

THE 411 FORUM



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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

While I begin to face the challenges of my new job, I want to thank each and every one of you who took the time to come out on June 6 to vote. This is one of the most important ways you can be involved in your union. The final tally for president was 169 to 143. I would like to invite everyone to come to the monthly union meetings and voice your opinions. The meetings are on the first Wednesday of every month, 5:30 p.m. at the Verkuillen Building. I would also like to introduce you to "**Lunch with the President.**" I will be having lunch at all sites periodically to discuss issues with any member who would like to join me. To have me join your area for lunch, please call the union office, 810-465-5292 or email me at, local411@home.com. I am also working on a webpage for our union. This newsletter will be a quarterly publication. If you would like to contribute, please let me know.

NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE

As the hot, humid days of summer begin, sticky issues continue to hold up our contract. Negotiating team members Linda Erke, Connie Miller, Dorothy Bursey, Beverly Jollie and John Eller, as well as AFSCME 411 President Donna Cangemi, Vice President Joyce Compo and Council 25 Representatives Ellen Keith and Brenda Adams continue to work hard to bring our membership a strong and fair contract that will offer job security and increased benefits. Major issues at Martha T Berry and mental health are outstanding, as well as the final details of the 70-point retirement plan. The membership can rest as-

sured that the current negotiating team has worked overtime to bring you the best contract. The team has spoken before the full Board of Commissioners as well as the Personnel Committee. Members of the team have written letters to the Macomb Daily, conducted informational pickets and spent many nights planning strategies to achieve the membership's goals. With this hard working team, the membership can be assured of getting the best contract. A debt of gratitude is owed to this hard working team.



Executive Board Members and New Officers Begin Their Terms

A three year term began for the new executive board members and officers on June 6. New **Officers** include Donna Cangemi *President*, Joyce Compo, *Vice President*, Jan Sancrant, *Secretary*, Robin Hawthorne, *Treasurer* and Shannon Wild, *Sergeant At*

Arms.

The new **Executive Board Members** include Linda Erke, *County Clerks*, Beverly Jollie, *Health Department*, Judy Reid, *F&O*, Sue Lorenz, *Martha T Berry*, Elroy Bert and Marti. New-**Trustees** include xxxxxx xxxxxxxx,

Did You Know? Abraham Lincoln believed in unions. He said. "The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one of uniting all working people of all nations, tongues and kindreds."