



15-B INSIDER



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OPIE HAS BEGUN!

OPIE packets were distributed to each association at the Coordinating Council meeting on January 18th. You will soon be given an opportunity to nominate someone in your association who deserves special recognition for going "above and beyond" – and often without any expectation of notice or appreciation. We encourage each association to take part in this annual event. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together as an educational community with members, their friends and families, superintendents, school boards and administrators. Keep in mind that all nomination packets **must be returned** to the 15-B UniServ office **on or before the February 22nd Coordinating Council meeting!**

Our banquet will be held on **Thursday, April 14th**. Reservation forms are available through your local association or the MEA website at www.mea15b.org. The price is \$16.00 per person on a first come-first served basis. Reservations are limited, so get yours in early!



15-B COORDINATING COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Coordinating Council is awarding four \$300 scholarships again this year!! Two will be given to a child or dependent of a 15-B Support Staff (ESP) Bargaining Unit Member. The other two will be given to a child or dependent of a 15-B Teacher (EA) Bargaining Unit Member. The applications will be sent out to High School Guidance Counselors, Coordinating Council Delegates, and Presidents to distribute. The application must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 25th. The winners will be notified in March and will be invited to attend our Annual OPIE Banquet in April, where we will acknowledge them.

UPCOMING RETIREMENT WORKSHOP

The upcoming **Retirement Workshop** will be held on **Thursday, February 17, 2011**, at 6:00 PM. The workshop will be held at the Wexford-Missaukee Area Career Technical Center in the Lake Superior Room. Refreshments will be provided. There will be a panel of retirees there to answer questions as well as information on how to prepare for retirement. Please **RSVP by Thursday Feb. 10th**. Call 1-800-300-1162 or e-mail tgrames@mea.org.

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January 21
February 3-4
February 10
February 17

BFCL Critical Issues Summit
Bargaining PA/PR Conference
Presidents Council
Retirement Workshop

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