

DUTU Newsletter

April/May 2022



WELCOME

The 2021/2022 school year is winding down. There are some useful dates included in this newsletter, so be sure to notate those. As always, if you have any information to be included, please email me at the below email address.

Deanna Johnson at
dutunews@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates:

May 6: In Service Day @ LHS; No U46 Classes; Offices Open

May 27: Last Day of School

June 1: Summer Pick Begins

DUTU Governing Council

(current)

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

Field Trips: Lois Cooks

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: open

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General Membership Meetings

May 11:

- The last one for 21-22 school year will be located at Elgin Moose Lodge on McLean Blvd.
- We will raffle off the five \$100 gift cards at the end of the meeting. There are other raffle items available too.
- We are looking into providing food for this meeting. Stay tuned.



2022-2023 In-Service Days:

Monday, 8/8/22
Friday, 10/21/22
Friday, 1/27/23
Friday, 5/5/23



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

Summer School Info:

Route viewing: 5/27-5/31
Pick Day: 6/1 (6/2 if needed)
1st dry run day: 6/2 (if your program starts PRIOR to 6/8)
2nd dry run day: 6/6 (if your program starts 6/8 or after)

*Please note: confirm your summer pick time so you know when to expect a phone call.

Fall Pick Info:

Route viewing: 8/1 & 8/2
Pick days: 8/3 & 8/4
In-Service day: 8/8 at LHS from 7:30am-12:30pm
Dry run: 8/9
Call center work: 8/12 & 8/15 (sign up for this work will be available during Fall pick).

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023:

Tuesday, August 16

*Please remember for all pick days, if you are choosing to do an out of district/private placement school, please request that school calendar as it may be different than the U-46 school calendar.

April Dates:

4/29: Payday (4/4 – 4/17)

May Dates:

5/4: Governing Council Meeting @ 545 pm
5/6: In-Service Meeting @ Larkin High; 730-1130 am
5/11: General Membership Meeting @ 530 pm
5/13: Payday (4/18 – 5/1)
5/18: Labor Management Meeting @ 930 am
Region 63 Meeting @ 600 pm
5/27: Payday (5/2 – 5/15); LAST DAY OF U46 SCHOOL
5/29: Memorial Day; Offices closed



- You must go by EVERY STOP, EVERY DAY
- REMEMBER: **No courtesy stops** are allowed.
- Be watching for end-of-school year procedures. (cleaning, fueling, removing items from buses)



To apply for open U46 positions, please go to:

<https://www.applitrack.com/u46/onlineapp/default.aspx>

As the weather warms, please watch your bus idle time at schools.



DO NOT park any bus if the fuel gauge is lower than $\frac{1}{2}$ a tank.

Be courteous and fuel.

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 let your bus windows be down past the marked line.

- Students may get hit by tree branches or other debris.
- The structural integrity of the bus relies on the windows only being lowered to the line.

FROM YOUR SOCIAL/SUNSHINE COMMITTEE



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



May Birthdays:

7th - BIANCA HERNANDEZ

8th - MORT MAHMUDI, RENEE SIROTA

10th - JOSH BESCH, LAURA GARCIA

12th - CONNIE FELTGEN, PAUL HULTZ, ANA LOPEZ

15th - CAROL EASON

17th - ANDREA THALLER

18th - DEDE ADAMS, SABRINA O'FARRELL

19th - SCOTT BOLIN

20th - MARY THOMPSON, CONNIE SCHMIDT

22nd - SCOTT THOMAS

24th - ANITA THORNQUIST

25th - PEGGY RAMIS, KAREN MULCAHY

26th - ALECIA NOTTOLINI, FAYE WESTROPE

28th - ROBIN JANSSEN, ROSIBEL MILLER,

PAMELA THOMAS

31st - NANCY ORTLIEB, ANITA DEVORA

June Birthdays:

3rd - MIKE STEVENS, MIKE ROTH

7th - JESSICA MCBURNEY

8th - EVETTE ELMS, ROB REIMER

9th - LORELEI HARRELL, LUPE ALARCON,

EDWIN RAMIREZ

12th - CONNIE LEDONNE

13th - BRITTANY HERNANDEZ

15th - COLETTE CRUZ

16th - KEDRA HINTON, SHERYL MYRIECKES

17th - CHUCK RAKSINH

18th - KRISTAL DAY

20th - JOHN CLYDE

23rd - STEVE ADAMS

27th - JO SCIANNA

28th - KAREN LEVKULICH, MAYRA VALDEZ

29th - BLANCA QUINTERO, BEATA MATUSZEWSKI

OUR CONDOLENCES

Leo Aguilar – loss of sister

Tony Rusenovich – loss of wife

Antonio Hernandez Colin – loss of father

Jack Kline – loss of mother

Davy Santos – loss of sister

Nicki Forest – loss of son

Jorene Scianna – loss of brother



Loss of retiree from Transportation, Gordy Flentge., former Shop Foreman. He was with U46 for 40 years.

A note from your Staff Development Chair:

If any Transportation Employees (drivers, assistants, office staff, mechanics...anyone...) has any thoughts on what they would like to see at the In-Service Meetings, please email Dee at: Deevalenti@rocketmail.com

(anything received will remain confidential)

ST PATTY'S DAY FOOD AND FUN!



NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES PLANNING TO RETIRE:

If you plan to retire soon, please request the form below from the Sunshine/Social Chair to complete and return.



D.U.T.U. - District U-46 Transportation Union

IEA/NEA - Illinois Education Association/National Education Association
2250 Point Blvd. Ste. 400
Elgin, IL. 60123
Heather Weiss - DUTU President
www.mydutu.org

Name: _____

Last day of work (Month/Day/Year) _____

Congratulations on your retirement! DUTU wishes you well. We would like to ask a few questions to make your last days as smooth as possible.

1. If you are fully vested in IMRF and are retiring.....you are entitled to a gift from DUTU. Would you like a \$35 gift card from DUTU? Yes or No

2. Would you like a verbal farewell from Administration and/or DUTU? Yes or No
If Yes, please list 3 dates and times in priority order. This is not guaranteed.

1. Dates _____	Times _____
2. Dates _____	Times _____
3. Dates _____	Times _____

3. Would you like a Certificate of appreciation from DUTU? Yes or No

4. Would you like a framed and matted bus photo? Yes or No

If Yes, what bus # would you like on it if any? _____

If Yes, would you like your co-workers to sign the mat? Yes or No

5. Do you plan on remaining as a Call-In driver or Call-In assistant?

Please return this form completed at least 3 weeks prior to your retirement. This will allow time for processing and planning.

Thank you,
Girolamo Ciolino _____
Social/Sunshine Chair