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## President's Report

Hello 1668! Here we are in June already, and it is somewhat a unique time. This is the first time since I came to work at the university that we have no more than the contractually obligated thirty most senior Dining Services members working for the summer. What an unfortunate sign of the times. Let's take time to think about our dining brothers and sisters who wanted work but didn't get it.

You have been seeing information about the many committees within our local union recently. These committees are an important aspect of our local, and are necessary to the smooth operations. If you have been interested in becoming more active within your union, a committee is a great place to start. I reported at the June

membership meeting that I will be appointing two committees in the near future, the election and constitution committee. If either of these sound interesting to you, or you know someone who would be interested, please contact me at the office or send me an email. The election committee oversees all elections and the ratification votes of our local. The constitution committee reviews and recommends changes to our local constitution, which governs how we do business. Please take time to consider stepping up and volunteering to be considered for one of these committees. It is an important part of our union, and a great way to help steer our local in the right direction. Without members helping out, our local would not be as great as it is

today!

Just two weeks until the 6<sup>th</sup> annual AFSCME Local 1668 golf outing. Everything is coming together great and it looks like we will have another successful and enjoyable event this year. You should see a list of our sponsors in this newsletter. If you have the opportunity, please take the time to thank any of them that you may encounter. If not for the generosity of these sponsors, the golf outing would not be near the success that it has become, and it surely would not be possible to do without spending any of the local's money! I look forward to seeing many of you there for fun and solidarity!

Dennis



WORK HARD...JUST  
PARTY HARDER

Hello Brother and Sister:

This month I will be discussing two more committees 1) The Joint Apprenticeship, Training and Education Committee (JATEC), FORMERLY CALLED THE Joint Apprenticeship and Training committee (JATC), is responsible for administering formal training for skilled trades employees. CBA 17.1. 2) The Membership Committee (CBA 2.9) a union representative shall be allowed to attend a portion of the orientation meeting for new employees, during that representative's regular scheduled working hours.

Our union representatives are Patricia Campbell however she is training another person to take her place, GREAT PERSON she is Lisa Soule. It is Ms.

Campbell's job to greet the new members and explain to them what and who AFSCME is and what we do. She gives each new member a folder full of information and a coupon for a free AFSCME T-shirt.

Next Month I will be discussing two more committees if anyone has any questions on the committees I've already discussed please leave a message at the union hall and I will get back to you.

In solidarity,

Valerie R. Armstrong, VP

Subcontracting Committee  
JATEC Committee  
Membership  
Good and welfare  
Uniforms Committee  
Elections Committee  
Safety Committee  
United Way  
PEOPLE Committee  
Wellness Committee  
Arbitration Committee  
Constitution Committee  
WMUSA Committee  
Women's Committee

## Chief Steward's Report

We have had a busy couple of weeks!!!

### Rec-Spo update:

The University has decided to place the Rec-Spo Athletic Grounds employees into Landscape Services. The University intends to place them into to Landscape in mid-July. This should be a smooth transition as the only real noticeable change will be that these employees along with their Supervisor will now report to Landscape Services Director Tim Holysz. All other aspects of their job responsibilities will be the same. We are planning to have a vote on these changes as they reflect on our Collective Bargaining Agreement at our July 8, 2010 Membership meeting. Each member should have received a packet in the mail from Council 25 with the outlined changes, explanations and a draft of the Letter of Understanding which would be signed if the membership so ratifies the proposed changes. Please note the date of the Membership meeting has also been changes to July 8, from July 1 as the Holiday is upon us and the Leadership will be attending the International Convention that week.

The Custodial Services at the SRC (Student Recreation Center) will change at some point this summer also. Four (4) positions will be moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> shift. These third shift positions will be working 9pm to 5:30am Monday through Friday. One position on days will go on a Tuesday through Saturday work schedule and the other will remain on days on Monday through Friday. Both of these new day positions will be working 8am to 4:30pm however. Manage-

ment has met with the effected employees and these employees were given some options.

I attended the AFL-CIO Black Lake Community Services School last month. I learned about opportunities for the unemployed workers receiving Unemployment Insurance benefits. Opportunities for our Veterans, Employee assistance program within a local union, Team building skills and United Way partnerships just to name a few.

Speaking of United Way partnerships, we are having our annual Battle Creek/ Kalamazoo Labor Kickoff event this year. This is the event that is normally held at the Binder Park Zoo. This year's event will be held here in Kalamazoo at the Kalamazoo Kings event on Aug. 29, 2010. More details are coming soon, however, **Save the date!** We will have all the fun stuff we had at the zoo, including all the giveaways, door prizes and the raffle for some really great big prizes. Be sure to attend this event. I want to see a big turn out from this local!

COMPUTER TRAINING!!! I know I said I would do some more basic training of the computers. The reason I have not scheduled any classes is that the University is changing both email systems to a Webmail based system. I attended a "Train the Trainer" class this week and I am familiarizing myself with the new systems. I will schedule some classes soon. I hope to do so before the fall semester. SO far I like what they have shown us, but I am hoping that everything in my emails boxes doesn't

get lost. For those of you who use both the GroupWise system and your wmich.edu accounts individually, you may need to contact Office of Information Technology (OIT) or the Helpdesk to get their assistance in transferring both. IT is my understanding that the wmich.edu accounts will be transferred the last week of June. The GroupWise accounts will transfer be department throughout the Month of July. You will especially need to contact the Helpdesk if you use Archives.

I will be away from the office the week of June 28 through July 2, 2010. I will be available via Email at [kathleen.cantley@wmich.edu](mailto:kathleen.cantley@wmich.edu) or [chiefsteward@afscme1668.org](mailto:chiefsteward@afscme1668.org) I will be checking my voice mail and email if you need to get in contact with me. Please feel free to contact your Divisional steward if you need immediate assistance.

In Solidarity,

Kathi Cantley



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AFSCME

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## 2010 WALT CAMPBELL AWARD WINNER

Each year at our Community Services School, a student is awarded the prestigious Walter Campbell Community Services Award.

The Award is given in honor of the late Walter Campbell, a labor leader, who embodies the qualities of honor, loyalty, integrity and a passion unmatched in his quest to assist those who have no voice, such as children, the elderly, the disadvantaged.

The 2010 Walter Campbell Award was presented to Kathleen Cantley, a member of AFSCME Local 1668.

## Gubernatorial Candidates

Alma Wheeler Smith

Since our last newsletter candidate Alma Wheeler Smith decided to step out of the running for Governor. She thanks everyone for their support.

## THANK YOU'S FROM OUR MEMBERS

Nancy Kablitz

Your kindness meant more than you'd ever guess- thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Thank you for the money

Eleanor Zantjer

Re: My retirement

Thank you for the card and the check. It is very much appreciated.



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