

Brought to you by the Civil Service Council

A newsletter for Civil Service Employees of Southern Illinois University Carbondale

2014 Council of Councils coming to Carbondale

Members networked as they attended the 16th Annual Council of Councils Conference at Chicago State University (CSU) in Chicago, Illinois on October 18, 2013. The SIU Civil Service Council conference attendees engaged in “Communication Dynamics” techniques at CSU. The CSU Civil Service Council invited presenters from the State Universities Civil Service System (SUCSS) to energize the attendees regarding important human resource issues. Presenters pictured are as follows: Jeffrey Brownfield, Cindy Neitzel, and Mari Martinelli from SUCSS; and Dr. Wayne Watson, President, CSU. At conference end, Southern Illinois University Carbondale was “passed the torch” to hold the next Council of Councils Conference in 2014.

Save the date! On October 17, 2014, the 17th Annual Council of Councils Conference will be held at Southern Illinois University (SIU) Carbondale and the SIU Civil Service Council would like to invite you to attend open forums held in conjunction to the conference. The conference will be themed, “A Touch of Southern Illinois,” and will begin on October 16, 2014, with a meet and greet. Mark your calendars!



Council of Councils Conference 2013 - Chicago State University passes the torch to SIUC to host the 2014 Conference.



Top picture: Vera Gibbs and Diane Frew, SIUC reps of 2013, sport their Saluki sunglasses. Bottom picture: Diane Frew, Vera Gibbs, Tony Travelstead and Mick Cordes conference attendees.



Upcoming Holidays

NOVEMBER

Thursday, Nov. 28, 2013	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, Nov. 29, 2013	Thanksgiving Friday

DECEMBER

Wed., Dec. 25, 2013	Christmas Holiday
Thursday, Dec. 26, 2013	Designated Holiday
Friday, Dec. 27, 2013	Administrative Closure
Monday, Dec. 30, 2013	Administrative Closure
Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2013	Designated Holiday
Wed., Jan. 1, 2014	New Year's Holiday



EAC brings back Holiday Raffle

The Civil Service Council's Education Assistance Committee is currently conducting their Holiday Raffle. The committee has collected several nice items to be included in this year's raffle. Many thanks to Vera Gibbs for her tireless efforts in collecting donations for the auction. Raffle tickets will be sold by Civil Service Council members, 6 for \$5 with the drawing taking place Wednesday, December 4th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Kaskaskia Room, in the Student Center.

Very nice items in this year's raffle include: Attitude Designs/710 bookstore - Bag, 1 t-shirt, 1 polo shirt, 1 water bottle, miniature replica new SIU Football Field; Black Diamond Harley Davidson - mug, can coozie, t-shirt, bag, key chain; College of AG - 5, Ag/SIU ball caps, 2 t-shirts (1 white/1 gray); College of Business - Notebook/pen combo, rubber bracelet, cup, can coozie, umbrella, magnet clip; Chancellor's Office - 2- Paper weights; Fazoli's Restaurant - 4- desserts, 4- kids meals, 4- spaghetti dinners, 4- side salads, 4- italian lemon ice certificates; Gold's Gym - 1 month free membership, t-shirt; Italian Village - 2 free one-topping medium pizza; Jerry's Flower Shop - \$10 Gift Certificate; Murdale True Value & Just Ask Rental - Home Entertainment Surround Speaker System; Kathy Anderson, Morning Star Baptist Church - \$25 Walmart Gift Card; Lone Star Steakhouse - 6 free appetizer Certificates; Morris Library - 11 lens cleaners, 20 post-it pads, 21 pens, 10 bags; Old National Bank - 3 cookbooks; Historical Society - Collectors Plates; Quatros Pizza - 2 - \$10 Gift Certificates; SIU Aviation Management & Flight - One Free One Hour Sightsee-

ing Flight; SIU Alumni Association - Handled Bag, alumni deck of playing cards, "Good night from Carbondale - vol 1" DVD, t-shirt, 2 books, 2 pens, post-it pad, can coozie; SIU Grounds - Hanging Basket; SIU Printing and Duplicating - 15x30 matted photo; SIU Plant Biology- Greenhouse - One house plant; SIU Recreational Sports and Services - One year free membership; SIU Travel Service - Car Wash Kit; Super 8 Motel - Free nights stay (Carbondale only); SIH - Breast Center; Student Center; Silkworm - SIU Baseball cap, 2 bags, 2 t-shirts, bottle coozie; University Press - 15 books; Workforce Education - Rotating pencil holder, 3 ball caps, thermal cup; University Communications - Pens, Pencils, 14 Reusable bags, 3 SIU Pennants and more still coming in.

Proceeds from all fund raising activities go to the Education Assistance Program administered by the SIU Carbondale Civil Service council. The Education Assistance Program provides monetary awards to any SIU Carbondale student whose sponsor is an SIU Carbondale Civil Service Employee (must meet eligibility criteria). For more information on the Education Assistance Program, call the Constituencies office at 453-5249 or go to <http://cscouncil.siu.edu/EducAsst/aboutEAP.html>.

Upcoming CSC Events and Activities

Civil Service Council Elections - February/March
EAC Spring Flea Market - April
EAC Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough Sale - 2014

Civil Service Retirements

Two Civil Service employees retired in July. Darla Lowe, Office Administrator, Center for Rural Health-SMC retired on 07/05/2013 and Philip G. Reed, Extra Help Service/Maintenance, Student Center-SIUC retired on 07/31/2013. Congratulations to both and enjoy your retirement.

The *Civil Service News Update* is published by the Civil Service Council's Public Information Committee. It is dispersed to all SIU Carbondale civil service employees.

The purpose of the newsletter is to keep civil service employees informed of the activities of the Civil Service Council, to relay work-related items of interest and to acknowledge and recognize the civil service workforce for its service to SIU Carbondale.

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Introducing Rhonda. . .

Hello, I'm Rhonda Ferguson the new Office Support for the Professional Constituency's Office. I came to southern Illinois about 16 years ago from Decatur, Illinois where I was born and raised. For eleven years I worked as Office Manager/Graphic Designer at Schwebel Printing in Murphysboro, before that I worked at *The Southern Illinoisan* as Creative Services Supervisor.



My job on campus began in August 2013. It has been a learning experience. Being new to the campus world - there is a lot to explore and take in. Currently my office is in Woody Hall room C114 and I can be reached at 453-5249.

I am the mother of three children, one girl and two boys. We live in Carterville, my youngest is attending CHS as a senior. I have two adorable granddaughters Harper 1 and Kamy 3. They keep their Neena busy.

I have thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the new job, especially meeting new people.

Fall EAC Winners

This fall the Civil Service Council's Education Assistance Committee awarded 13 students with scholarship money. Each student received \$200 towards their SIU tuition and bills. EAC raises the money for scholarship through fundraising activities during the year. To help award more students - get involved with your Civil Service Council. The fall scholarship winners are listed below:

Benjamin Bates
Nichole Beckman
Andrew Clark
Sarah Fields
Allen Foster
Jacob Gaertner
Victoria Gwaltney
Lacey Hutchins
Brittany Jennings
Kaitlyn Phoenix
Julie Robertson
Cammi Ruffino
Chaz Ruffino

The deadline for Spring applications to be submitted is December 31st. Get those applications turned in early. You can submit applications to the Professional Constituencies' Office, Rhonda Ferguson, Woody Hall Room C114 or email rferguson@siu.edu.

Congratulations!

Keep informed by Email

SIU staff members are encouraged to read the new, bi-weekly *SIU Today* email and check the *SIU Today* website to stay up-to-date about important information and activities.

"Our goal with *SIU Today* is to give staff affiliated with the Carbondale campus one place to turn for university information," said Rae Goldsmith, chief marketing and communications officer. "We are also engaging staff in the communications process by allowing them to submit information directly."

Goldsmith said other goals are to reduce or eliminate the use of paper fliers and to minimize the number of individual all-campus emails that clutter email boxes.

"As a green campus, we want to encourage people to use focused online communications tools rather than printed material whenever possible," she said. "We also hope that *SIU Today* will help build awareness of the opportunities staff have to engage in the many cultural and other activities available to them. *SIU Today* is the primary place staff should turn to for need-to-know announcements and deadlines."

To submit announcements or information about events, please read the submission guidelines and complete the online form.

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Service Employees enjoy Summer Events



Service Employees International Union

Phil Gatton
hosted a **Employee Appreciation Luau**
September 27th
and the
SEIU Picnic
was held
July 27th, 2013.
Both events were
enjoyed by all attendees.



Southern Illinois University Carbondale Payroll Deduction Authorization
Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund

Name _____
Last First MI SSN

Home Address _____
Street City State Zip

Campus Address _____
Department Building/Room # Mailcode

I am paid Monthly Semi-Monthly Bi-weekly

I hereby authorize Southern Illinois University Carbondale, as an agent of the State of Illinois, to deduct from my earnings and deposit with the SIU Foundation each pay period, beginning _____, 20____ the amount checked below:

\$2.00 per pay period \$5.00 per pay period \$_____ per pay period. My gift is designated for the Civil Service Council Education Assistance Fund. I reserve the right to change or revoke this authorization by submitting a written revocation card to the Southern Illinois University Foundation. This card is in addition to any payroll deduction already established.

Please return to:
SIU Foundation, MC 6805
1235 Douglas Drive
Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, IL 62901

Signature _____ Date _____