



The next general membership meeting will be held on
Thursday, July 9th at Noon – Memorial Union, Room 360
 Sandwiches and soda will be available.

\$ 100.00 July drawing for human service, non-profit organization:

We will have the drawing for the \$100 donation to a human services, non-profit organization during the July General Membership meeting. At the meeting you may submit the name of a charity to which you would like the donation to go. You must attend in order to win for your charity.

Member News

Sergeant **Erica Vieira**, was honored with the 2009 Police Officer of the Year Award for her outstanding and numerous community services. Sgt. Vieira also received a Senate Citation submitted by Senator Susan Sosnowski congratulating her for being honored as the 2009 Police Officer of the Year. Erica has a long list of police and community accomplishments including securing state and federal grants for the URI Police department, training in the Incident Command System, being involved with her search dog Max, in Search Dogs Northeast, the Rhode Island State Police, and the Urban Search and Rescue team, during the last 15 years donating much of her time to Rhode Island Special Olympics, and representing Rhode Island at the Torch Run Conference in Oklahoma City. Congratulations to Erica and Max – woof!

Lisa Gates has been promoted to Chief Accountant in the Controller’s Office, a non-union position. We wish Lisa the best in her further career.

Working South County – successful union support

On June 9, 09 Vote #1 to approve the Town Budget and keep South Kingstown School strong carried much due to the support of Union members, South Kingstown residents, to make their voice heard. There are other South Kingstown issues which require Working South County to become a catalyst in keeping local Union members informed and centralize necessary support. PTAA has actively participated in Working South County from the get-go and will remain active in local South County issues.



Council 94 People Program

Council 94 People Program is Council 94’s political, legislative and fundraising arm. More than ever, our jobs, wages, benefits and working conditions are directly linked to politics and legislature. RI State Campaign law prohibits the use of union dues for any political agenda, e.g. to help elect pro-labor candidates for public office. This means that voluntary member contributions, preferably by payroll deduction, are the only means of keeping the People program alive and working for you. If you are considering support for this program please contact Hilde at 4-4478 for further information on payroll deduction, cash or credit card contribution.

FSA Article

The new pretax Flexible Spending Account (FSA) for medical purposes provides a new reimbursement system via a Flexsystem MasterCard to be used at qualified locations for all eligible products and services. Participants in this benefit may also request reimbursement online at www.tasconline.com and initially need to login with their TASC ID and pin number.

If you are still evaluating if the Flexible Spending Account for medical or dependent care is for you, contact Hilde (4-4478) for some preliminary information and experience with the program. Or call URI Benefits, Pamela Sherman (4-5409), or TASC (Total Administrative Services Corporation) at 800-422-4661. The reimbursement process with the new Plan Administrator TASC is not as convenient as with the former Plan administrator Cornerstone. We have requested that TASC look into providing the more convenient online submission of receipts for reimbursement purposes.

Employee Retirement System (ERS) Article

The Legislature has passed the 2009 Pension Plan System with some very confusing stipulations and an inadequate retirement board response system as we have been informed of. This may keep our members that are on ERS (seven or less in our Union) on their toes and scrambling for information. If those members have questions please do not hesitate to call Hilde at 4-4478.

Council 94 Retiree Chapter

Council 94 has been asking for renewed support for the Council 94 Retiree Chapter. With stark benefit and pension realities confronting active members and retirees alike, Unions have realized that their work to benefit a member does not end with retirement. The RI Retiree Chapter 94 is an affiliate of the more than 230,000 member strong AFSCME Retiree Organization, one of the fastest growing groups in the entire labor movement. During the 33rd Annual Convention a resolution was adopted to affirm support for Retiree Chapter 94 and, in recognition thereof, to pay the first year’s dues of \$ 15.00 for each newly retiring member of Council 94. Thanks to our EB members Jane Suvajian and Doug Johnson who served as PTAA delegates and helped support this important resolution.

The newsletter is posted on www.uri.edu/ptaa.

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