

MCEA NEWS *Extra*

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Maryland Classified Employees Association

Health insurance update: What's in the details?

There have been many questions about how the State will manage the FY 2006 prescription drug program. Specifically, how will the \$700 cap on Rx co-pays be tracked and how the "2 co-pays for every 90-day" provision will work? The Department of Budget and Management has informed MCEA that details on the plan will be provided some time in May.

Send in your Statewide registrations by May 6

If you haven't done so already, please fax or mail your registration forms for the Statewide Advisory Council Meeting today. The mid-year meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, at Snyder's Willow Grove, 841 N. Hammonds Ferry Rd. in Linthicum. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and the program will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thomas Lee, Executive Director of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System, is the guest speaker. Exhibitors and vendors will be participating and jewelry, clothing, and other items for sale. Send in your forms with the appropriate luncheon fee for any guests to MCEA, Attention Barbara Mitchell, 7127 Rutherford Road, Baltimore, MD 21244. Fax to Ms. Mitchell at 410-298-8058. The final deadline is May 6.

Convention registration mailed to CPs

Delegate and non-delegate registration packets for the 2005 Convention were mailed to Chapter Presidents on April 22. The Convention will be held Sept. 19-20-21 at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, with the election of a President, other Officers, and Board members topping the agenda. You may begin making your reservations at Princess Royale Bayside, the headquarters hotel, by calling 410-723-2900 or 1-800-854-9785. The alternate hotel is Ramada Limited, which may be contacted at 410-289-6488 or 1-800-288-6488. Don't forget, the earlier you send in your paid registrations, the lower the fee.

Crab feast tickets discounted for early birds

As you know, MCEA's "We Are Family" Crab Feast and Fish Fry will be held Saturday, July 30, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Headquarters. It's going to be a blast, with those hot steamed Eastern Shore crabs, a slammin' D.J., and lots of games and activities for kids and adults. For those who choose not to procrastinate, there will be a \$5 discount on adult tickets (\$35 for ages 13 and up) purchased prior to May 31. Tickets for chil-

dren ages 6-12 will remain at \$20 and at \$5 for those 5 and under. Contact Barbara Mitchell at MCEA, 410-298-8800 or 1-888-611-6232, ext. 204.

MCEA "on the air" on the Shore

Jack Nelson, Labor Relations Specialist, made the news on April 21, as he continues to promote correctional issues on the Eastern Shore. WMDT-47 aired a follow-up to the meeting held with MCEA, COs, and legislators in March. MCEA has consistently been on Channel 47 for our work in corrections.

Financial workshop set for May 25

Want to become debt free or financially independent? A "wealth building" workshop will be held on May 25, 6:30 p.m., at MCEA Headquarters. The seminar, sponsored by Destiny Builders, which represents Primerica Financial Services, will include the fundamentals of money management and how to achieve financial security. Interested persons may RSVP by May 20 to Sonja Conaway at MCEA, 410-298-8800 or 1-888-611-MCEA, ext. 222.

Take note of these upcoming deadlines

- * Nominations to complete term of 2nd Vice President and Board member - May 2
- * Resolutions - May 30
- * Bylaws proposals - June 3
- * Petitions for the Officer and Board of Directors positions - July 1.

For more information, contact Barbara Mitchell at MCEA, 410-298-8800 or 1-888-611-6232, ext. 204.

Mark your calendar for these activities

Moonlight Bowl, June 11, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., Annapolis Bowl, 2057 Generals Highway, Annapolis. Bowlers \$20 tickets include admission, shoes, games, buffet, and entertainment. Non-bowlers \$10, includes admission and buffet. For tickets, contact Barbara Mitchell at 410-298-8800 or 1-888-611-MCEA, ext. 204. Proceeds will benefit the Wallace F. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Hagerstown Suns vs. Lake County Captains baseball game, Saturday, July 23, Municipal Stadium in Hagerstown. Picnic 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Game 7:05 p.m. For tickets, call Lonnie Sleaster at 301-766-9319. This event is sponsored by Area IV-Western Maryland.

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