DAYS REMINDER

Don't forget to RSVP for up to four free general admission tickets to a women's basketball game and two free upper bowl tickets to a men's basketball game for Faculty/Staff Days. If you did not receive a flyer in campus mail, please contact the Redbird Ticket Office at 8-8000.



QUICK QUOTE

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver."

-- Maya Angelou

[Source: http://www.wisdomquotes.com/cat_giving.html]

FRIVOLOUS FACTS



In 1947, Major Bill Hendricks, USMCR founded Toys for Tots in Los Angeles. 5000 toys were collected during a campaign before Christmas 1947. The first toy was a Raggedy Ann doll.



[Source: <http://www.toysfortots.org/default.asp>]

POTPOURRI

~ Dianne Liebenstein

DEATHS – OUR SINCEREST SYMPATHIES TO:

- Michael Brown, Campus Dining Services, on the death of his brother Collins "Tim" Brown, on October 28, 2006.
- Don Cruise, Comptroller's Office and Debra Cruise, College of Arts & Sciences, on the death of Don's father and Debra's father-in-law, Thomas P. Cruise, on October 30, 2006.



- David Clark, Facilities Management, on the death of his mother-in-law, Mary Jane Ploense, on November 9, 2006.
- Nancy Daniels, Special Education, on the death of her mother, LaVerne Sutter, on November 13, 2006.

...Potpourri continued

BIRTHS – CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Vickie S. Carrell, Office of the President, on the birth of her granddaughter, Kali Jo Cooper, born on November 21, 2006, 6 lbs. 15 oz. and 18 ½ inches long.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Rose Marie Sandy, retired food service (1989-1997), and husband Richard W. Sandy, celebrating their 50th anniversary on December 1, 2006.

WELCOME TO ISU – OCTOBER 2006

- Gary L. Alcorn, Facilities Management
- Sandra Almanza, Facilities Management
- Bertha A. Arreola, Facilities Management
- Elizabeth A. Barna, Family & Consumer Sciences
- Roger Behrens, Facilities Management
- Jose L. Bucio-Gonzalez, Facilities Management
- Tracy L. Deck, Campus Dining Services
- Peggy L. DeHaven, Fine Arts
- Laura C. Frey, Student Health Services
- Ripaul M. Kinkela, Facilities Management
- Dana M. Kownick, University High School
- Mary L. Lanham, Facilities Management
- Cecilia Lopez, Campus Dining Services
- Patty L. Love, Thomas Metcalf School
- Maria T. Macheck, Campus Dining Services
- Mario Martinez, Facilities Management
- Andrew L. Person, Facilities Management
- Stacy M. Schmidgall, Facilities Management
- Matthew T. Smith, Facilities Management
- Mary J. Waller, Admin. Information Systems
- Laurie E. Wheatley, Admissions
- Cheri T. Williams, Campus Dining Service

PROMOTIONS – OCTOBER 2006

- Susan R. Conner, Chief Clerk, Clinical Experiences
- James C. Kozak, Storekeeper III, Facilities Management
- Bonita F. Laesch, Staff Secretary, University High School
- Steven J. Lancaster, Asst. Supt. of Building Maintenance, Facilities Management



RESIGNATIONS – OCTOBER 2006

- Wendy E. Bates, Student Affairs
- Tracy S. Cotner, Campus Dining Services
- Pamela S. Detherage, Campus Dining Services
- Robert M. Farrell, Campus Dining Services
- Brooke A. Hunt, Student Health Services
- Cory S. Monk, Bone Student Center
- April S. Myslinski, Curriculum and Instruction
- Christine A. Postelnick, Admissions
- Nancy Schwartz, Illinois Special Olympics

RETIREMENTS – OCTOBER 2006

- Janice M. Beer, Office of Human Resource
- Georgia Ann Bremner, Campus Dining Services
- Nancy L. Fry, Milner Library
- Bonnie F. Mohr, Intercollegiate Athletics
- Susan K. Sloss, Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Your help in providing Potpourri information is needed and appreciated. Please feel free to contact Dianne Liebenstein by phone (438-8311) or by e-mail (dbliebe@ilstu.edu) to report births, marriages, or deaths of immediate family members.

TEAM EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATIONS

~ Melody Palm

The eleventh annual Illinois State University Team Excellence Award applications are now available. This university-wide award recognizes collaborative efforts of a group of Administrative/Professional and/or Civil Service employees. Faculty and students may also be included in such a team.



Materials describing the award and discussing criteria, eligibility, and application procedure are available at www.apcouncil.ilstu.edu, at www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu, and in the Office of Facilities Management (Carter Harris Building).

The Illinois State University Team Excellence Award was established to recognize collaborative efforts and

exemplary teamwork by a group that includes Civil Service and/or Administrative/Professional staff. Groups that worked on projects initiated during the previous fiscal year will be recognized at Founders Day on February 15, 2007.

Awards will recognize a departmental unit, cross-unit group or other university working group that has facilitated, promoted or demonstrated one or more of our institutional values through their collaborative efforts.

The criteria for selection will focus upon the efficient use of fiscal and human resources in meeting university goals and objectives, which enhance the quality of our collective lives. Awards for 2007 will be given for projects initiated between July 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006.

CIVIL SERVICE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

Article IV – Membership, Representation, and Term of Office



Section 3 - Representation and Term of Office for Ex-Officio members

A. Employee Advisory Committee – The representative from Illinois State University shall be elected in accordance with provisions of the State Universities Civil Service System Statute and Rules, Section 36C, page 1.

B. The Civil Service Council will appoint a Civil Service representative for a term of two years to serve on the Campus Communication Committee.

C. SURS Members Advisory Committee (SURSMAC) – A nonacademic representative shall be appointed by the President of the University and shall serve at his/her direction.

D. Human Resources – A representative from the Office of Human Resources shall be designated by the Director of Human Resources and shall serve at his/her direction.

E. Immediate Past Chair – If the elected term of the Immediate Past Chair of the Council has ended, that representative shall be asked to continue serving on the Council for one addition year in an advisory capacity.

Source: www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/documentation

NEXT OPENLINE ARTICLE DEADLINE



The next deadline to submit articles to the OpenLine newsletter will be **Tuesday, January 2**. Articles, news and ideas pertinent to civil service employees can be e-mailed to the Civil Service Council at cscouncil@ilstu.edu or to the editor at cscopenline@ilstu.edu.

PHOTOS FROM CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY



CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Free Items:

- FREE Boxer mix puppies. 9 wks. old -- male. Contact Mary, Kelleymd@insightbb.com for pictures if interested. FREE to good home.



Personal Service:

- Tree and shrub trimming. Please call Carl or Terry at 310-3397, 530-5137 or 527-4492.
- Radon questions or problems? Licensed radon professional. Over 1000 systems installed with 100% success rate. Call David (Bud) Smith at 473-2955.

CONTACT US

Please feel free to contact any Council member if you have questions, comments, or ideas so that we may better serve you. Any campus activities or information that would be relevant to

Civil Service personnel can also be submitted.



Send information to the Council officers (cscouncil@ilstu.edu), to the OpenLine staff (cscopenline@ilstu.edu) or to any other Council member prior to the deadline.

OpenLine Classified Ad Submission Form

All information must be printed clearly.

First and Last name: _____

Employment status: Full time / part time / retired / _____

Home phone: (_____) _____ - _____

ISU phone: _____ - _____

Best time to reach you at your home phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Campus Box/Dept: _____

Check one category:

- Free Items (\$2)
- For Sale-Auto (\$5)
- For Sale-Other (\$2)
- Personal Service (\$5)
- Wanted (\$2)

ONE word per box. 20 words or less.

Send this completed form and payment by the 25th of the month to:
Pat Schnitker, 4040 Graduate School.

(Make checks payable to: Civil Service Council - *OpenLine*.)

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