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Labor Quote: Employers and employees alike have learned that in union there is strength, that a coordination of individual effort means an elimination of waste, a bettering of living conditions, and is in fact, the father of prosperity. **Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt (D-N.Y., 1929-1932), in address before the New York Women's Trade Union League, 6/8/1929**

Labor History:

July 19, 1948 - Women's Rights Convention opens in Seneca Falls, N.Y. Delegates adopt a Declaration of Women's Rights and call for women's suffrage

ELECTIONS ARE COMING:

Elections will be held on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, 11 am to 1 pm.

Upcoming election for the positions listed below:

Grievance Co-Chair Services: Candidates are Joseph Carter (Children's Center), Judy Gradford (Child Protective Management), Frederick McAllister (Financial Care Path), and Valliery Holmes (Visitation Worker). All current member have the right to vote for one candidate this position.

Steward 6th Floor Saint Paul Street: Candidates are Shaka Bedgood and Karen King. Only current members who work on the 6th floor at St Paul may vote for these candidates.

Volunteers are needed to work the polls at Westfall, Saint Paul Street or MCH please contact Joyce Rumpf at joyce.rumpf@dfa.state.ny.us. This is a great opportunity for members who want to get involved in union activity.

Not sure if you signed a union membership card contact the union office to verify your status.

GOLFERS NEEDED:

August 9, 2009 at the Webster Golf course.

We need members, family, family, and our neighbors who want to enjoy a day of outside fun. FSW needs golfers, those who know how to play the game, those new at the game and those who only know how to play putt-putt. The proceeds from this tournament will assist three agencies, FSW scholarship fund, Christopher's Challenge and Alyssa's Angels. The putt-putt game is \$5 per person, with a start time of 2 pm. Real golfers pay \$85 for green fee, cart, lunch and dinner. Or you could join us for dinner the cost is \$35 per person. Put together a foursome and save. Don't forget about the silent auction during the dinner hour. And raffle tickets will be on sale for the Yankees Game. The winner will receive 4 tickets to the new Yankee Stadium and an overnight stay. The tournament is in need of donations for the silent auction, volunteers to sell raffle tickets

& mulligan. To volunteer, make a donation or obtain a brochure contact the union office.

LABOR DAY PARADE:

Let's get ready to march. September 7, 2009. I will be setting up some days to practice our lawn chair brigade. If you did not participate last year, you missed out on a lot of fun. We would like to have a larger brigade group.

GALA UPDATE:

September 25, 2009 at the Rochester Convention Center (7pm - 11pm)

This is shaping up to be a great celebration for FSW and the community. Invitations will be mailed in August. So, please save the date.

We would like to solicit our memberships to provide the entertainment for the Gala. The Gala committee is asking for members who are part of a band, or those who are DJ's to please submit a package of their music, a sample CD of their work and an estimate of the potential fee for the evening. Remember the music must be as diverse as our membership.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

6/29/09 - was the most recent membership meeting. Members who attended CWA and IUE-CWA Minority Caucus, convention and Legislative conference gave presentations. There was an update regarding negotiations - nothing has changed to date. FSW team met with the County on 6/17/09, FSW made some proposal which the County team will be costing out for our next meeting. During the meeting I asked about same sex marriages and their rights under our contract. Brayton Connard, Director of Human Resources for Monroe County, explained that based on a lawsuit brought against the county, all legally married couples are covered under our contract everywhere it says spouse, which includes use of sick time, death benefits, etc. Our next negotiations meeting with the County team is 8/4/09.

NEXT GENERATION UNITED:

Congratulations to Julie Garrett. She has become our first delegate in this innovative program. NGU is a movement to get new and/or young union members involved in union activism. We are looking for more FSW members to become involved. Our local is looking for one more delegate to this organization. Delegates of NGU will be the voting voice for FSW. The next meeting for NGU is 7/29 at 5:30 pm at NYSUT (30 N. Union St).

SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

Once again we are asking our members to assist in the collection of school supplies. This year the supplies will be going to Mission Share Outreach Center who is attempting to fill 500 back packs to be handed out at the Greece Community Center. This drive will be held 7/20/09 - 8/12/09. Items needed for the drive are pens (black or blue), #2 pencils, Glue sticks, Notebook paper (wide rule), rulers, crayons (boxes of 16 or 24, pocket folders, 1 subject spiral bound note

books. Collections boxes can be found with

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