

Weekly Word

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FSW Members Cabin Party

- Save the date...February 26, 2006 1pm-6pm
- Ellison Park
- Sledding, food, refreshments, magician, music, games, fun for the whole family.
- Cost...Hopefully Free...
- Raffle tickets are being sold to defray the cost of this event so please support the ticket sales
- Details coming soon

Membership Meeting

Thursday
January 5th
5:30pm
Union Office

Agenda:

- Update on Mobilization activities
- Vote to support striking workers at Caldwell Manufacturing, IUE-CWA 331

Resolutions

Remember that next week's Weekly Word will be devoted to member's New Year's resolutions for 2006, so email your resolutions to me at:
fswpresident@aol.com

For example: I resolve to take my two fifteen minute breaks and one hour lunch each day.

A motion is being forwarded from the Executive Board to support these 39 workers at Caldwell with \$100 gift card each to help their families. The strike has been going since August 12th and results from the company imposing a contract that takes away Union security clauses from the contract. The company lost an NLRB suit brought by the Union, but has filed an appeal that may take years to get to a solution.

When you wish upon a star...

Evelyn Adams, caseworker YFP, Services Grievance co-chair:

I pray (not wish) that all those in Administrative positions would remember what it is like to sit in the entry level positions. Then have them use those memories to talk w/staff & make appropriate & fair changes, which would benefit the County, staff & clientele.

I pray that all DHS employees are able to have an improved quality of life in the workplace & their personal lives.

I pray that Administration would not always promote people who will be "yes people". This would allow them to look at a subject from more than one side. This would include Patricia Stevens opening up her circle of friends. There are many

employees who have proven track records of strong work ethics, who are always passed over, because they are not "yes people".

I pray that Patricia Stevens will conduct the brown bag lunches in a way that employees would feel that their opinions are valued (listen more, talk less & notice the body language).

Everyone is not happy as her circle of friends lead her to believe.

I pray that Administration would listen to those in upper management, who are relying the truthful messages (regarding work load & other issues) from the employees.

Michelle Alaimo, FCP Examiner, FSW Social Action chair:

Health and happiness in the New Year for my co-workers and their families.

Snow stops by 1/3/2006

Suzanne Putnam, FCP Examiner:

Health and happiness for my family and friends.

Ellen Delaire, FCP Senior examiner:

End of corporate greed. We live in a society that rewards executives for destroying the lives of the ordinary worker...bonuses for layoffs, wage reductions, and loss of benefits.

Olivia Eades, FCP Examiner:

I wish this county would be a better place to live.

Tom Placito, FCP Examiner:

Good health.

Chris Moss, FCP Senior examiner:

I wish there were fewer jails, more jobs, less stress and that kids could play outside without fear.

Kim Majors, FCP Examiner:

For administration to understand and appreciate (and show it) how hard we work and what we do.

Kathy Gowans, FCP Examiner:

I wish Calvin Young good health.

Annmarie Adorno, FCP Examiner:

Lower caseloads, more support from administration.

Kathy Frey, FCP Senior examiner:

Good health to all- less stress to make us sick.

Jose Ortiz, FCP Senior examiner, FSW Committee on Equity chair:

To win the Mega.

Paul Jones, FCP Examiner:

Peace.

Amy Thompson, FCP Examiner:

Peace and tranquility.

Elaine Schmidt, FCP Examiner:

Friends, family and good food

Robert Snead, FCP Senior examiner:

That each day, each DSS employee would, inside themselves, find something they like and remember that thing all day long. Happy Holiday

Deb Georgianna, Chronic Care Senior examiner:

To retire and live on a boat.

Maggie Moore, Chronic Care examiner:

Compassion for those I love, and even more compassion for those whom I find difficult to love.

Lorie Woloson, Chronic care Senior examiner:

I wish someone would do my Christmas shopping for me.

Diana Bell, Chronic Care Clerk:

Peace and happiness to all.

Luanne Decaire, Chronic Care Senior examiner:

A doable workload, a morale boost, happy employees, agency cohesiveness, health and happiness for all.

Lisa Kuhman, FCP Examiner:

Lose 100 pounds.

Charlene Black, FCP Examiner:

Health and prosperity

Margaret Rivera, FCP Examiner:

Win the lottery.

Ginny Baggs, FCP Examiner:

My wish is that in 2006 my life will be less stressful and happier.

Jeannine Calise, FCP Examiner:

World peace.

Nathalie Somerszaul-Rivera, FCP Examiner:

I wish for more peace, respect and communication for all.

Kelly Cogsdill, FCP Examiner:

World peace.

Yvette James, FCP Examiner:

10 scratchoffs.

Ann Palozzi-Akers, FCP Examiner;

My family all stay safe and healthy; my caseload is lowered; I win something

Billy Ladner, FCP Examiner:

More wages, less caseload.

Dorrie Champlin, FCP Senior examiner:

I hope the never fail fudge doesn't fail (again).; happy, healthy new year and an end to the war in Iraq and everywhere.

Christine Wolff, FCP Examiner, FSW Organizing Chair:

World peace and an unlimited shoe budget.

John Scorcece, FCP Examiner:

ERI; adopted by Angelina Jolie; win the lottery.

Danella Williams, FCP Examiner:

Money, money, money,money; less stress

Marsha Dillon, FCP Examiner:

A falling star would fall on my head.

Michelle Ortiz, Social Service Investigator:

For everyone close to me to stay healthy and safe.

Phillip Wadsworth, FCP Examiner:

A joyous and prosperous new year for all my friends and folk.

Anna Jo Kates, FCP Examiner:

Meet Denzel Washington.

Elizabeth O'Brien, FCP Senior examiner:

Peace on Earth

Leslie O'Biren, FCP Examiner:

Redskins win the Superbowl

Ed Charney, FCP Examiner:

For an all expenses paid trip to Australia.

Martha Long, FCP Examiner:

To buy or build a first home with 5 bedrooms with 2 ½ baths.

Kim Rebstock, FCP Senior examiner:

To wish for more wishes...

