

Weekly Word

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Officer Elections

April 11th

The majority of this Weekly Word is devoted to the upcoming officer elections and new procedures under the revised By-Laws regarding absentee ballots.

Candidates:

President Judy Gradford

John Vasko

Vice-President Peg Capuano

(unopposed)

Grievance Co-chair Services

Evelyn Adams

Millie Key

Grievance Co-chair Certification

(unopposed)

Christine Wolff

Treasurer

Rick Jacobs

(unopposed)

Secretary

Ed Thomas

(unopposed)

Trustees

Judy Bentley

(choose two)

Dina Finn

Martin Schafer

Voting:

10am-2pm at the following locations

St Paul St- 1st Floor

Westfall- 1st Floor

City Place 5th Floor Conference room

MCH MCH Social Work Office

Children's Center 2pm-4pm by the time clock

IMPACT and YFP are asked to go to St Paul.

AHCPS can request absentee ballots...

Absentee Ballots

Workers eligible to request absentee ballots are:

- AHCPS
- Children's Center members not on duty on April 11th from 2pm-4pm
- Members on scheduled day off or training
- Members on long term sick leave
- Unusual family situation

Members requesting absentee ballots must do so by 5pm on April 4th by contacting Election Chair Helen Hyatt at 753-5880 or email Helen.hyatt@dfa.state.ny.us. Members requesting absentee ballots must state the reason for requesting an absentee ballot. **Absentee ballots will be mailed to the member's home with a postage paid return envelope that is due back by 5pm on April 11th.**

Ballot Counting

Ballots will be counted by the Election committee starting at 5pm on April 11th at the Union office. Anyone interested in observing the count is welcome to participate.

The winning candidates will be announced that evening to those present for the counting and by notice posted on Union bulletin boards and by Weekly Word on April 12th.

Winning candidates will assume the duties of their office effective May 1. The term of office will be through 12/31/2008.

2006 CORPORATE CHALLENGE

Get ready to take the Challenge. For the 13th consecutive year the Federation of Social Workers is sponsoring the DSS Corporate Challenge Team. If you don't know by now, the Corporate Challenge is sponsored internationally by JP Morgan Chase. It is a 3.5 mile road race organized each year in cities all over the world to foster team spirit by having teams organize and enter through their employers. Each employer may enter a team made up of employees only. Runners, joggers and walkers of all abilities are welcome. The Rochester event will be held in a new location on the Rochester Institute of Technology campus. This year's event will be Thursday 6-1-06.

Last year Rochester had over 10000 participants from over 300 employer teams. The DHS team had over 60 participants. The Federation not only sponsors the team but

also provides team t-shirts, a hospitality tent and food for all team participants, co-workers and friends. The Federation will also be sponsoring the 6th annual team t-Shirt design contest with a \$100 first prize. All design entries should be forward to the Federation office by 4-18-06.

So watch for upcoming details, check the UNION bulletin board in your area; entry forms are now available. The entry deadline will be 5-12-06. Contact the Federation office at 328-7170 or call Ed Thomas at 753-6528 for an entry form. Remember you must be registered to participate! Please do not register unless you are reasonably sure you will be attending. Last year we had an increased number of no shows at the event. The FSW pays the costs involved in this event for the benefit of its members and the costs are ever increasing. Please be conscientious of that expense so the FSW can continue to make possible the sponsorship of your participation! Sign up soon!

**FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS
JP MORGAN CHASE CORPORATE
CHALLENGE
T-SHIRT DESIGN CONTEST**

Each year a MONROE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICE team participates in the Corp Challenge. The team is sponsored by the FSW. Each team member wears a team t-shirt in the event. Over the last few years the FSW has sponsored a t-shirt design contest with a \$100 first prize to encourage design ideas for the t-shirt. The deadline for submitting a design is 4-18-06. The design should be on paper and submitted to the FSW office at 167 Flanders St by that date.

After selecting the winning entry and the t-shirt is created, the t-shirt is submitted to JP Morgan Chase for their overall t-shirt design contest. Their award categories are most colorful, most corporate and best use of their logo (FSW does not usually participate in this category). So think of an idea that could go on a red t-shirt and one that would tell all the other participants who we are. Don't forget the deadline and good luck.

Any questions contact ED THOMAS at 753-6528.