

DUTU Newsletter



February/March, 2022



WELCOME

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.

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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



Upcoming Dates:

March 4: In Service Day; No U46 Classes; Offices Open

March 28 – April 1: Spring Recess; No U46 Classes; Offices Open

April 15: Spring Holiday; No U46 Classes; Offices Closed





WATCH for a special Election Edition Newsletter that will be out before our DUTU Election which is on March 22nd. It will have information on who is running for what position, and candidate bios.



We are looking for volunteers to help hand out ballots for our DUTU election on March 22. If you can help, please contact Heather Weiss or Colette Cruz.

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

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.

If you are running for a position that will be on the DUTU ballot on the March 22nd election, please submit a photo of yourself along with a short bio (no more than ½ page) to Deanna Johnson @ dutunews@gmail.com by Friday, March 11.





Important Change to School Calendar

REMINDER: 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.

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



March Dates:

3/2: Governing Council Meeting

3/4: Payday (2/7 – 2/20)

3/4: In-Service Meeting, VIRTUAL

3/9: General Membership Meeting

3/13: “Spring Forward”; set your clocks forward one hour

3/16: Labor Management Meeting; Region 63 Meeting

3/17: St Patrick's Day

3/18: Payday (2/21 – 3/6)

3/22: DUTU Local Election

3/28 – 4/1: Spring Recess



- 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.
- In order for our Cold Weather Starters to start our buses, they need ALL THE KEYS returned to the office. NO KEYS, NO NICE WARM BUS!
- For quick, minor repairs (headlight changed, windshield wipers, mirror tightened, etc.), please pull up by a garage door at 500 Shales and go in to get a mechanic. (for your safety, please stay behind the yellow line)

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



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

FROM YOUR SOCIAL/SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



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.



Happy Birthday



March Birthdays

2nd – Alan Garcia
5th – Dawn Franzen, Fabio Carmen
7th – Heather Weiss, Steve Gard
9th – Sonia Perry
10th – Rich Aubry, Ashley Quezada
11th – Ariel Maranan, Rosa Keosaeng,
John Zimny
13th – Steffan McGhee
16th – Barb Birchfield, Antowanna Manuel
17th – **HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY**
19th – Teresa Mascote
20th – Donna Bussie
21st – Rhonda Smith, David Munson
24th – Keith Goeske, Joe Haubert
26th – Liane Pizzo
28th – Cherie Crisp
30th – Don Nommensen, Joy McCarron,
Nick Barcnas

April Birthdays

1st – Jodeana Bergroschtje
4th – April Erling
7th – Demetrius Composano
9th – Joanne McPherson, Sally Reices, Cindy Moseman
10th – Terrance Young
11th – Jaime Maxwell
12th – Lisa Mann, Sheri Slania, Jonnifer Thompson
13th – Tom Cordogan
17th – Sandy Mays
18th – Judy Medel, Macy Morales
20th – Brenda Barnes
22nd – Victoire Carrington, Deanna Paniagua
23rd – Georgina Villalobos
24th – Mark Taylor
26th – Suzann Olson, Dustin Washington
28th – Darryl Nelson
29th – Cindy Jansen

OUR CONDOLENCES



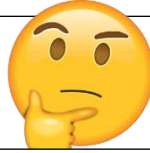
Rob Reimer – loss of father-in-law
Connie LeDonne – loss of father
Mike Del Regno – loss of mother
Pam Mathieu – loss of sister
Tina Semock – loss of mother



SHOP TALK



That switch does what??



"ON CRUISE THRTL"

Turn to "ON"; green light will illuminate.

Use the "SET COAST RESUME ACCEL" button to control the idle speed of your bus.

"ON PARKD REGEN"

Used to regenerate the exhaust system. Only use if instructed to do so by the office or by referencing the chart on the bulkhead.

"ENAB WIG WAG"

When this switch is set to "ENAB" your headlights will flash back and forth when you use your stop arm.



"ON EXH BRAKE"

If your bus is equipped with a Bendix System on the dash, this switch should be in the "ON" position with the green light illuminated. The Bendix System detects objects in front of the bus and if you get too close, the "EXH BRAKE" in the "ON" position will visually and audibly alert you and automatically apply the braking system.



"ENAB OFF ROAD"

Use this switch when the roads are slippery to help provide traction control. (some buses may have a switch that says "Trac Ctrl")

When this switch is in the "ENAB" position with the green light illuminated, (TC) will flash on your instrument panel.



"CANCEL CROSS GATE AUTO"

If you are pulled up close behind another bus and you need to use your stop arm, pressing the "cancel" will keep your front crossing gate from opening, or will let it close if you press "cancel" when it's already out.



If you see this symbol appear on your instrument panel, the exhaust temperature is high and the system is cleaning itself out. This is the "TEMP" for the exhaust, NOT the engine.



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Spring Word Search



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MARCH

FLOWERS

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APRIL

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