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# Eastsider

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## WHERE'S CHUCK?

- Sept. 8 - Mio AuSable ESP Depositions (Mio)
- 9 - NMEA Prep
  - Alcona EA Crisis Planning (Lincoln)
  - 14A COPAC (Route 65 Diner, Posen)
- 10 - Mio AuSable ESP Depositions (Mio)
- 15 - Hillman ESP Membership Meeting (Hillman)
- 16 - Travel to Spring Lake re Muskegon EA
- 17 - Pre-CAT meeting with Muskegon EA and travel back to Alpena
- 17 - Alpena ESP I Mediation (APS Board Offices)
- 18 - NMEA (BJ's, Gaylord)
- 19 - Northern Zone Steering Committee (E. Lansing)
- 24 - Workforce Development Board (Elk Ridge Golf Course, Atlanta)
- 24-26 - Chuck on leave
- 29 - Grievance Hearing (E. Lansing)
- 30 - Alcona EA Mediation (Lincoln)
- Oct. 3 - MESSA Meeting (Otsego Club, Gaylord)
- 4-5 - MEA Vision Committee (E. Lansing)
- 8-10 - Chuck on leave
- 14 - 14A COPAC



## WOW!!

September 9, 2008—it seems it was June 9<sup>th</sup> just a couple of weeks ago. Check out second “Did You Know...” and that explains it all.

## CASH FOR KIDS:



Yup, it's that time again. Because of your understanding of the importance of Cash for Kids, we collected \$6,432.60 last year. Of that money, 40% or \$2,573.04 came right back to your Coordinating Council to spend on political issues. Money has been given for school bond issues, school/college millage renewals, ISD special education millages, school/college board candidates, and candidates for state offices. It would be nice to collect more than \$6,432 this year, but I'd rather see 100% of us contribute something to Cash for Kids. The campaign dates will vary with locals but for the most part the Coordinating Council

Delegates will see that everything is done by the October Coordinating Council meeting. This is the only contribution you take part in that directly affects your work!

## ELECTION '08:

Andy Neumann is our man for the 106<sup>th</sup> State Legislature. He was selected from five candidates running for the office. We had representatives from EA's and ESP's representing each county in the 106<sup>th</sup> district. Mr. Neumann was the only candidate who was 100% on all our questions pertaining to education. We need a pro education legislature and Andy Neumann will ensure we have a pro public education representative from our area. Want to see/learn more? Go to [www.andyneumann.com](http://www.andyneumann.com).



## AYP (ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS):

We are going to hear a lot more about this in the not too distant future. We now have prototype language to address this issue. Our first job is to understand the issue—if a local would like someone from MEA to present “50 ways to lose your AYP” at an in-service, let this office know. The school administrations are really down playing the lack of AYP in the press. It matters not how simple or small the demerit in dealing with AYP—just like baseball—three strikes and you are out. If a building did not make AYP, ask now what has to be done to fix it! If not fixed before the end of this year—strike two!

## BARGAINING UPDATE:

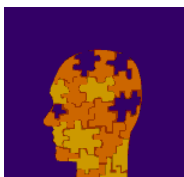
- Atlanta EA settled in the spring with 1.5% for three years and Choices II w/\$5/\$10 Rx.
- Alcona EA is going to mediation on September 30.
- Alpena ESP I is going to its second round of mediation on September 17. Insurance is the elephant in the room.
- Hillman EA settled with 2.0% and 2.15% and Choices II w/\$10/\$10 Rx and reimbursement. Vision increased to VSP-3-Gold.
- Rogers City EA is very close to settlement. They are reconstructing the salary schedule to reflect inadequacies at the top of the salary schedule.

## DID YOU KNOW...



**use frequent-flier miles before new fees spread**, advises rewards program expert Randy Petersen, American and Continental airlines are expected to follow Delta, Northwest and US Airways, which have added fees of \$25 for flights in North America and up to \$50 for overseas flights (up to \$100 with Northwest) when using frequent-flier miles. American has started charging at least \$5 for frequent-flier awards tickets but is likely to raise that. Randy Petersen is publisher

of *InsideFlyer* magazine and founder of WebFlier.com, which tracks rewards programs, Colorado Springs.



**...men have more memory problems** that women do? Men are one-and-a-half times more likely to suffer from mild cognitive impairment, which involves difficulties with memory and thinking. People with mild cognitive impairment are three to four times more likely to develop Alzheimer's than people without the condition. Rosebud Roberts, MD, division of epidemiology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, and researcher on a study of nearly 2,000 people, presented at a meeting of the

American Academy of Neurology.

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