



# The Info



## Legislative Action “Make Your Voice Heard”

The Utah State Legislature started on January 19, 2004 “Make Your Voice Heard” It only takes a few minutes to make a big difference. Take the time to learn the issues and send a letter to your legislators. The Utah State lawmakers are who determine the funding for education and your wages.

Our State Association (USEA) has an agenda by which it lobbies at the legislature for classified employees. USEA Supports laws that enhance the school environment and create an atmosphere to promote learning. For the safety of students, patrons and staff, Utah needs strict laws governing those who vandalize school property and threaten the safety of the school environment.

**USEA Supports** the development and funding of training for Classified Professionals. Employees should be provided learning opportunities to pursue excellence in their chosen profession. Proper training is essential to the quality and efficiency of the educational system.

**USEA Opposes** public tax dollars being used to fund or help fund private, parochial or home-based schools. USEA believes public education should be governed by and accountable to elected school boards.

**USEA Opposes** tuition tax credits, school voucher systems, or any program that negatively impact funding for public K-12 education. **USEA Opposes** contracting out classified functions.

**USEA also Supports** the following:

Full funding of the WPU.

Class size reduction proposals.

Independent hearing officers for termination proceedings.

Provisional employee protection.

Funding to better prepare schools for emergencies.

Provide bus assistants on every bus that transports handicapped students.

Funding for new facilities and proper staffing.

Classroom technology and Utah Education Network.



## Building Representative

A good “entry level” job is building representative. The Building Rep. duties are fairly easy and requires a minimum amount of time (usually a couple of hours a month). Nonetheless, the Building Rep. is a vital communication link between members and the Association. Building Reps. keep bulletin boards update; answer questions at their work site or refer co-workers to the appropriate local officers and or association staff for answers; welcome new employees and sign-up new members; and relay information about problems and needs at their worksite back to the association representative. Call your local officers today to become a building representative.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the Granite District “Classified Application for Transfers and Promotions”. Be sure that anytime you wish to transfer or be promoted that you send this form to human resources.

## Outstanding Employees of the Month Awards

- GCEA  
EXECUTIVE BOARD**
- Tony Beale, President  
Boyd Kimber, Vice President  
Doug Woolsey, Secretary  
Doug Woolsey, Webmaster
- BOARD**
- Doyle Herndon  
Jim Cleveland  
Gordon Himmelberger  
Jerry Norton  
Penny Peterson  
Jim Brunson  
Brian Mann  
Rand Jarvis  
Pat Perry  
D.K. (Pete) Pedersen  
Roger Berry  
Gailia Shepherd

**NOTICE**

The USEA Delegate Conference will be held at the Inn at Prospector Square Hotel in Park City, Utah this year. The business session is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2004.

**Get involved with  
GCEA**

As a GCEA member, you are part of the largest classified association in the State of Utah. Despite the size of USEA they remain an organization of people. As a member-run Association, we rely on members to step forward and contribute new ideas and new energy.

There are many ways you can get involved with GCEA. We have monthly meetings that are open to all members that wish to address the executive board. Talk to your leaders and find out what kind of help is needed.



**Penny Child**, Kitchen Manager at the Skyline High School, was awarded Outstanding Employee of the Month by the Granite Classified Employee's Association for the month of December, 2003.

"Penny is very professional and a very hard worker, she keeps the kitchen in tip top shape and her employees respect her because of her work ethic and that she is fair to all her employees. All of the staff at Skyline like Penny for her dedication and would love to see her get this nomination because she is a class act, and an example to all of us."

Penny received her Outstanding Employee Award in the lunch room at the school. She was very surprised and grateful.



**Paul Brooks**, Maintenance Journeyman at the Central Kitchen, was awarded Outstanding Employee of the Month by the Granite Classified Employee's Association for the month of November, 2003.

"Paul has been doing maintenance on the food service equipment for over 15 years and has helped to upgrade the refrigeration and cooking equipment over that time. He is always on the job and can be counted on to keep the equipment operating. Paul always works hard and finishes his assigned tasks on time."

Paul received his Outstanding Employee Award in the lunch room at the Central Kitchen, and many of his friends and supervisors were there to congratulate him.



**Alain Delobel**, Warehouse Lead man at the Central Kitchen, was awarded Outstanding Employee of the Month by the Granite Classified Employee's Association for the month of October, 2003.

"Alain has been the Warehouse Lead man at the Central Kitchen for at least 18 years and has always been dedicated to making certain that the food supply needs of the kitchen are well taken care of and that the food deliveries to the High school kitchens are always made on time. Alain does an impeccable job of making sure his inventory is properly protected and accounted for. He is a very nice guy, and a good father."

Alain received his Outstanding Employee Award in the presence of all the employees at the Central Kitchen. Alain felt honored in receiving the award.

## Questions & Answers

If you have a question you want answered, send us a letter or email us at:  
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*"I don't agree with a lot of things that the Association does."*

Can you honestly say that you never disagree with actions of your State Legislature or Congress? Nonetheless, you don't drop your citizenship, give up your voting franchise, and refuse to pay your taxes. Representative government - in organizations as well as notions - depends on people who "pay their dues" and who participate in decision making. If you don't agree with some direction the Association is taking, join, become active, and work to change its course.

The publication of Granite Classified Employees Association Newsletter is made available as a service to our Membership. It is not official information of Granite School District, nor does it represent the opinion of GSD and/or its School Board or Administration. Any concerns should be sent in written form to :  
GCEA Executive Board, 864 East Arrowhead Lane Murray, Utah 81041-5221.