

WEA-Riverside UniServ Council

Newsletter

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We are the teachers, specialists and support employees who dedicate our professional lives to creating great public schools in Southwest Washington.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As most of us start to enter the second half of the school year, which typically can be a hectic time, make sure to take some time to set some personal and professional goals to help keep you focused on what matters most to you. One of my goals is to remind the legislature that our members deserve fair compensation. From our higher ed employees all the way to our preschool teachers and support staff, I have found individuals who work in the public education system are givers. Certificated and classified alike give of our time, talents, and money above and beyond what is required in order to help our students and their families succeed. This is the time when we need to show the unity we have as a union, working together to better the lives of our fellow members. WEA's Unity Agenda focuses on all of our members and can be found at: <https://www.washingtonea.org/ourvoice/our-priorities/>.

Anna-Melissa Lyons

TURBULENCE, TACOS & THE LEGISLATURE



Come hear what the current status is toward passing Governor Inslee's supplemental budget and the status of Senate Bill 5993 and House Bill 1237 which would support equal bargaining rights for college faculty as well as how other legislative decisions may impact you.

Do you like hangin' with colleagues who get it?
Grab a friend and RSVP today!
Space is limited to the first 30 who RSVP so don't delay!
All WEA members are welcome to attend.

Cerveza Factory
11 N Parkway Ave., Battle Ground

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 | 5-7pm

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/Turbulence-Tacos-Legis2018>

COMPLIMENTARY LIFE INSURANCE

ATTENTION ALL WEA Members - One of the benefits of your membership is Complimentary Life Insurance.

This automatic coverage provided at no cost to members, helps to provide peace of mind to family. Register one or more beneficiaries today. If the worst happens to you, your choice will clear up doubts and cut through delays - speeding up benefit payments for loved ones who need them.

What is it?

- Up to \$1,000 of term life insurance
- \$5,000 of accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) coverage
- \$50,000 of AD&D insurance for any covered accident that occurs on the job or while serving as an Association Leader
- \$150,000 of life insurance for unlawful homicide while on the job

Who gets it?

To help provide for your family, the NEA Members Insurance Trust® makes valuable benefits available at no extra cost to Active, Staff, Reserve and Life members of NEA.

How do you register for it?

Please go to www.neamb.com to register as a member and name your beneficiary. If you have not yet registered on this website, please do so and you will be directed to the Complimentary Life Insurance Beneficiary designation page. If you have already registered as a member on this site, log-in, click Insurance and then Complimentary Life Insurance, and follow the steps to name or rename your beneficiary. If you have any questions, please call NEA Member Benefits at 1-800-637-4636.

IMPORTANT: If you selected your beneficiaries a while ago or have experienced a life-changing event, please reconfirm your choice.

OUR VOICE UPDATES



Sign up for the Legislative email updates from the [WEA Our Voice Blog](https://www.washingtonea.org/ourvoice/) today to stay informed on the LATEST developments in Washington State that directly effect education. <https://www.washingtonea.org/ourvoice/>



No matter where you are in your career, it is never too early to plan for retirement. Our WEA-Retired group hosts a pre-retirement seminar that you can't afford to miss if you are starting to plan for retirement. At our pre-retirement seminar, we cover a variety of topics, including:

- State retirement plans
- Financial planning
- Social Security
- Estate planning
- Health care

WEA-Retired Pre-Retirement Session will be held at The Bates Center (formerly the CEL) 2901 Falk Rd, Vancouver WA.

Date	Time
March 23 (Friday)	5:30 pm - 8:30 pm
March 24 (Saturday)	8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Please plan to attend both sessions.

To attend, please **RSVP here and send your check payment to WEA-Riverside***:
<https://tinyurl.com/yc2hbtat6>

*Registration is not confirmed until your check has been received. Space is limited to the first 24 paid participants.

CALENDAR

2/13/18	Certification Training
2/15/18	Coordinated Bargaining - RUC Office
2/21/18	RUC Council Meeting - Covington MS -Vancouver
2/22-24/18	ESP Sparks
2/24/18	Financial Education Presentation - WEA-RUC
2/27/18	Turbulence, Tacos & The Legislature - Cerveza Factory- Battle Ground

WEA-RETIRED SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, WEA-Retired is offering eight, \$1,000, non-renewable scholarships to aid WEA members in enhancing skills in specific education areas and/or attaining or maintaining a teaching certificate. The scholarships cannot be used to pay for incurred debt for past classes or reimbursement for pre-paid classes. You must be a WEA member to apply.

WEA-Retired Scholarships are NOW AVAILABLE:

<https://www.washingtonea.org/membership/we-are-wea/retired/>

Scroll down to WEA-Retired Scholarships, and click on the appropriate link (Certificated, Classified or Student).

The completed coversheet and application must be received by April 6, 2018. More information can be obtained by emailing barwentz@comcast.net.



Valentine's Day

Be sure to look for these union-made products for your sweetheart this Valentines Day.

<h4>SWEETS AND TREATS</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Allan Candy Company ♥ Brown & Haley ♥ Dare Foods Limited ♥ Frankford Candy & Chocolate ♥ Ghiradelli Chocolate Company ♥ Parson's Candy Company ♥ Hershey Foods Corp ♥ Sconza Candy Company ♥ See's Candy ♥ Jelly Belly Candy Company ♥ Nestle USA ♥ Tootsie Roll Industries ♥ Russel Stover ♥ Necco 	<h4>WINE</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Andre Champagne ♥ Chateau Ste. Michelle ♥ Columbia Crest ♥ Saddle Mountain ♥ Farron Ridge ♥ Scheid Vineyards Inc. ♥ Balletto ♥ Charles Krug ♥ C.K. Mondavi ♥ C.R. Cellars ♥ Gallo of Sonoma ♥ Gallo Estate ♥ Turning Leaf ♥ Arbor Mist ♥ St. Supery ♥ Tott's Champagne
<h4>FLOWERS AND GIFTS</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♥ Safeway ♥ Pavillions ♥ Costco ♥ Teleflora 	



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