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# Eastsider

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## WHERE'S CHUCK?

- Mar. 21 - Alpena ESP I Bargaining (MEA Office)  
Alcona EA Insurance Meeting (Lincoln)  
14A Coordinating Council (MEA Office)
- 22-23 - Arbitration Prep (Big Rapids)
- 24 - ACC Faculty Depositions (MEA Office)
- 27 - Spring Arbor Student Teacher Presentation (ACC)
- 28 - Alpena ESP I Bargaining (MEA Office)
- 29 - Arbitration (Big Rapids)
- Apr. 3 - Meeting w/Atlanta EA & Rosemary Carey (Atlanta)  
CC Agenda planning dinner/meeting w/ CC Chair (Lewist)
- 4 - Alcona EA Bargaining (Lincoln)
- 5-19 - Chuck on vacation (Utah visiting son & family)
- 11 - Tentative 14A Coordinating Council (MEA Office)



## Did you know...

**...the NEA merged with the AFL-CIO?** Neither did I. Apparently the only votes against the merger were from the Michigan Board members. What this means remains to be seen.

**...the Michigan Chamber of Commerce filed suit with the Secretary of State to disallow public institutions to collect dollars for PAC's?** The line of thinking is that "public institutions" must remain neutral in their political views. The Secretary of State agreed—"we must maintain neutrality in our public institutions". The Attorney General the following day, February 16<sup>th</sup>, opined that the state must maintain neutrality also and forbade the deduction of PAC dollars for state employees. Let me think, an election in November and the elected Republican state officers declare PAC deductions illegal for public institutions. Oh, I did not mention it is still legal for private corporations to deduct PAC dollars. This all sounds like my favorite soap, "As the Stomach Turns".

**...you have only three months to become "highly qualified" under ESEA (No Child Left Behind)?**

**...MEA will be going to percentage dues this fall?** Yup! Contact your MEA RA delegate for a brief overview of how it will work.

**...Steve Cook, MEA Secretary/Treasurer, will be at our May Coordinating Council meeting to discuss the above and the foreseen problems and attributes?**



## THE WINNERS ARE:

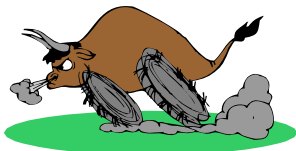
Julie McLennan, Posen EA  
Denise Belland, Posen EA  
Lynn Krentz, Rogers City EA

The above won a gourmet meal/overnight stay and sleigh ride at Thunder Bay Resort worth \$335.72 each for submitting at least five signatures to be eligible for the drawings.

Thanks for the signatures and hope the dinner and the stay were great.

Speaking of petitions, they are in and counted. I believe the Secretary of State could only find minimal mistakes. Thanks for the work.

The Legislature has time to review the petitions and must reject the petitions or pass some sort of law that deals with the issue. Should they not pass any legislation, we will see it on the ballot this fall. There will also be lots of other ballot issues in the fall. As they come to me, I will forward them to you with a brief explanation of the ballot and where MEA stands on the issue and why.



**March madness is upon us again!** Remember take a breath before calling someone on something. We get most of our harassment, “they’re picking on me”, and just general complaining calls this month. With sun deprivation/cabin fever is it very easy to fall into the “love to hate” category. Just think before reacting!

Some superintendents have been extolling the benefits of HSA’s (high deductible insurance plans). Just remember if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Only 1% of the total population is utilizing HSA’s. There is no track record to date to draw upon for conclusive evidence that they work. So buyer beware!

During the staff conference last week the following was presented for information pertaining to the generational differences found in our staffs today!

Topic	Baby Boomers 1946-1964	Generation X 1964-1979	Generation Why 1980-1994
The Future	<i>Is ours!</i>	<i>Sucks!</i>	<i>Might not happen!</i>
Television	<i>Bonanza</i>	<i>Family Ties</i>	<i>Jerry Springer</i>
Wealth	<i>I'll earn it!</i>	<i>I don't care that much about it.</i>	<i>Gimme, or I'll take it!</i>
Heroes/Role Models	<i>Men of character</i>	<i>Men &amp; Women of character</i>	<i>What's Character?</i>
Kids Killing Kids	<i>Unthinkable</i>	<i>It's possible</i>	<i>It's everywhere</i>
For Kicks	<i>Drive-Ins</i>	<i>Drive Thrus</i>	<i>Drive Bys</i>
Employment for Teens	<i>Hard to find</i>	<i>I'll work if I have to</i>	<i>Jobs are a dime a dozen!</i>
Loyalty to Employer	<i>I could work my way to the top!</i>	<i>This could lead to the top!</i>	<i>If I can't take Saturday off, I'll quit!</i>
Parents	<i>Try to please them.</i>	<i>Try to put up with them.</i>	<i>Aren't around much.</i>
Justice	<i>Always prevails</i>	<i>Usually prevails</i>	<i>Can be bought.</i>
School/Training	<i>Tell me WHAT to do.</i>	<i>Show me HOW to do it.</i>	<i>WHY do I need to learn this?</i>
Respecting Elders	<i>Is automatic.</i>	<i>Is polite.</i>	<i>Just because they're older? No way!</i>
Credit/Borrowing	<i>Only if I have to.</i>	<i>If I really want something.</i>	<i>How much can I get?</i>
Environment	<i>Don't litter.</i>	<i>Save the whales.</i>	<i>It's too late now.</i>
Government	<i>Is there dishonesty?</i>	<i>There is dishonesty!</i>	<i>Is there honesty?</i>
Communication	<i>Via parents' phone.</i>	<i>Via personal phone.</i>	<i>Pager/cell phone/email/chat rooms</i>
Shock Rock Icons	<i>Little Richard</i>	<i>Boy George</i>	<i>Marilyn Manson</i>
	<i>Elvis Presley</i>	<i>Ozzy Osborne</i>	<i>Nirvana</i>
	<i>Alice Cooper</i>	<i>Madonna</i>	<i>Eminem</i>
Change	<i>Dislike</i>	<i>Accept</i>	<i>Demand</i>
Streetwise	<i>Naïve</i>	<i>Aware</i>	<i>Experienced</i>
Technology	<i>Ignorant</i>	<i>Comfortable</i>	<i>Masters</i>
Video Game	<i>Pong</i>	<i>PacMan</i>	<i>Mortal Kombat</i>
Pornography	<i>In Movie Theaters</i>	<i>In Video Stores</i>	<i>On TV, or a click away online</i>
Promiscuity leads to	<i>Mono</i>	<i>Herpes</i>	<i>AIDS</i>

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