



FA Courier

Protect Working Families Protect Our Jobs

Vote “Yes” for Proposal 2 on November 6

Fall General Membership Meeting

Thursday, 9/27 at 4:00 p.m. in the Lake Michigan Room, UC. Tom Ferris (MEA) will update progress and needs for the PWF/POJ campaign. Grace Romzick, MESSA will share information on the CMU Health Fair on October 31. The election for President-Elect will take also place. Refreshments provided.

FA College-Level Faculty Meetings

The FA Executive Board is committed to finding new ways to help faculty get involved and to remain informed. This fall you have the opportunity to attend an “FA college-level meeting” (CCFA, EHS, CBA, CHP, CST, HSBS, Athletics, and Library/Counseling) to be organized by your “FA College Team” (your FA College and FA Department representatives). The FA Executive Board is providing up to \$200.00 to each team for refreshments.

The meeting agenda will focus on: (a) Protect Working Families/Project Our Jobs ballot initiative, (b) Discussion on: What do faculty want from CMUFA? What do faculty want in the next contract? What are faculty dissatisfied about in the current contract? What are faculty issues/concerns they want to share with President Ross?

The college-level FA meetings are being held between September 24 and November 1. Contact your FA College and FA Department representatives for details (see page 6 for a list of College reps).

FA Executive Board Meetings – Open to Faculty

Faculty are welcome to attend FA Executive Board Meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on October 4 at the MEA Office, 625 N. Main Street, Suite B, Mount Pleasant, MI.

Spring 2013 RPT Preparation

If you are interested in spring promotion, please attend the RPT luncheon, 11:30-1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 19 in Lakeshore Room, University Center. Bring a copy of your department bylaws. RSVP to Laura Frey, (frey11m@cmich.edu) by October 12.

MEA Materials Available

We have MEA pocket and wall calendars. They will be available at the FA General Membership meeting on September 27. You can also contact Donna Ericksen, FA Membership Officer; she can send the calendars to you in campus mail.
email: erick1db@cmich.edu

CMU Health Fair – Chance to win an iPad

MESSA plans to have a booth at the CMU Health Fair on October 31. Plan to attend. Chat with Grace Romzick our MESSA representative and Rhonda Jones, one of our MESSA wellness consultants. MESSA will have a giveaway raffle with an iPad as the prize.

More Upcoming FA Events

October 20: Homecoming; FA in Parade (morning); FA canopy at pre-game (afternoon)(more details in October)

November 7: FA Social; 4:00-6:00 p.m., Lake Michigan Room, UC

Protect Working Families/Protect Our Jobs: Get Active

The Protect Working Families (PWF) goal is to **turn out 3 million YES votes** for the Proposal 2 to protect families and collective bargaining rights. To do this, **MEA has a goal of getting 500,000 YES commitment cards.**

Get your PWF Commitment Cards from your FA College and FA Department Reps

Sign your commitment card. FA members can get signatures on campus anytime as long as it is not during office hours and during teaching time. Send the commitment cards member to member on campus. This is not a campaign for a candidate so there is no problem with sending commitment cards via campus mail or email to members. You can gather as many signatures as you would like off campus. Give commitment cards to at **least 5 friends, family members or neighbors.**

Send your signed cards to Melvina or Laura

Melvina Gillespie; UniServe Director; Office: 625 N. Main Street, Suite B, Mount Pleasant, MI 48858; office phone: 989-772-5922

Laura Frey, FA President, Office: 355 EHS Building

September 29th: Protect Working Families (PWF) Mass Canvass

We are in need of volunteers (about 20 members) to join our AFT sister union to canvass the neighborhood for Protect Working Families (Proposal 2). This is a great way to commit some time to getting this important initiative passed. You can sign up at: http://action.aft.org/signup_page/aftcanvass

Call the MEA office to let them know they are participating so that they may receive credit for the MEA 24+ Club. (989-772-5922)

MEA Mt. Pleasant PWF Canvassing Days

Saturday, October 13 from 1-3 p.m. and Saturday, October 20 from 1-3 p.m. Meet at Mount Pleasant High School (1155 S. Elizabeth Street, Mount Pleasant). Call the MEA office to register: 989-772-5922.

Protect Working Families: Weekly Canvassing

Our regional Protect Working Families field organizer, Jim Moreno, works out of the UTF/GSU office (located at 1205 S. Mission, Ste. 1). Volunteer times for weekly canvassing are 5p.m. on Thursdays; 10 a.m., 1 p.m., & 4 p.m. on Saturdays; and 12 p.m. on Sundays. To volunteer, contact Jim at 989-444-8015.

Proposal 2:

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

This proposal would:

1. Grant public and private employees the constitutional right to organize and bargain collectively through labor unions.
2. Invalidate existing or future state or local laws that limit the ability to join unions and bargain collectively, and to negotiate and enforce collective bargaining agreements, including employees' financial support of their labor unions. Laws may be enacted to prohibit public employees from striking.
3. Override state laws that regulate hours and conditions of employment to the extent that those laws conflict with collective bargaining agreements.
4. Define "employer" as a person or entity employing one or more employees.

www.ProtectOurJobs.com

Voter Registration

The UTF & GSU have been organizing to help out with the voter registration effort here on campus. They are organizing tabling in the Library from Noon to 2 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday to register students on their way to class. To volunteer, please contact Matt Sous at matt.sous@gmail.com or call at 989-772-3238.

Additional Information

CMU FA General Website: <http://cmufa.com>

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Michigan Education Association, <http://www.mea.org>

MEA Bill Tracker at www.mea.org/gov/pdf/bill_tracker.pdf

National Education Association, <http://www.nea.org>

FA Logo on Your Clothing

Jill Stalter, owner of In Stitches (620 North Fancher, in the alley), is able to put the FA logo on all types of clothing. Jill has shirts, etc., for sale or you can provide your own clothing. If you are interested, call her at 989-775-8666.

FA T-Shirts & Scarves

The yellow FA T-shirts are free and available in S,M,L,XL, XXL, XXXL.
The yellow FA scarves are \$5.00. Contact Laura for both (frey1lm@cmich.edu).

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