



September 2019 Newsletter



Membership Meeting a Success!

A great time was had by all as we gathered together to honor our retirees and celebrate a wonderful year of progress for the Anoka Hennepin Paraeducator Association. Superintendent David Law, School Board member Nicole Hayes and Todd Mensink (Director of Labor Relations and Benefits) all came to speak to our membership.

A delicious meal was prepared by Aurelio's of Ramsey. A special thank you to Jerice Stawski, (fellow para and owner). Door prizes, giveaways and a photo booth all added excitement to the evening. Attorney Joel Button and Zaidee Martin spoke regarding the newly updated bylaws and the benefits of membership. President Gina Uebel shared AHPA recent accomplishments.



Save the Date:

Next year's member meeting will be held May 27th. We'd love to see even more paras in attendance!

Watch your email for a Survey

that will help us gather information to better serve you and administer the contract. This will cover subjects like scheduled breaks, safety equipment and training opportunities. We also need information regarding the new walkie talkies, to determine if all paras who feel they require one to safely fulfill their duties are provided with one. It will be open for about a week in mid-September.

FALL AHPA OPEN HOUSE

September 25, 5-7pm, at the ESC in Erling Johnson A.

Come and meet the Lawyers and Officers serving you and learn more about your Association. Ask questions. Talk about issues. Share concerns. Get a little AHPA swag. Find out the results of upcoming survey.



AHPA Updates from your President

by **Gina Uebel**

- Hired Law Firm (Rollins, Martin & Button)
- New Bylaws
- New Vision for Association
- Partial LOA for President to conduct Association business and attend Disciplinary meetings
- Benefit Eligible Bus Para positions
- Increase in substitute pay rate
- Extra ½ hour per week available to SPED Paras to better serve student needs and provide time to collaborate with case manager of students
- Mandatory full day training for newly hired paraeducators
- Collaborative relationship with AHM to increase Safety for all

Upcoming Reminders:

- 403(b) increase in district contribution - Fill out your paperwork!
- Open House on September 25th
- Watch for an opportunity to represent your cluster
- Are you current in your CPI training?



A thank you to those who Sponsored or Donated doorprizes at Member Meeting:



- Rollins, Martin & Button
- Green Valley Nursery
- Buffalo Wild Wings
 - Billy's in Anoka
 - Beef O'Brady's

An Extra special Thank You for the delicious food served and gift cards donated by Aurelio's Pizza (owned by one of our members, Jerice Stawski).

