

# CONNECTIONS

WEA-SAMMAMISH  
UNISERV COUNCIL

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: INFORMATION LINKS

Be informed and stay informed! There are many ways to stay on top of issues important to our work and life: attend your association building meetings, volunteer to participate on an association committee, serve as a building/association rep, offer to run as a local representative to the WEA representative assembly, attend a WEA training, and read the WEA and local association publications. I challenge you to ask questions to better understand what we do in our local associations, UniServ council, and at WEA. To be a successful organization we need active and informed members!

Visit the following sites for important information about your association, the Washington Education Association, and the decisions that will affect much of what you do on a daily basis.

[www.washingtonea.org](http://www.washingtonea.org) is the WEA website with information on our state organization for teachers

and ESAs, support professionals, higher ed professionals, and retired educators. There are education news updates, links to recent bargaining settlements, and messages from WEA leadership. Check out the money-saving deals under Articles & Issues.

Click on [www.ourvoicewashingtonea.org](http://www.ourvoicewashingtonea.org), the 2008 WEA members-only website, for more election information.

For substantial savings and discounts, go to [www.neamb.com](http://www.neamb.com), the NEA member benefits page. Take advantage of the offers and discounts that come with your WEA and National Education Association (NEA) membership. You won't have to work very hard to save money.



ART GALLOWAY  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

## ELECTION SEASON: AN ACTIVE FALL

The key event this fall is the elections -- from the presidential to the gubernatorial, from superintendent of public instruction to Washington State House of Representatives. WEA-PAC has been actively interviewing and making recommendations in these elections. Our members are involved in many of the campaigns.

If you would like to become involved, please call

your local president (list of local presidents on page 3). If you would like more information about the candidates that WEA-PAC has recommended, please go to WEA's election website, [www.ourvoicewashingtonea.org](http://www.ourvoicewashingtonea.org).

We encourage you to be active this month. Remember that every vote counts. Be sure to vote on November 4! ~ *Clarence Gunn*

Please



November 4

## Sharing Information Helps Bring Results!

Members of the WEA-Sammamish UniServ Council who were at the bargaining table this past season—Bellevue EA, Lake Washington EA, Mercer Island EA, and Snoqualmie EA—found that the time spent meeting jointly with council and area locals had a positive impact on their bargained outcomes.

This opportunity to share and compare contract provisions comes at monthly meetings of Sammamish Unified Bargaining (SUB). All locals within our council are invited to participate. Nearby locals outside of the council – Edmonds, Kent, and Seattle – have joined us in this coordinated bargaining effort. ~ *Caroline McDowell*



**Take the lead.**

*Restoring Washington's Commitment to Great Public Schools*

## All-Day Training Workshop

**Thursday, December 4**

**8:30 a.m to 4 p.m.**

**Hollywood Schoolhouse**

Please e-mail Charlotte Cole at [ccole@washingtonea.org](mailto:ccole@washingtonea.org) if you are interested in joining the cadre.

## Pre-Retirement Seminars

Are you within five years of retirement? If so, this seminar is for you!

Space is still available for the November 14-15 seminar being held in our Council office. We also have space available for the December 5-6 seminar. Please e-mail Charlotte Cole at

[ccole@washingtonea.org](mailto:ccole@washingtonea.org) to reserve your spot. The seminars fill quickly so please respond soon.

If you are unable to attend either of these seminars, we will have more dates available after the first of the year. You may e-mail Charlotte Cole to receive more information.



### WEA-Sammamish UniServ Reps

Clarence Gunn - Issaquah EA, Snoqualmie EA, Snoqualmie Valley ASA  
Caroline McDowell - Lake Washington EA

Kathleen Heiman - Bellevue EA, Riverview EA  
Lora Hein - Lake Washington ESP, Mercer Island EA, Tahoma EA,

**Do You Know Your Local Leaders?**

Your local presidents are:

- Bellevue Education Association (BEA) - Michele Miller
- Issaquah Education Association (IEA) - Neva Luke
- Lake Washington Education Association (LWEA) - Kevin Teeley
- Lake Washington Educational Support Professionals (LWESP) - Lorraine VanKomen
- Mercer Island Education Association (MIEA) - Mike Radow
- Riverview Education Association (REA) - Perry Garrison
- Snoqualmie Education Association (SEA) - Art Galloway
- Snoqualmie Valley Administrative Secretaries Association (SVASA) - Deb Baker-Jagla
- Tahoma Education Association (TEA) - Scott Mitchell

Your WEA-Sammamish UniServ Council officers are:

- Art Galloway (SEA), president
- Neva Luke (IEA), vice president
- Michael Blodgett (LWEA), treasurer
- Michele Miller (BEA), secretary

**WEA Offers...**



**A Great Resource for Your School and Classroom**

National Education Association (NEA) and the National Endowment for the Humanities have partnered to make sure that our members know of a great project called "Picturing America." It is an excellent resource for art and American history, and it is free to your school. The attachments provide all the information that you need.

The deadline has been extended for our members until November 14, 2008.

Attachments:

Picture America <<http://news.nea.org/UM/T.asp?A1.38170.104.1.1002375>>


Library Journal <<http://news.nea.org/UM/T.asp?A1.38170.104.2.1002375>>

*Join us on November 18  
New Educator Caucus*

*An evening  
with  
Mike Gawley  
WEA Attorney  
to discuss  
"Safer Interactions  
with Students"*

*For more information  
e-mail  
[ccole@washingtonea.org](mailto:ccole@washingtonea.org)*

**Upcoming Events**

SUB Bargaining Meeting	<b>11/3</b>
Presidents Meeting	<b>11/3</b>
	<b>11/4</b>
Pre-Retirement Seminar	<b>11/14-11/15</b>
New Educator Caucus	<b>11/18</b>

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