

October Newsletter

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Meeting Dates

Cannova's 1101 W. Empire St. Freeport, Il	October 3, 2019

All Membership meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. Food and drink will be provided at 6:00 p.m. for all meetings.

COURT ORDERED STEP RAISES ARE BEING PAID OUT

Per the court order against the Rauner administration back step raises are being paid out. Some agencies including HFS-Child Support, DCFS, Agriculture, EPA, Guardianship and Advocacy, Human Services, Military Affairs, Public Health, Lottery, Transportation and Veteran Affairs have been paid or will be paid out by September 25, 2019. For DNR because the agency did not process back payments correctly, the back pay owed DNR employees will not be paid through direct deposit. It is being issued by hard copy check and mailed to employees. Employees are also being incorrectly charged a hard copy fee of \$2.50. Both CMS and the Comptroller's office agree that employees should not be charged a hard copy fee and have assured the union that the employees will be reimbursed for the \$2.50.

LOCAL SETS UP WEBSITE

After approving a website, our local has contracted with Focus design to build the site. The website will go "live" within 2 weeks. The website will have Local 448, Council 31 and International information for everyone to view. Information on how to contact your union executive board and stewards will be listed as well as a calendar showing dates of event. Newsletters, supplemental contracts, updated information on the contract is also added to the website. Once you review the new website please give ideas on what you think should be added and whether you believe it is user friendly. Please email me your ideas at afscmelocal448@grics.net.

WHO WANTS A T-SHIRT?

Our local has approved new t-shirts for members. Wanting the membership involved in designing the front and back of the t-shirt, we are having a contest for the best design. Please send your design to Tamara Shorter at

Please send your design to Tamara Shorter at tam4wi@comcast.net and Kathy Lane at my3boys448@yahoo.com no later than November 5, 2019. The executive board will pick the winner on November 7, 2019. The winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate. Shirts will be distributed in December at each office.

INCORRECT ADDRESSES FOR MEMBERS

In sending out the local newsletter we have found that several members have moved and not provided the union with an updated address. Members must contact the local at afscme-local448@grics.net to provide their updated address. The State of Illinois takes several months to provide the union with an updated address. It's important for you to receive all updated information from your union.

STEWARD TRAINING

For our local to run efficiently we need stewards in every worksite. If you are interested in becoming a steward, you can contact Kathy Lane at afscmelocal448@grics.net for a steward questionnaire and sponsorship to become a steward. Once the forms are completed, please give to the executive board member responsible for your agency. If you are not aware as to who the executive board member is, please email Kathy Lane at afscmelocal448@grics.net and the name of the executive board will be provided. Your request to become a steward will be reviewed and approved by the local executive board. A training will be held in December. A date will be scheduled soon.

LOCAL 448 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The following were chosen as the winners of the Cynthia Overton Scholarship for 2019: Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, whose mother Kathy works at Department of Transportation; Jernie Saunders, whose father Steven "Andy" works at DCFS; Landon Roelfs, whose mother Andrea works at DCFS and Haley Petragallo, whose mother Michelle works at DNR. Congratulations to the winners.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

After much discussion with union members and the local executive board members, it was decided to hold union meetings throughout the area the local covers. The next union meeting will be held on October 3rd at Cannova's. Cannova's is located at 1101 W. Empire St in Freeport, Illinois. Food will be provided at 6 p.m. with the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. The next membership meeting will be held in DeKalb. Date and meeting place will be noted in the next newsletter and on the website.

WORKSITE MEETINGS

Worksite meetings are being held in every worksite throughout the area our local covers. If a worksite meeting has not occurred in your worksite within the last few months, please contact Kathy Lane at 815-677-3699 or afscmelocal448@grics.net. The dates/times of the upcoming worksites will be added to the calendar on the website.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

SNICKERDOODLE COBBLER

6 tablespoons real butter

1-1/2 cups sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla

1-1/2 cups packed light brown sugar

1-1/2 cups self rising flour

3/4 cup milk

1/2 tablespoon cinnamon

1-1/2 cups hot water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Melt butter in 9X13 inch pan

In mixing bowl, combine flour, sugar, milk, vanilla and cinnamon. Pour into pan.

Sprinkle brown sugar over top of batter.

Carefully pour hot water over butter and batter. **Do not stir.**

Bake 30-35 minutes until golden brown.

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