

# AEA FOCUS

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## President's Message

Greetings, as this year of 2007 quickly comes to a close I would like to wish you and your family a safe and happy winter break. Also, I would like to thank all of the members for being caring and passionate enough about the Association to come out to the last few general membership meetings to discuss their concerns and show their strong unionist views.

A few months ago my family reestablished a long standing tradition in my mother's household. We get together at least twice each month on Sunday evenings for a family gathering, lots of food, discussions, board games and fellowship. When these gatherings were not taking place there was a void in my family. The opportunity for the family to sit down and work thru the family concerns and issues which provided us a chance to find possible solutions to family problems with input from loved ones was missing. These family events are a joyful time, throw in some light hearted and sometimes harsh criticism and some heated confrontation along with open dialogue, these are all vital components of what makes my family such a tight knit group.

Maybe there is a tradition you had that you may want to rekindle or one that you would like to implement. Remember there are lots of things in life that don't sit right or go wrong in families and relationships take that opportunity to address those issues and build a stronger family unit. We have all missed chances to make situations right with loved ones and the majority of us regret it. This Union is like a family and strong families grow stronger thru adversity.

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## AEA Forms

Please continue to have items signed for when you drop them off at the administration building. We have designed a form especially for this use. Without a signature you have no proof that you turned something in if there is any kind of dispute about it later.

### AEA Constitution & Bylaws Committee

It is time once again to update our documents. We need volunteers to meet and discuss possible changes, additions, language updates or deletions.

If you would like to be a part of this very important committee please email Carolyn @ [aeaschafer@aol.com](mailto:aeaschafer@aol.com) or phone her and let her know you would like to be on the committee.

This process could take several months so we need committed people to take on this task.

### AEA Calendar

**Dec 22 – Jan 1 Winter Holiday**

**Jan 3 ASD Health Care Mtg**

**Jan 9 Faculty Rep Meeting**

**Jan 21 Martin Luther King Jr**

**Feb 13 Faculty Rep Meeting**

## UPDATED INFORMATION

Please continue to send your home email address to Carolyn as we are working diligently to get the new system started. Also, please remember to send or call us with changes in your name, address, phone number or building assignment.

Our records are only as current as you help us keep them. Thanks for everyone's help.



**Have a Safe & Happy Holiday**