

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 25 ..... Next classified ad deadline  
**December 1..... CS Council meeting @ noon**  
 December 2..... *OpenLine* article deadline  
**December 15.... CS Council meeting @ noon**  
 December 21..... Winter begins  
 December 24-January 1 ..... Holiday Shutdown

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**CHILDREN’S HOLIDAY PARTY**

~ Brian Huonker, Civil Service Council Chair

The Annual Children’s Holiday Party has been scheduled for Sunday, **December 6** from 2:00 to 4:00p.m. at the ISU Horton Field House. Sign up today at [www.advancement.ilstu.edu/holiday](http://www.advancement.ilstu.edu/holiday) (or call Jan Jolynn Staley at 8-7261).



Children and grandchildren of all ISU faculty, staff, retirees, and current students are welcome to attend (children must be accompanied by an adult). The festivities will feature the usual exciting performance by Illinois State’s own Gamma Phi Circus. The program is always a real crowd pleaser and enjoyed by children of all ages.

Illinois State University President Al Bowman is expected to stop by with some welcoming words and holiday cheer. Reggie Redbird is also planning to attend, as are Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves. A professional photographer will be available to take pictures with Santa (prints are available for a small fee). You are also welcome to take pictures with your own camera. Cookies and punch will be served for all who attend, plus each child 12 and under will receive a small goodie bag.



The Children’s Holiday Party is co-sponsored by the Civil Service Council and Administrative Professional Council for the benefit of the entire campus, and participation is **free**. However, we do need an accurate count of those who will be attending in order to provide enough goodie bags for each child and refreshments for all. **Reservations MUST BE made by Tuesday, December 1.** To reserve space for your family and/or request special accommodations if necessary, please submit the online registration form ([www.advancement.ilstu.edu/holiday](http://www.advancement.ilstu.edu/holiday)). Please remember to provide both the number of children and number of adults who will be attending.

The Civil Service Council also invites you to bring a gift to the party for the WJBC Brotherhood Tree (see full article on next page). The WJBC Brotherhood Tree has been an integral part of the ISU community for many years and collects monetary donations and new gifts for needy families in McLean County. We are offering an opportunity to donate to the tree by having a collection box available at the Children’s Holiday Party on December 6. New gifts should be wrapped, tagged with the appropriate age and gender noted, and marked with what is inside. Cash donations should be sealed in an envelope and slipped in the box. We hope your family welcomes this opportunity to bring a gift to share so that someone less fortunate has a brighter holiday season! Please know that a donation to the Brotherhood Tree is **OPTIONAL** and not required to attend the party.



We look forward to your attendance at the party. Happy Holidays!

**QUICK QUOTE**



“Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom.”

-- Marcel Proust

[Source: [www.bethankful.com/quotes.htm](http://www.bethankful.com/quotes.htm)]

**FRIVOLOUS FACTS**

The average ear of corn has 800 kernels, arranged in 16 rows and there is one piece of silk for each kernel. Corn is an ingredient in more than 3,000 grocery products.



[Source: [www.foodreference.com/html/fcorn.htm](http://www.foodreference.com/html/fcorn.htm)]

## TIP OF THE HAT

~ Laura Marshall, Human Resource Representative

### WELCOME TO ISU – OCTOBER 2009

- Vijaya Achanta, Administrative Information Systems
- Lawrence Duffy, Campus Dining Services
- Kristine Foley, Communication Sciences and Disorders
- Jason Lindbom, Agriculture
- Amanda Smith, Institutional Web Support Services
- Kathy Willerton, Criminal Justice Sciences

### PROMOTIONS – OCTOBER 2009

- Lawson Cassels, Network Engineer II, Telecommunications and Networking
- Kelly Walker, Benefits Officer, Human Resources
- Heather Kosur, Library Specialist, Milner Library
- David Brody, Communications Network Specialist II, Telecommunications and Networking
- Seth Brockmeyer, Network Engineer II, Telecommunications and Networking

### RETIREMENTS – OCTOBER 2009

- Dennis Bain, Facilities
- Rebecca Bell, Milner Library
- Neil Gridley, Administrative Information Systems
- Richard Papuga, Internal Auditing

### RESIGNATIONS – OCTOBER 2009

- Eric Naas, Intercollegiate Athletics

## POTPOURRI

~ Sarita Cox, Civil Service Council Treasurer



### BIRTHS – Our Congratulations To:

- Carol DeBlaey, Career Center, on the birth of her grandson, Noah Michael DeBlaey on October 26, 2009.

### DEATHS – Our Sincerest Sympathies To:

- Lori Schlink, Campus Services/Grounds, on the death of her grandmother, Mary Jane Lighty on October 22, 2009.

*Your help in providing Potpourri information is needed and appreciated. Feel free to voluntarily provide Potpourri information, taking note of the article deadlines printed in each issue. Report births, marriages, or deaths of immediate family members via email to [CSCouncil@ilstu.edu](mailto:CSCouncil@ilstu.edu). Notifications are not verified by birth, marriage, or death certificates.*

## SERVICE AWARDS

~ David Schaafsma, Human Resources Asst. Director

### 20 YEARS

- Mary Louise Barcomb, 9100 Campus Services/Grounds, 11/1/1989
- Ann Elizabeth Rich, 8900 Milner Library, 11/1/1989
- Marc Allen Feaster, 7100 University High School, 11/16/1989

### 15 YEARS

- Steven Andrew Robinson, 1120 Internal Auditor, 11/1/1994
- Steve B. Pydynowski, 2600 University Housing Serv, 11/7/1994
- Kevin John Lecouris, 9000 Facilities Management, 11/21/1994
- Shirley A. Craig, 1300 Human Resources, 11/28/1994
- Thomas H. Fulcher, 3470 Admin Information Systems, 11/28/1994
- Gary D. Jacobson, 9000 Facilities Management, 11/28/1994

### 10 Years

- Amy Jo Coon, 5700 School of Theatre, 11/1/1999
- Diana L. Nelson, 5220 Health Sciences, 11/1/1999
- D. A. Waugh, 2202 University Registrar, 11/1/1999
- Cynthia M. Beal, 3500 Telecommunications, 11/15/1999
- Annette Marie Nevius, 7000 Thomas Metcalf School, 11/15/1999
- Loretta J. Veach, 1300 Human Resources, 11/22/1999



## BUS TRIP DEADLINE NOVEMBER 19

~ Carol Pfoff, Civil Service Council Member



Your Civil Service Council is pleased to provide you with a chance to go shopping without the hassle of driving. Transportation is being provided via charter bus to Woodfield Mall and IKEA in Schaumburg on Saturday, **December 5**.

Departure time from the Bone Student Center circle drive on the Illinois State University campus is set for 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 5. The group will arrive at Woodfield Mall around 10 a.m. An additional drop-off at IKEA will take place at 10:15 a.m.

A courtesy baggage pickup time at Woodfield has been arranged to stow packages under the bus at 2:30 p.m. The evening departure from IKEA is scheduled for 5 p.m. with pick up at Woodfield Mall at 5:15 p.m.

Cost for the trip is \$24 for ISU AP employees, civil service employees, faculty, retirees and ISU students; \$28 for the general public (non-ISU community members); and \$14 for children 17 years of age or under.

More information and a printable sign-up form can be obtained from the September issue of the *OpenLine* newsletter (and can be found on our web site at [www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/documentation/openline](http://www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/documentation/openline)).

All sign-up forms with payments must be received on or before the **November 19 deadline**.

## BROTHERHOOD TREE

~ Brian Huonker, Civil Service Council Chair

WJBC Brotherhood Tree collection boxes will be available for donations from **November 16 through December 14**, and will be located in various buildings around campus.

While out doing your holiday shopping, please consider an extra gift for needy families in Mclean County. As in the past, gifts should be wrapped, tagged with the appropriate age and gender, and marked with what is inside. Cash donations are also accepted. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



Locations of the collection boxes this year are as follows: Hovey 1<sup>st</sup> floor east entrance; ISU Police Department; Milner Library break room 1<sup>st</sup> floor; DeGarmo 5<sup>th</sup> floor west office; Student Services Building 3<sup>rd</sup> floor room 387; Harris Physical Plant on Gregory Street; ITDC Building-Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology; and Metcalf School main office.

## RAFFLE DRAWING DECEMBER 1

~ Theresa Sanchez, Civil Service Council Member

The Civil Service Council's raffle was not forgotten! It has been moved to a new drawing date of **December 1**. This is the Civil Service Council's largest fund-raiser, and the proceeds go towards the Civil Service Scholarship fund (see information regarding scholarships at [www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/scholarships](http://www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/scholarships)).

Tickets are available now from your Council representatives (see representative list on page 3 or visit [www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/officers](http://www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/officers)). To see the most up-to-date prize list, visit [www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/activities](http://www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/activities).

Prizes presently include: grand prize of a \$300 gift card to Best Buy; one overnight stay at Hampton Inn & Suites; one overnight stay at Eastland Suites; a 16GB iPod Nano; 2 prizes of an ISU faculty/staff surface parking permit; a certificate for 2 rooms of carpet cleaning; a \$50 U.S. savings bond; \$50 cash; a \$50 gift card to Wehrenberg Theatres; and over 25 other prizes!

**Don't delay, get your tickets today!**



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

~ Brian Huonker, Civil Service Council Chair

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor a staff member can receive at Illinois State University. In order to qualify for this award, nominees must be employed at the University for a minimum of five (5) years, and the same employee can only earn the award once every seven (7) years. Nominees are judged on three (3) criteria: outstanding job performance, campus-wide involvement, and community contributions. Award recipients will normally excel in all three areas. The award is based on significant contributions over a period of time and is not typically given for a single contribution. Recipients receive a \$500 cash award and a plaque. In addition, recipients' names are mounted on the University's Wall of Fame in the Bone Student Center.



The application as well as criteria information about the Distinguished Service Award can be found on the Civil Service Council's web site ([www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/awards](http://www.cscouncil.ilstu.edu/awards)). Alternately, you may contact your dean, director, or department head, the Civil Service Council Chair, or any Civil Service Council member for a paper copy.

The application deadline is **December 1, 2009**. Award recipients will be announced during the Founders' Day Convocation in February.

## 2010 TEAM EXCELLENCE AWARD

Applications are now being accepted for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Illinois State University Team Excellence Award. The university-wide award recognizes collaborative efforts of a team of administrative/professional and/or civil service employees, which may also include faculty and students.

Applications and award criteria are available at the Team Excellence Award Web site ([www.ilstu.edu/home/team-excellence](http://www.ilstu.edu/home/team-excellence)).

Application materials are due by 4:30 p.m.

Monday, **December 14** to the Team Excellence Award Committee in care of Barbara Todd, University Advancement, Campus Box 3200, Alumni Center 101E ([btodd@ilstu.edu](mailto:btodd@ilstu.edu)).



The award for 2010 will be given for projects initiated between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009. The award will be presented at the Founder's Day Ceremony on Thursday, February 18, 2010. If you have any questions regarding the award or the process, please contact Barb at 438-2592.

## NEXT OPENLINE ARTICLE DEADLINE



The next deadline to submit articles to the *OpenLine* newsletter will be **Wednesday, December 2** following the first Council meeting of the month.

Articles, news and ideas pertinent to civil service employees can be sent to the Civil Service Council ([CScouncil@ilstu.edu](mailto:CScouncil@ilstu.edu)) or to the newsletter staff ([CSCopenline@ilstu.edu](mailto:CSCopenline@ilstu.edu)).

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**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS**

**For Sale – Auto:**

- Ready for winter? '99 GMC Yukon SLT 4X4, 146,000 mi, loaded, clean, very nice condition. \$6000 OBO. Call Dave at 309-661-2162.
- 2008 Pontiac Grand Prix, silver 4-door, 37,500 miles, remote start, 3.8 V6 engine, \$10,500. Call Ray at 309-830-2070.

**For Sale – Other:**

- Mary Kay Cosmetics – age defying skin care system and free color makeover. Holiday gift baskets made to order. Call 309-830-3410 in the evening.

**Personal Service:**

- For tree and shrub trimming, please call Carl or Terry, 309-530-5137 or 309-527-4492. For firewood, please call Carl or Terry, 309-365-8466.
- Plumbing: licensed and professional; discount for ISU employees and retirees. Call Andy Ditchen Plumbing at 309-533-8360.
- David Smith Radon Remedies: Illinois #1 radon mitigation company for quality and customer satisfaction; licensed over 10 years. Call 309-473-2955.

**OpenLine Classified Ad Submission Form**

*All information must be printed clearly.*

First and Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Employment status: Full time / part time / retired / \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

ISU phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Best time to reach you at your home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Box/Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one category:

- Free Items (\$2)
- Personal Service (\$5)
- For Sale-Auto (\$5)
- Wanted (\$2)
- For Sale-Other (\$2)

**ONE word per box. 20 words or less.**


Send this completed form and payment by the published classified ad deadline (see page 1) to:

**Sarita Cox, 5570 MBA Program, 438-2981.**

Make checks payable to: **Civil Service Council - OpenLine.**

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

from your  
 Civil Service Council

