

Weekly Word



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FSW and AIDS Fundraising

The Federation has been active in the fight against AIDS and in support of those who do have this disease for over a decade. In the 90's we had annual celebrations on December 1st in recognition of World Aids Day. In the 2000's with our affiliation with CWA we got on the bandwagon with the Elizabeth Glazer Pediatric AIDS fundraising by raising dollars with donut breaks, and the past six months of snack sales.

This week, we are supporting the Rochester AIDS Walk by supporting Martin Schafer's, and any other member's, walk this Saturday. Martin is soliciting donations at Westfall while Ginny Baggs and Peg Capuano are raising money at St Paul St. Other locations can send checks directly to the Federation office that can be forwarded to Martin, et. al.

A media event is being arranged for next Thursday, June 15th at 1pm in the AIDS Memorial Garden (near the Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial in Highland Park) to highlight the donations each member of the FSW makes continuously in support of AIDS research. Please join us in celebration of this well deserved honor and please make a donation for the walk.

Mark Your Calendars!

Membership Meetings: Meetings have been scheduled quarterly at the Union Office. Meetings for the rest of the year are-

Tuesday	July 18	5:30pm
Wednesday	October 18	5:30pm

Mini Meetings: Quarterly membership meetings will be supplemented by mid-quarter mini meetings at the three main locations. The dates for the June meetings are below. The September dates will be announced in September. All meetings run from 12:30 to 1pm and 1pm to 1:30pm on the announced dates:

Tuesday	June 6	Westfall Rm 104
Thursday	June 8	St Paul Rm 231
Thursday	June 15	CSEU Conf. Rm

Retiree Group: The first meeting of the Retirees will be held in June and will serve as a support/activist/social

group for retired members, their issues, and support of worker issues. Millie Key in her role as Membership chair is coordinating this effort. Make sure that retirees you know are aware of the luncheon meeting and that they plan to attend:

Monday June 12 Noon Federation office

FSW Family Picnic: Our first summer picnic in ages, will occur this year with a joint purpose of getting donations of school supplies for needy children. The coordinators of this effort are Michelle Alaimo (Social Action chair and Millie Key (Membership Committee chair)

Sunday July 30th Ellison Park

FSW Ed Grabowski Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament: For about 10 years the Federation has funded scholarships for members and their children. The year 2006 is an inaugural year for a golf tourney to raise money for these scholarships. We are doing this tourney in conjunction with Christopher's Challenge, a charitable fund that raises money to pay for blood typing potential bone marrow donors for the National Marrow Donor Program.

Sunday August 13: Noon Webster Golf Course

Labor Day Parade/Picnic and Float Building: Judy Gradford has been named the Mobilization chair and the work of the Mobilization committee for this summer will be designing and building a float for this year's Labor Day Parade. The next two meetings of the Mobilization committee are June 14th at 1:15 and June 28th at Noon. Both meetings are at the Federation office. Come and let your creative juices flow!

Monday September 4th ...details to follow

FSW Human Service Worker of the Year Awards Luncheon: Our second year, we continue in the recognition of those who give so much of themselves to helping other people. The three main awards are the Public Sector Worker of the Year, the Private Sector Worker of the Year and the Burt Richardson Lifetime Achievement Award (named after our former DHS Director). Last year's inaugural event drew over 200 participants from across the community. Don't miss out this year:

Thursday October 19th Rochester Riverside Convention Center