# NEWS & VIEWS FROM SEMINOLE UNISERV

Winter Edition

#### **VOTE VOTE VOTE**

#### Carlos Crispin, UniServ Council Chairperson

# The ratification vote for all bargaining units will be held

## **Thursday, November 30** at the

**Sanford Civic Center** 

from

7:00AM to 7:00PM

Hello Seminole UniServ members. Please take some time to listen to the attached video and read the article. This happened in Wisconsin and could very well happen in Florida.

It takes all of us to keep what we have in education and to ensure our future. Please join the Union if you are not a member. If you are a member, please continue your membership and help us make Florida unions strong.

http://money.cnn.com/2017/11/17/news/economy/wisconsin-act-10-teachers/index.html

In Solidarity,

Carlos Crispin UniServ Chair carloscrispin70@yahoo.com



#### Curt Rock, Executive Director/UniServ Director

It's hard to believe it is the end of November already. The school year is flying by. Our office has been very busy out representing members, attending trainings, and bargaining the rest of the 2017-19 contract. The issues that face our members in the schools and worksites are varied and needing attention. Your well-being is our number one concern. We are always here to support you and help you come to an agreeable resolution to your concerns. Remember, we are only a phone call away. We are here to listen, offer guidance, and support you until your issue is complete.

Chardo and I meet monthly along with the 4 local presidents to talk about local concerns and brainstorm ideas to help better serve you, our members. We also meet monthly at Orange County UniServ with other area local leaders and staff to share concerns and offer suggestions that have worked in our various counties. As I hear the stories of other counties, I am very thankful for the working relationship we have with the administration of Seminole County.

If retirement is in your near future, I would like to extend an invitation for you to join the SEA-Retired organization. This group is open to all union members from all 4 locals. Our SEA-Retired organization is a wall-to-wall organization and we are affiliated with the FEA, NEA, AFT, and the AFL-CIO. Let us know if you would like membership information to this very worthwhile organization.

As always, it is a pleasure working with you as your Executive Director. I am always interested in your thoughts and opinions. I enjoy meeting our members and problem solving with you to help create the best possible working environment. Call or stop in any time if you have an idea for the Union, if you need assistance with an issue, or if you have a question and need an answer.

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## Chardo Richardson, UniServ Director

Political Action Committee (PAC) is a popular term for a political committee organized for the purpose of raising and spending money to elect and defeat candidates. Most PACs represent business, labor or ideological interests. PACs can give \$5,000 to a candidate committee per election (primary, general or special). PACs have been around since 1944, when the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) formed the first one to raise money for the re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Seminole UniServ has a PAC committee and they are revving up for the 2018 election cycle.

We have also started a Community Outreach Committee. The committee's mission is to build stronger schools and community relations, through community service and partnership, to enhance the lives of individuals within our community. If you would like to get involved with the committee please contact the office.

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Dear members,

As we approach the Holidays we as a district and Union have much to be thankful for. The recent Tentative Agreement with the district for 2 years is 3.37% which breaks down as 2.51% for 2017-2018 and .86% for the 2018-2019 school year with the option to reopen if there is more money or funding from the legislature.

- We have been very busy since IRMA by reaching out to the community and feeding of 600 families during the hurricane.
- We can be thankful for our state affiliate FEA for offering IRMA relief to our members who applied for a \$100 gift card to regroup after the hurricane. (It pays to be Union Proud and Strong)
- We celebrated Trunk or Treat and enjoyed the children and adults with their costumes and games. (It pays to be a member)
- We Tentatively Agreed to our contract compensation ... the highest in Central Florida...(It pays to be a member)
- We are getting ready to kick off our annual Toy Drive to give back to our members and our community to help those who need it for the Holidays.

I hope you can be excited to be Union Proud and Union Strong with all the things that your Union is doing for you. The New Year holds many more things to look forward to.

If you help build membership during the month of December you have a chance to earn \$20 for every new member you get. Try to get new members and turn in the forms from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31 and you could have a little extra spending money for the Holidays and help build your Union.

I would like you to take a minute to check out this link and know that we are just below 50%. http://money.cnn.com/2017/11/17/news/economy/wisconsin-act-10-teachers/index.html

If we reach our goal of 51% by January 1<sup>st</sup> and you get a member in December we will be having a special celebration for you too.

Blessings of the Holiday Season from your SEA President, Sue Carson



# THIS & THAT

November 20-24	Fall Break		
November 23	Thanksgiving Day	Toy Drive November 27 – December 15 Donate toys to Seminole UniServ for children who live in Seminole County.	
November 27	SCSBDA General Business Meeting @ Midway 10:15A UniServ Board Meeting 6PM-8PM Toy Drive Begins		
November 28	SECA Board Meeting 6PM		
November 30	<b>RATIFICATION</b> @ Sanford Civic Center 7AM-7PM SEA RA @ Sanford Civic Center 4:30PM	Please make sure that the gifts are unwrapped. You may either drop the gifts off at the Seminole UniServ office or give them to the SEA rep at your worksite. They will then deliver them to the Seminole UniServ office for	
December 7	SEA Board Meeting 4:30PM-6PM	you.	
December 11	SCSBDA Board Meeting @ Winter Springs 10AM		
December 14	SEA RA @ Lyman HS 4:30PM		
December 15	Toy Drive Ends		
December 16	Toy Drive Shopping from Noon-4PM		
December 18	SCSBDA General Business Meeting @ Winter Springs UniServ Board Meeting 6PM-8PM	s <b>New Solution</b>	
December 19	Toy Drive Shopping from 9AM-4PM		
December 19-21	Early Release Days	Seminole County Schools Bus Drivers Association	
December 21	SECA Board Meeting 6PM	Winter Holiday Larty	
December 22	Teacher Workday/Student Holiday		
December 25-29	Winter Break	Saturday, December 2, 2017	
December 25	Christmas Day	Fabulous 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Ben and Light show	
December 31	New Years Eve	BYOB Dinner will be served at 7 ORIVE	
January 1	New Years Day	Sanford Givic Genter Sanford Givic Genter Blod. Prize Sanford, Florida	
January 1-5	Winter Break Continued	Grand Prize Drawing	
January 11	SEA Board Meeting 4:30PM-6PM	YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN PRIZES	
January 12	Social	Seminole County Transportation Department Employees who are Members of SCSBDA, SECA, or NIPSCO Plus One Guest NO CHARGE Non-members and additional guests \$5.00 each NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 18 WILL BE ADMITTED	
January 15	School Closed		
January 17	NIPSCO Board Meeting 4:30PM	NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 16 WILL BE ADMITTED BRING A NEW, JUWARAPPED TOY FOR OUR TOY DRIVE. RECEIVE AN EXTRA TICKET FOR THE GRAND PRIZE DRAWING FOR EACH NEW TOY	
January 18	SECA Board Meeting 6PM		
January 22	SCSBDA Board Meeting @ Winter Springs 10AM		
January 25	SEA RA @ Lyman HS 4:30PM	- SUE-	





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NEW TOY DRIVE

Door Prizes

# NEWS & VIEWS FROM SEA, SECA, NIPSCO, & SCSBDA

## SECA

As we close 2017, we have seen many ups and downs. We have spent countless hours bargaining and meeting regarding raises, benefits and contract language. As always, the conversations are never easy but most happened in order to move forward. By now you have heard we have bargained salaries as follows; Two (2) Year agreement of 3.37% over the two years 2.51 percent increase for 2017-2018 and .86 percent increase for 2018-2019. We also managed to have increases for those individuals that have degrees, AA/AS supplements are now \$430 and BA/AS supplements are now \$630. Please know we will continue to bargain for benefits and salaries.

Cordially, Rosie Guerrido SECA President rosie.guerrido@floridaea.org

# NIPSCO

Hello and Happy Holidays NIPSCO family,

I hope that you are all happy about the tentative agreement that was made. As we work hard to feed the children and keep the schools clean remember that as a Union we are only as strong as our members. Please help us to build membership in the upcoming months by getting your friends to join. If you want to earn a little spending money for the Holidays remember that you can earn \$20 every time you get a new member.

In Solidarity, Carlos Crispin NIPSCO President 407-515-0756 carloscrispin70@yahoo.com

# SCSBDA

Seasons Greetings Members,

I would like to take a moment to wish all of you a happy holiday season.

The 2017 / 2018 school year has been a busy one so far. I have been representing my union members in bargaining, regional training sessions, a few conferences, the UniServ Council, and of course in day to day interactions at the transportation department.

I am in current need of a few members who will speak at the school board meeting (date not yet set) about our need for newer school buses, if you are willing to speak please contact me directly.

Your union board is still working on the speeding / GPS policy.

SCSBDA holiday party is on 12/02/2017 at 6pm at the Sanford Civic Center. I hope that you will be able to join us.

Thank you for your support as your Union President. Have a happy and joyful 2017 Holiday Season!

Best Wishes, Eric Brady SCSBDA President eric.brady@floridaea.org





