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Beaverton Chapter #48

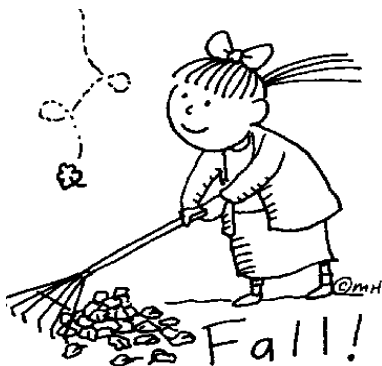
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Classified Employees

The Prez Sez!

by Terry Graham

As I write this, I am thinking of how good it will be to see this election season come to an end. It is said to be one of the most important elections in history, so remember that your right to vote is one of your greatest freedoms. It is especially important that you get out and vote to support measures 54 and 56 (to support the future of education and schools) and we need to **defeat** Bill Sizemore's measures 58, 59, 60, 62 & 64 (because of their negative effect on education, our right to a voice in Salem, redistribution of lottery funds from schools, and our jobs.) I can tell you this: No matter who you support for President, I sure wouldn't want the job! With what's going on in the world and the state of our financial market, I am glad that I only have to deal with what's going on here at Chapter 48.

Another measure that deserves our support is the Tualatin Hills Parks & Rec District Bond Measure 34-156. Fellow OSEA members employed there say it will allow the system to expand, improve, repair and upgrade all fields, trails and facilities for the benefit of all.

After the election is over, we will have the winter weather and holidays to look forward to. This month we'll be spending time with loved ones, munching on Thanksgiving turkey, potatoes and gravy, and home baked pies. You'll probably be traveling around the state/country, so let's hope that the gas prices keep going down.

Stay safe and get out and **vote!** Terry

Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote!

Mark your calendar: General Meeting Nov. 10th!

Denise Hall from the Oregon Education Benefits Board will be there to answer questions re the insurance change.

Your Negotiating Team

The applications came in, the candidates were interviewed, and now (drum roll please!) it is official; Making up the committee that will negotiate the new classified employees contract with the Beaverton School District will be:

- Marcella Semet, Beaver Acres
- Donald Prescott, WHS
- Barbara Newman Tannock, AHS
- Kirk Wilkins, Transportation
- Casey Schleich, BHS
- Jean Gorton, IT
- Shawna Harris, OSEA
- Steve Specht, BHS
- Terry Graham, Hazelda

In Memory of Steve Armony

By Terry Graham

In the early morning of Oct. 6th a wonderful husband, father and co-worker was taken from us. Steve Armony had been employed by the Beaverton School District since 2004 as a courier, custodian at Fir Grove Elementary School and most recently, as a custodial substitute. Any of you that had met or worked with Steve in the Portland or Beaverton School Districts appreciated his friendly personality and his hard work. Very well liked, Steve had strong union beliefs that everyone could follow as an example. He cared about people and led the fight to get the Portland school custodians their jobs back, with back pay, when the jobs were contracted out. You could always depend on Steve for whatever you needed.

Personally, I had several conversations with Steve on my becoming president of our Chapter, and appreciated his encouragement and support.

Sitting at his memorial service, I listened to stories from people whose lives he had touched. There were many stories from friends and co-workers. They recalled how much he had cared for the students and staff at his schools, and how he was more than just a super custodian. His untimely death puts into perspective how short our lives can be and what an impact we can have on

others. Steve will live on in the hearts of those whose lives he touched. I say, "Steve - you will always be remembered."

A trust fund has been set up for Lauren Armony (daughter of Steve and Vanessa) Donations may be made at any On-Point Credit Union

November Calendar of Events

By Dianna Hess

- 3 Chapter 48 Executive Board Mtg
- 4 Election Day
- 6 BSD School Board Work Session
6:30pm @ Admin Building
- 10 Chapter 48 GENERAL MEETING
5:00pm @ District Office, Room 3**
- 11 Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL
- 20 BSD School Board Business Meeting
6:30pm @ Admin Building
- 27-28 Thanksgiving - NO SCHOOL

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Am I a Member?

If you are wondering whether you will receive an AFT benefits package here is how to find out. Just send an email with the question, "Am I a member?" to: beavertonmembership@osea.org. You should receive a response within 24 hours. If the response indicates that you are not a member contact one of the following Chapter 48 board members. We'll get a membership card to you. Complete and sign the membership card and return it to Terry Graham @ Hazeldale. Terry will ensure delivery of the membership card to the Salem OSEA office. After that you will receive your new OSEA/AFT member benefits package.

Your Chapter 48 Executive Board:

President:	Terry Graham
1 st Vice President:	Steve Specht
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Treasurer:	Jean Gorton
Secretary:	Diana Hess

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