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BUSINESS MANAGER'S MESSAGE: STAYING POLITICALLY ACTIVE PAYS OFF



Last winter we urged you to be educated and active on issues that matter to Public Employees Unions. We asked you to make your voices heard. It is clear you listened and acted; your effort has paid off in a big way. We had a very successful legislative session, which is imperative as we begin to look at state contract negotiations early next year.

One of the biggest wins was a law to pay \$3 billion toward Alaska's retirement debt. Passing this legislation was critical for the financial health of our state. By analyzing, modifying and ultimately accepting Governor Parnell's proposal to transfer funds from savings accounts, the legislature has saved Alaskans hundreds of millions dollars over the next decade. The decision increased the funded status of our Public Employee's Retirement System and Teacher's Retirement System by nearly 10%.

Another success, Senate Bill 90 didn't make it past the Senate Finance committee. The aim of the bill was the roll the healthcare

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benefits of school district workers into the AlaskaCare health care plan. For Local 71 members, that would have meant a reduction in benefits with higher payments for both employees and employers—less coverage for more money. Senate Finance members carefully looked at the costs and benefits of the bill and decided, with some encouragement from Local 71 members, that now is not the right time to make this change.

These successes show it pays to build relationships with your local representatives. When Local 71 members are politically engaged, we have the best chance of protecting our benefits and the values we stand for. Let's continue the good work.

As many of you are off on fishing or camping trips, getting the garden planted or just enjoying the midnight sun, remember to be safe.

It is a pleasure to serve as your Business Manager. Thank you for all the work you do and the support you provide to your Union. Have a great summer.

Dennis Moen

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ANCHORAGE AIRPORT UNVEILS LOCAL 71 ADS

New Local 71 advertisements are now on display at the Anchorage Ted Stevens International Airport. The ads are wrapped around pillars positioned near the TSA security checkpoint for maximum exposure. They show Local 71 employees hard at work.

The ads are designed to emphasize the variety of valuable and unique jobs we do and highlight the beauty of the place where we do it, while communicating our values of industry, stewardship, and dedication to a job well done. From keeping highways safe to maintaining clean schools to providing meals for elders at the Pioneer homes, all of us keep Alaska running and connected. It's great that we have the opportunity to promote ourselves in one of the facilities we keep safe and clean.

Next time you take a trip or pick up visitors from the Anchorage airport, keep an eye out for the new signs.



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LOCAL 71 SHINES AT FAIRBANKS DOT&PF OPEN HOUSE

Local 71 partnered with the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities for the second annual “Super House Saturday,” a family-oriented event that spread the word about highway and airport projects that will soon be underway in Fairbanks and Interior Alaska. The event included over 60 informational booths and provided details about work happening on the Parks, Edgerton, Dalton, Glenn, and Richardson Highways. The event also highlighted the important roles our members play in building Alaska and keeping public facilities running. Along with informational booths, crews were on hand to give exciting equipment demonstrations.

The event took place on Saturday, April 19, 2014 at the Hutchinson Career Center in Fairbanks.

The DOT&PF in Alaska’s Northern region has 40 active maintenance stations to support the needs of Alaska’s transportation infrastructure. Stretching from Valdez to Barrow, from the Canadian border to the western coast, this vast region encompasses over 370,000 square miles and accounts for 65% of Alaska’s land. Local 71 members are vital to keeping the region running, and the DOT&PF open house was an excellent opportunity to connect with the community.



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YOU ARE INVITED! WE'RE CELEBRATING 40 YEARS IN ALASKA:

It's hard to believe that Local 71 will soon reach 4 decades in Alaska: Friday, August 1, 2014 will mark our official 40th anniversary. To celebrate our accomplishments and welcome the future, we're hosting barbeques and open houses at all 3 of our offices around the state. Doors will be open from 11 am to 6 pm, with plenty of burgers and hotdogs on the grill for everyone who drops by. We would love to see all Local 71 employees and families join us for this celebration. Over the last 4 decades, we have seen some major triumphs thanks to the hard work and collective bargaining of our members. Please come join us to recognize 40 great years of hard work in Alaska!

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NOTARIES NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL OFFICES

As part of our commitment to serving our members, Local 71 now provides public notary at all three offices across the state. These notaries are available to all union members during regular business hours (8am -12pm, 1 pm-5pm, Monday through Friday), so next time you need assistance with witnessing a signature or authorizing a document, please stop by your Local 71 office in Anchorage, Fairbanks, or Juneau. Our public notaries will be happy to help.



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VOTE **NO** ON AO 37 IN NOVEMBER

There will be several important issues on the November ballot this year. For union members like us, one of the most important will be a vote taken by Anchorage residents that could repeal AO 37. If implemented, this law would limit raises for city employees to one percent per year, prevent municipal unions from striking, eliminate seniority bonuses, designate the Anchorage Assembly as arbiter in the event of a labor dispute, and limit union contracts to three-year terms. This is an attack on our collective bargaining rights. We will need your help to assure this terribly conceived legislation does not become law. Get active, spread the word, and be sure to vote no on AO 37 this November.



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