

# DUTU Newsletter



January, 2022



## WELCOME

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great time over the holidays and have had a great start to 2022!

If you have any items (announcements or pictures from work events) that you wish to be included in the monthly newsletter, please contact me at the email below.

Deanna Johnson at  
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## Upcoming Dates:

January 28: In Service Day; No U46 Classes; Offices Open

February 21: Presidents' Day; No School; Offices Closed

## DUTU Governing Council

### Executive Officers

President: Heather Weiss

Vice President: Macy Morales

Secretary: Star Pozos

Treasurer: Sheri Slania

### Chairs

Accident Review: Joe Haubert

Association Rep: Liane Pizzo

Audit: Kristal Day

Benefit Resources: Lis Lewis

Bylaws & Legislation: Jay Neihus

Election: Colette Cruz

Grievances: Deanne Adams

Health & Safety: Mary Boyd

Membership: Debby Beaupre

Newsletter: Deanna Johnson

Social & Sunshine: Girolamo Ciolino

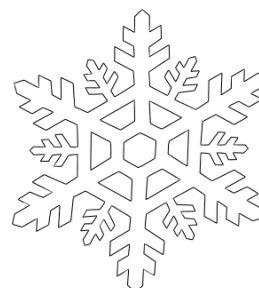
Staff Development: Dee Valenti

Student Discipline: Sam Lowe

Technology: Sharon Jackson



"So where do you see yourself in five months?"



## Retirement & Pension

### Workshops

The following events are available to all U-46 employees offered by AIG Retirement Services, our 403(b)/457(b) provider, as webinars from 4:45 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Click [here](#) to sign up for any of the following webinars:

- Student Loan Debt Solutions - Thursday, Jan. 13
- 403(b)/457(b) Retirement Planning - Wednesday, Jan. 19
- Social Security & Retirement - Tuesday, Jan. 25
- Student Loan Debt Solutions - Monday, Feb. 7

Please note that you will only receive Retirement & Pension emails from AIG or Retirement & Pension Specialist [Lori Nommensen](#). Please add unauthorized emails to your spam folder.

## Payroll

### Timeclock Transition

The tentative go-live date for our transition to UKG/Kronos time clocks is April 4. Employee training will be scheduled during March. Please know that our Information Services team is monitoring the ransomware attacks that have impacted other organizations using UKG/Kronos and is assessing the risk to our implementation.



## Summer Connection 2022



Planning for Summer Connection 2022 has been well under way. U-46 is excited to be able to offer multiple summer programming options:

- Elementary, middle and high school summer school hosted at Harriet Gifford, Heritage, Highland, and Huff elementary schools, as well as Abbott Middle School and Larkin High School.
- Extended School Year (ESY) hosted at Liberty Elementary School, Kenyon Woods Middle School, and South Elgin High School.
- Middle School Experience, Freshman Connection, and College Jumpstart hosted at all middle and high schools
- Summer programming offered through U-46 and community partnerships hosted at locations to be determined



DESIRE, VISION, AND FOCUS HELP YOU  
TURN THE BUS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION BUT  
**POSITIVE ENERGY**  
IS NECESSARY TO TAKE YOU WHERE  
YOU WANT TO GO.



## Important Change to School Calendar

Tuesday, March 15, was originally scheduled as a “non-attendance day” due to many of our schools being used as voting locations. However, that Illinois election has been postponed so there

WILL BE school on that day.

This moves the Last Day of School (if no emergency days used) as Friday, May 27.

\*\*\*Further information regarding how this change will affect us will be coming soon.\*\*\*

## General Membership Meetings

Come to a General Membership Meeting and get a ticket for a chance to win a \$100 Visa/Mastercard gift card.

FIVE winners will be drawn at the 5/11 meeting.

In person meetings are at Elgin Moose Lodge located on McLean Blvd in Elgin.

Virtual meetings are facilitated through Microsoft Teams.

Time: 5:30 p.m.

### MEETING DATES:

3/9/22 – Virtual

5/11/22 – Elgin Moose Lodge



## January Dates:

1/21: Payday (12/27-1/9)

1/28: In-Service Meeting, VIRTUAL

## February Dates:

2/2: Governing Council Meeting

2/4: Payday (1/10-1/23)

2/16: Labor Management Meeting

2/18: Payday (1/24-2/6)

2/21: Presidents' Day Observed; No School



- You must go by EVERY STOP, EVERY DAY (the office staff may notify you of a “no go” but you still need to drive by that stop.)
- REMEMBER: **No courtesy stops** are allowed. You put the stand-by driver and office in a difficult position if you are making a courtesy stop when you are driving your route. **PLUS**, our Director of Transportation has notified us several times that **courtesy stops are not allowed**.

Watch your bus idle  
time at schools.

Please be cautious in the  
parking lots; snowy, icy and  
slick conditions may be  
present during the winter  
weather.

Please make sure you  
**PLUG IN YOUR BUS**  
after your p.m. route.

Join our private  
Facebook page at  
“DUTU Members  
Only Official”.

Check out our  
website.

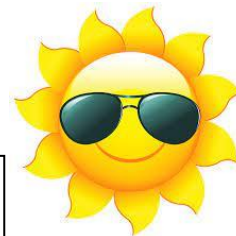
Helpful quick links  
and other  
information.  
[www.mydutu.org](http://www.mydutu.org)



Please do not cut  
through the aisles  
when fueling. The  
fuel line goes  
through the back  
row and around.



## FROM YOUR SOCIAL/SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



A message from your Social Sunshine Chair:

- Still accepting donations for any size coat in good used and washed condition to be donated to a care facility that can use them for their residents  
**through January 21<sup>st</sup>.**
- Hey, I have a slightly urgent issue. Please keep your eyes out for 16x20 picture frames. The ones at Walmart and Hobby Lobby that I've found don't work with the retirement mat that we use. We try to keep at under 6 dollars a frame, but with what's on the market, nothing that I find is working. All input and leads are greatly appreciated.

- Gmo

### Special Credit Card Offer through the NEA

Copy and paste the link below to go to the offer.

**HAPPY New Year**

**Save on interest all the way into 2023!**

Plus get an online bonus offer:  
**\$100 Target GiftCard!**

**Apply Now**



The NEA® RateSmart Credit Card

**\$100 Target GiftCard**  
after you make at least \$500 in purchases within the first 90 days of account opening (students not eligible).

**Lowest Rate**  
Save on purchases with the lowest rate of any NEA credit card.

**NO Annual Fee!**  
Unlike some other credit cards, there's no annual fee!

**0% Intro APR!**  
for **18 billing cycles** for purchases, and for any balance transfers made in the first **60** days. After the Intro APR offer ends, a Variable APR that's currently **9.99% - 19.99%** will apply. A **3% fee (min \$10)** applies to all balance transfers.

**Zero Liability Fraud Protection**  
Protection for fraudulent purchases and peace of mind.

<http://click.neamemberbenefits.com/?qs=a6046c45fd5fa47d35c2eb914939aab403e984da6cc2b1d97241c10916c59486b79fb55d27907361d86a41bae6eac1c4f16739c2282871a822c2e2b1ee2a407b>

If you would like to become involved with planning events and caring for our DUTU members, please let G'mo or Joy know.  
We are always looking for help and new ideas.





## January Birthdays:

1<sup>st</sup> – Jackie Selvick  
 5<sup>th</sup> – Arturo Alvarez  
 6<sup>th</sup> – Doris Parker, John Vercelli  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Zimbo Gessert  
 9<sup>th</sup> – Anne Foster  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Andrea Murphy  
 13<sup>th</sup> – Diana Monroy  
 14<sup>th</sup> – Ninos Tamaras  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Ed Baus, Susana Villagomez  
 17<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Thompson  
 18<sup>th</sup> – Mitch McCutchen  
 21<sup>st</sup> – Sonia Vargas, Tes Tewolde  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – Daniel Clowers, Brenda Johnson,  
           Alex Bangiorno  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Geoff Stricklin, Regina Frohn  
 25<sup>th</sup> – Kadie Schanze  
 29<sup>th</sup> – Caron Brunner, Dom Cozza  
 30<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Rendl  
 31<sup>st</sup> – Jim Dykstra

## February Birthdays:

1<sup>st</sup> – Willie Townsend  
 4<sup>th</sup> – Dave Baca  
 5<sup>th</sup> – Kimberlyn Rebollar, Jackie Steele  
 6<sup>th</sup> – Andrea Bozelka  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Tina Semock  
 9<sup>th</sup> – Dianna Kuecker, Lauran Groble, Ron Chua  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Jessica Catalan  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Michelle Rynders  
 13<sup>th</sup> – Russ Angelmire, Jo Harris  
 14<sup>th</sup> – Larry Casio  
 15<sup>th</sup> – Jeff Brandon, Cindy France, Pam Mathieu,  
           Latara McCall, Laura Taets  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Timeka Townsend  
 18<sup>th</sup> – Martha Sanchez  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jessica Smith, Jeff Spoden  
 25<sup>th</sup> – Sam Mahmudi, Amy Hager  
 27<sup>th</sup> – Tom Helgerson, Roy Jackson  
 28<sup>th</sup> – Delores Allen, Debra Briggs, Lyle Moseman  
 29<sup>th</sup> – Jen Riley

### Our Condolences



Ana Lopez – loss of her mother

Tina Semock – loss of her father

FUN, FUN, FUN...



## Hot Cocoa Snowman Maze

