LETTER FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hi everyone. I am the new incoming President, David Elzbeck. Linda Pate has retired as of the end of February. (See Congrats article.)

Let me introduce myself. I have been with the district for several years. I worked in the Heat and Vent Shop before becoming your release time president. I have been on Bargaining, Interview Committees, the Service Unit and other committees. I am totally committed to being and doing the best job I can for YOU, our members.

I would love to come to your worksite for a school visit or even for a one-on-one if needed. If you are sitting on the fence about joining and want to talk about it, give me a call (476-2906 x12). It is my goal to be here for you.

This is our union. I would like for you to be involved too. Are there things you would like to see changed? What are they? There is probably a committee you could be on that may be able to work to make those changes happen. Change does not happen without members getting INVOLVED and talking about issues to make things change. Issues don’t change by talking to your friends at Seville’s or Chili’s about them.

Bill Vincent has also taken a new job. His replacement is Nicole Sipka. She was a teacher in Nassau County and comes to us from Yulee, Florida. She was an intern with us for many months before being hired permanently.

Good luck to Bill and welcome aboard Nicole! I have enjoyed working with Bill and look forward to working with Nicole.

Your Union President

BE INFORMED! BE INVOLVED!

NEW ADVENTURES

Linda Pate ESP President is now newly Retired. Linda has retired as of the end of February and her husband Larry retired at the end of January. Linda has been in the district since 1989 and actively involved in union work for many years. We would like to thank her for all she has done for advocating for the rights of ESPs.

While we will miss them we wish Linda and Larry health and happiness, time to relax and enjoy their kids and grandkids and success on any new adventures.

Bill Vincent, Service Unit Director, has taken a job as Regional Specialist with FEA. He will now be traveling between counties where FEA needs him the most. Bill was a teacher in Escambia for 30 years and then a S U Director for 6.

While Bill will be missed, he is not moving away so we will get to see him from time to time.

Would YOU like to win a $25 Gift Card?

All you need to do is recruit members. The more you recruit the more chances you have. You will get one chance per member recruited.

So start recruiting so you can be entered to win a $25 Gift Card.

Drawings are held each month.
March, 2017 Dates to Remember

- March 11—Bargaining Training  9-12
- March 14—Board/UR Mtg  6 pm **
- March 14—Sch Bd Mtg  5:30-HC-Rm 160
  - March 16—BEC Mtg  10 am
- March 16—Political Action Team  5:15 pm
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** Board/UR meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month unless otherwise announced

ESP Officers 2014-2016

- **President**  David Elzbeck
- **1st Vice-President**  Kawanza Spencer
- **2nd Vice-President**  Susan Stallworth
- **Secretary**  Kim Andrews
- **Treasurer**  Deborah Jones

- **Directors**
  - Admin Ctr Clerical  Hattie Weathers
  - Admin Ctr Clerical  Miranda Bethune
  - Bus Personnel  Juvannva Bell
  - Bus Personnel  Brenda Roehrig
  - Custodian  Greg Mathis
  - Custodian  Keith Etheridge
  - Elem Cler & TA  Ruby Knight-Prewitt
  - Elem Cler & TA  Kemberly Stong
  - Food Service  Vickey Grant
  - Food Service  Ron Mixon
  - H S Clerical & TA  Virdell Cleveland
  - Maintenance  Hope Alexander
  - M S Clerical & TA  Tewanna McCreary
  - Spec Ctr Cler & TA  Gerald Edwards
  - Trans Garage  Ron Mixon
  - Bargaining Chair  Ron Mixon

FULL BOOK BARGAINING...
We know that with Full Book Bargaining approaching employees may have some ideas or concerns they would like for us to be aware of during bargaining.

**Now is that time!**  Give David Elzbeck x12 or Nicole Sipka x15 a call to set up a day to come to your worksite for a visit.

Your Union is having Bargaining Training on Saturday, March 11th from 9-12. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to 476-2906 so that we may have enough paperwork and snacks for everyone. The purpose of this training is to do a brief overview of Bargaining Laws in Florida, train on Bargaining 101 and get input from members as we go forward with our full book.

ACCESS

**My Deals Mobile®**

Access is an FEA member benefit that offers saving to help offset and even cover the entire cost of your annual dues. Now Access is even Mobile. Members can go to the App store or Google play store to find **My Deals**, FEA’s free mobile app. Follow the onscreen directions; and if prompted for a product key, enter “9389-“. If you need assistance call Access at 1-888-304-9048.

**My Deals** features America’s largest “show your phone” mobile coupon network, with offers at over 240,000 locations. Most deals require you to show your phone at the point of sale with on screen redemption instructions.

If you need an Access card call Rhonda at 476-2906 and she will be glad to order a replacement.

NEA Complimentary Life Insurance

**NEA Complimentary Life Insurance** is **free** life and AD&D insurance guaranteed to active members. Registering your beneficiary will ensure that the benefit amount is paid to the family member or person you stipulate. Having a beneficiary also makes it easier to expedite payment in the event of a tragedy.

**TO REGISTER YOUR BENEFICIARY:**  Visit the NEA Complimentary Life Insurance web page (http://www.neamb.com/insurance/nea-complimentary-life-insurance.htm) or call the Member Services Center at 1-800-637-4636 from 8am–8pm M–F, or Sat 9am–1pm.

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