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# OpenLine

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

January 1 ..... New Year's Day  
January 3 ..... Next classified ad deadline  
January 5 ..... OpenLine article deadline  
January 10 ..... Spring semester begins  
January 17 ..... Martin Luther King Jr. holiday  
**January 18 ..... CS Council meeting @ noon**

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## FRIVOLOUS FACTS



If you counted all the gifts that were given in the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" you would realize that the number of gifts being presented were

364 in total, thus a gift was given for each day of the year.

[Source: <http://www.christmasfacts.net/interesting-christmas-facts>]

## QUICK QUOTE

"The only gift is a portion of thyself.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

[Source: <http://www.quoteagarden.com/helping.html>]

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY WRAP-UP

~Barb Arbogast, Civil Service Council



The Illinois State University (ISU) Children's Holiday Party was held on Sunday, December 5 in Horton Field House from 2:00-4:00 PM with ISU President, Al Bowman, welcoming the guests. The party is sponsored by the Civil Service Council and Administrative Professional (A/P) Council to provide special holiday entertainment for the children and

grandchildren of current ISU employees, faculty, retirees, and current students which drew a crowd of more than 500.

President Bowman introduced Marcus Alouan, the new director of the Gamma Phi Circus and a former performer with the Gamma Phi Circus. There were a lot of "oohs" and "ahs" from the crowd as they watched Gamma Phi Circus perform clown acts, high wire acts, acts that involved kids from the audience, and many other acts too numerous to mention.

Back by popular demand this year were craft projects provided by students from the College of Fine Arts. Rumor had it that the adults were enjoying the crafts as much, if not more, as the kids. There were also students who strolled around the field house entertaining everyone with hand puppets.

Inflatable fun houses for various age groups helped burn off the extra energy after the children had punch/lemonade and cookies provided by ISU Campus Dining Services. Reggie Redbird also made an appearance. There was a photographer available for photos with Reggie as he walked around the field house.

Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, the elves, and Rudolph showed up for a visit with the kids and had goody bags for the kids. It was heard that some kids even made letters for Santa Claus and gave them to him when they went over for their visit with Santa. A photographer was on hand to take pictures for a nominal fee or parents had the option of bringing their own camera to take pictures.

The Civil Service Council and the A/P Council would like to give special thanks to Athletics, Alamo II, Printing Services, and various Illinois State University departments and groups for donating items for the goody bags.

The Civil Service Council and A/P Council would also like to extend a special gratitude to the many volunteers who provided their time and energy in preparing, setting up, and clean up duties involved with this annual event. A big thank you goes out to the staff in the Horton Field House for their work in setting up and taking down the tables, chairs, and bleachers; without them this annual event would not happen.

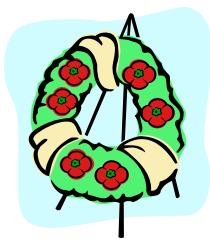
## POTPOURRI

~ Sarita Cox, Treasurer, Civil Service Council

### SYMPATHY – OUR SINCERE SYMPATHIES

#### TO:

- Kathy Person (BSW) on the loss of her mother, Irene Harsha, who passed away on November 8, 2010.
- The family of one of Facilities Management's Painters, Gary Jacobson, who passed away in October.
- Shelly Braxton, Administrative Clerk, on the loss of her grandfather, Curley K. Mayberry, who passed away on November 16, 2010.
- Jeanne Arbuckle, on the loss of her father, Robert Pomrenke, who passed away on November 5, 2010.
- Phyllis Bond, Collection Specialist/Student Accounts Office, on the loss of her aunt, Wanda Higgins, who passed away on November 9, 2010, her father-in-law, Robert Bond, who passed away on November 11, 2010, and her mother-in-law, Pauline Bond, who passed away on November 17, 2010.
- President Bowman on the loss of his father, Clarence Bowman, who passed away on December 2, 2010.



*Your help in providing Potpourri information is needed and appreciated. Feel free to voluntarily provide Potpourri information, taking note of the article deadlines printed in each issue. Report births, marriages, or deaths of immediate family members via email to [cscouncil@ilstu.edu](mailto:cscouncil@ilstu.edu). Notifications are not verified by birth, marriage, or death certificates.*

## SERVICE AWARDS

~ David Schaafsma, Human Resources Asst. Director

### 45 YEARS

- Nancy K. Hiltibidal, 4000 Provost Office, 12/20/1965

### 35 YEARS

- Richard A. Corry, 9100 Campus Services/Grounds, 12/15/1975

### 30 Years

- Jacquelyn Joyce Kephart, 3470 Business Intelligence & Technology Solutions, 12/1/1980

### 20 YEARS

- Keith A. Smith, 2660 Redbird Arena, 12/10/1990

### 15 YEARS

- Michael R. Gibson, 3500 Telecommunications, 12/18/1995
- Riccardo E. Thornton, 9100 Campus Services/Grounds, 12/10/1995



## NEXT OPENLINE ARTICLE DEADLINE



The next deadline to submit articles to the *OpenLine* newsletter will be **Wednesday, January 5**, following the first Council meeting of the month. Articles, news and ideas pertinent to civil service employees can be sent to the Civil Service Council

([cscouncil@ilstu.edu](mailto:cscouncil@ilstu.edu)) or to the newsletter staff ([cscopenline@ilstu.edu](mailto:cscopenline@ilstu.edu)).

## WELLNESS EVENTS

~ Nikki Brauer, Interim Director, Health Promotion and Wellness

**Health Promotion and Wellness has moved to McCormick 187 of the Student Fitness Center. Our new main number is 438-WELL (9355).**

You are invited to attend the Health Promotion and Wellness Open House on Tuesday, January 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in McCormick 187.

Please stop by for refreshments and to visit our new space!



### **Healthy Living**

**Presentation Menu:** Ergonomics 101; Yoga at Your Desk; Health Behaviors of The Campus Community; Healthy Living: The Basics; Got Strength; and Meditation and Guided Relaxation. Contact Nikki Brauer at [nbgegel@ilstu.edu](mailto:nbgegel@ilstu.edu) or 438-8845 to schedule a session for your department.

### **Nutrition Guidance**

Health Promotion and Wellness offers individual diet analysis and nutrition guidance for those striving to improve their lifestyle. If you are interested in these services contact Amanda Novy at [wellnessnutrition.illinoisstate.edu](mailto:wellnessnutrition.illinoisstate.edu)

### **Ergonomics for the Office**

Pain and discomfort are signals that your body is out of balance; have you considered an adjustment of your work space? One-on-one appointments can be requested to review work postures that increase risk of injury and offer recommendations for a safer, seated work environment.

Ergonomics 101 presentations may be scheduled for your group as a proactive approach to working safer. Contact 438-8845 if interested in the above.

## FULL BUS ENJOYS SHOPPING TRIP

~ Carol Pfoff, Civil Service Council

It was a bright sunny day on November 20th as the CSC Council sponsored the annual bus shopping trip. There were 52 participants who enjoyed a movie and a drawing for prizes to liven up the early morning trip. Additional prizes were awarded on the way home including a prize for the most money spent during the day. Everyone seemed to enjoy their day with many noting they hoped to join us again next year.



Prize winners (not all inclusive) were the following:

- Diana Weekes – popcorn and clip to hold bags closed
- Jennifer Nelson – air freshener
- Faye Jones – magnetic frames and coupon for bus trip discount
- Whitney Spencer – cup and hand lotion
- Sue Randle – popcorn and clip to hold bags closed
- Ann Smoots – magnetic frames and coupon for bus trip discount
- Ellen Randle – popcorn and clip to hold bags closed
- Allie Cardinal – alarm clock and chocolate coal (was to go to last person on bus but drew for the prize instead)

The organizers would like to thank everyone that participated. A quick survey was taken to get ideas for future trips. These include returning to Woodfield Mall/IKEA or going to Fox Valley Mall or other points of interest within the state.

## RAFFLE RESULTS

~ Civil Service Council

The Civil Service Raffle drawing was held on Tuesday, Dec. 7, during the regular council meeting. All proceeds of the raffle go towards the Civil Service Council Scholarship Fund which provides scholarships to the children of Civil Service employees who attend college. Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. The winners were:

\$300 Best Buy Gift Card – Karen Long  
1-Night Stay in a King Suite at Eastland Suites – Nikki Brauer  
Shakespeare Festival Gift Basket – Jean Darnall  
Surface Lot Parking Permit – Vickie Cooley  
Surface Lot Parking Permit – Karen Orrick  
Community Players Gift Certificate – Angela Engel  
Community Players Gift Certificate – Jeff Higginson  
Community Players Gift Certificate – Val Bridson  
13-Week subscription to The Pantagraph – Randy Smith  
Holiday Spectacular Tickets (2) – Peggy Myers  
Fox & Hounds Gift Certificate – Kevin Wiand  
Mary Kay Men's Products – Jim Ganieany  
Red & Black Plaid Stadium Blanket – Charlie Edwards  
Red & Black Plaid Stadium Blanket – Chuck Scott  
Red & Black Plaid Stadium Blanket – Tammy Beck  
Red & Black Plaid Stadium Blanket – Andrea Rediger  
Red & Black Plaid Stadium Blanket—Randy McClure  
Stained Glass Poinsettia Candle Holder – Jackie Snelling  
Crystal Clock with Illinois State University logo – Dan Layzell  
Shorty's Barber Shop – Tracy Young  
Shorty's Barber Shop – Karen Orrick  
Casey's Garden Shop Gift Certificate – Val Bridson  
Wal-Mart Gift Card – Diana Weekes  
Logan's Road House Gift Certificate – Andrea Rediger  
Logan's Road House Gift Certificate – Jackie Snelling  
Logan's Road House Gift Certificate – Mary Hammond  
Logan's Road House Gift Certificate – Steve Hunt  
Logan's Road House Gift Certificate – Marilyn Kammler  
Logan's Road House Gift Certificate – Carol Pfoff  
Carlos O'Kelly Gift Certificate – Andrea Ballinger  
Carlos O'Kelly Gift Certificate – Julie Gravitt  
Carlos O'Kelly Gift Certificate – Liz Rivas  
Carlos O'Kelly Gift Certificate – Theresa Sanchez  
Pantagraph Sunday Comic Umbrella – Randy Smith  
Einstein Brothers Gift Certificate—Cathy Kuritz  
Einstein Brothers Gift Certificate – Dara Gibson  
Einstein Brothers Gift Certificate – Sarita Cox  
Einstein Brothers Gift Certificate – Daniel Cain  
Russell ISU T-shirt – Sandy Cavi  
Russell ISU T-shirt – Chella Yeakel  
Reggie T-shirt – Kathy Beal  
Reggie T-shirt – Charlie Edwards  
Reggie T-shirt – Barbara Cox  
Reggie T-shirt – Ann Wright  
ISU Golf Course, 1 round – Carol Pfoff  
General Admission, ISU Volleyball – Shannon Covey  
General Admission, ISU Football – Scott Russell  
General Admission, ISU Softball – Pat Bush  
Upper Bowl, ISU Men's Basketball – Alisha Lawhun  
Upper Bowl, ISU Men's Basketball – Tammy Hall  
Upper Bowl, ISU Men's Basketball – Kevin Wiand  
Noodle Gift Card – Raj Mitra  
Wine/Food Basket – Danielle Miller-Schuster  
2 GB Flash Drive – Phyllis Gillis  
ISU T-shirt – Peggy Myers

ISU T-shirt – Jackie Hux  
ISU T-shirt – Dick Runner  
ISU T-shirt – Jeff Smith

Congratulations to all the winners!

## TIP OF THE HAT

~ Laura Marshall, Human Resource Officer

### WELCOME TO ISU – NOVEMBER 2010

- Andrew Bennett, Campus Services
- Jean Graham, Campus Dining Services
- Ramona Hartweg, Human Resources
- Shanelle Holland, Parking and Transportation
- Erik Horna, Comptroller's Office
- Benjamin Libert, Research & Sponsored Programs
- Geraldine Palumbo, Enterprise Systems Support
- David Scott, Facilities Management
- Elizabeth Shannon, Enterprise Systems Support



### PROMOTIONS – NOVEMBER 2010

- Susan Conner, Administrative Clerk, Clinical Experiences
- Debra Vose, Admissions/Records Specialist II, University Registrar
- Bradley German, Stationary Engineer, Building Maintenance
- Tammy Peasley, Police Sergeant, University Police

### RETIREMENTS – NOVEMBER 2010

- Teresa Thomason, Milner Library
- Kathleen Pollock, Development

## SURS RETIREMENT COUNSELING SESSIONS

~ Todd Long, Human Resources

Arrangements have been made with the State Universities Retirement System (SURS) to have retirement counselors on campus to provide individual retirement counseling to employees that may be considering retirement in the next four (4) years.



These appointments will be available on a first come first serve basis. The individual half-hour sessions will be offered on **Wednesday, February 2, 2011.**

Points to keep in mind when determining if you are interested in requesting an individual counseling session:

- *To be eligible to retire you must have at least 5 years of service credit and be age 62, have at least 8 years of service credit and be age 55, or have 30+ years of qualifying service credit at any age.*
- *If you have 30+ years of service with SURS and/or a combination of time equaling 30+ years with SURS and one of the reciprocal retirement plans. (House Bill 2370, made "30 and out" permanent)*
- *Planning to retire within the next four years.*
- *Have not received a written estimate or personal counseling session with SURS within the last 12 months*

**Please call SURS at 1-800-275-7877 to schedule an appointment.** SURS will send you a *Request for Estimate* form to complete. This form is required by SURS to prepare for your appointment and if the form is not returned to their office by the deadline, your request for an individual appointment will be cancelled. You will be notified by SURS of the date and time for your appointment. If you have already contacted SURS directly to initiate your retirement, please disregard this memo.

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS**

**For Sale – Other:**

- Rain Barrels made from recycled barrels; overflow hose and downspout adapter included; \$70.00. Composters available / \$250.00. Call Autumn: 309-531-3220



**Personal Service:**

- Affordable personal training - customized plans to help you reach your fitness goals! Call Heather at 242-2895 or *NewCreationFitness.net*
- Plumbing, licensed/professional. Discount for ISU employees and retirees. Call Andy Ditchen Plumbing at 533-8360.
- Illinois #1 radon mitigation company for quality & customer satisfaction! Licensed over 10 years. David Smith Radon Remedies. Call 309-473-2955.
- For tree and shrub trimming or for firewood, please call Carl: 309-261-4290.

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

**ONE word per box. 20 words or less.**


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