

# Local 2398

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Staff & Clerical Federation, AFT, AFT-Wisconsin, AFL-CIO

Chippewa Valley Technical College, Eau Claire

<http://wi.aft.org/CVTC2398/>

## From the President



Dear Members,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful 2012 so far. This is definitely going to be an interesting year with our contract ending in June, the state recalls, and the presidential election. There will be big changes coming, that's for sure!

Because we most likely will be restricted from using college email, I want you all to get acquainted with the local's website, if you haven't already. We will need to use that as a major form of communicating information to you, so please take a look when you have time - <http://wi.aft.org/CVTC2398/>.

In Solidarity,

Lisa

## Moving Forward Without a Contract New Local 2398 Union Committee Formed

With our contract expiring on June 30, 2012, our collective bargaining rights, as we know them, will be gone. **That does not mean our Union is gone.** Now more than ever, we need to stand together. We need the strength and solidarity that being a union is all about.

Local 2398 has formed a new committee, the Union Organizing Committee, to help us plan and organize for the changes coming our way. After the contract expiration, we will be working in a different environment, so this committee will serve several purposes:

- Help keep our Union organized as our voice at work.
- Survey our members about concerns after June 30, 2012.
- Work to maintain benefits and working conditions.
- Keep our issues in front of the college.
- Keep our Union visible and effective.
- Raise issues identified by our members with administration.

- Membership recommitment to keep our union strong.
- Member-to-member communication about issues.
- Work together to improve our College.

Current members of the committee are: Lisa Storms, Kim Yoder, Deb Ausman, Kathy Farley, Kathy Goodman, Bev Hilton, Raeann Hutchinson, Sue Sie, Jean Alcantar, Paul Wittrock, John Creaser, and Kurt Carlson, with assistance from AFT-W and AFT staff. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Lisa Storms or Kathy Goodman. We would like representation at each campus location.



Standing together in Union solidarity gives us more power than we have alone. Together, with this combined strength, we will get through this period of change and uncertainty as we move toward gaining our collective bargaining rights back.

In Solidarity,

Kathy Goodman

## From the Social Committee

There were 11 members along with 3 family members who volunteered at The Community Table on Saturday, December 3. The first group helped set up and prepare food from 9:00-11:15 a.m. The second group helped serve food and clean up from 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Approximately 80 people were served that day. This was a great experience for all of us, and there were many suggestions to volunteer again in the spring. Thank you to all of you who participated!



Wait! There's more!!



Proof that many hands make light work!

## Save the Date!!

Local 2398's winter get-together will be held at Cabin Ridge Rides in Cadott, Wisconsin, on Saturday, February 18, from 2 to 5 p.m. This is a family event. Spouses/significant others and kids are welcome. In addition to the sleigh ride, we will be renting the cabin for a potluck & staying warm by the bonfire. Here are a few details about Cabin Ridge:

- no electricity in cabin (to keep food warm, wrap it up in a towel or blanket)
- a sleigh (if there's snow!) will be used to transport people and food
- hotdogs/marshmallows can be roasted over the bonfire
- alcohol is allowed
- cabin is heated
- bathroom facilities available
- cabin can accommodate 140 people

Further details, i.e., cost per person to attend, will be forthcoming. If you are interested in going, please email Kim Vollmer.

## Book Nook

In case you didn't know . . .

Local 2398 has quite a collection of books and magazines in BEC147C. If you like to read, you'll find a wide variety of reading material. BEC147C is located just inside Entrance 2B. The bookshelf is in the far end of the room on the left-hand side.

## Baby Report



Rosie Berger's has another grandson. Her daughter Jessica gave birth to Chase Douglas Peterson on September 21. Congrats to all!!

## Reminder!

Be sure to read the new employee handbook as it becomes available and attend a listening session if you have questions!!

## Union Meetings

Our upcoming union meetings will be held on the following dates and times:

January 17 - 11:30 a.m.  
February 21 - 12 noon  
March 20 - 11:30 a.m.

April 17 - 12 noon  
May 15 - 11:30 a.m.  
June 19 - 12 noon

**All dates are Tuesdays.**

## CVTC's Centennial

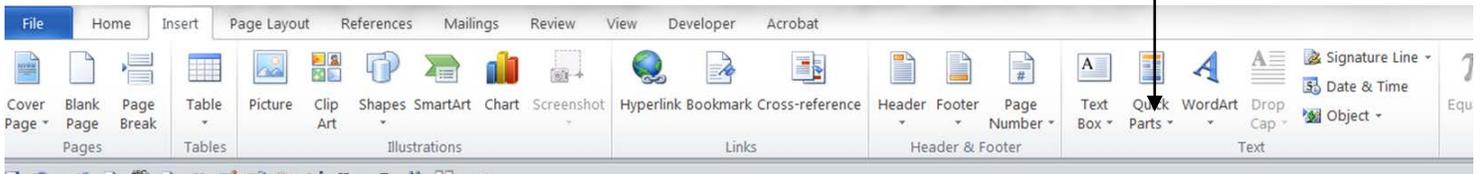
As you know, CVTC is celebrating its centennial this year. I hope you'll participate in the events planned throughout the year. More information regarding these events will be available at the in-service on Thursday, January 12. And remember, you are all a part of our history!!

Submitted by

Bev Hilton  
Centennial Spirit Committee Member

## Word Tip

If there is text that you use repeatedly, such as the College's address, this tip may be a timesaver. Highlight the text you want to save and click on Insert on the Toolbar. Click on the Quick Parts down arrow (found in the Text group) and then click on Save Selection to Quick Part Gallery. In the window that opens, name the text you want to save in the gallery. The next time you need this text, click on Quick Parts and click on the saved text you want to use. The text remains in the Quick Parts Gallery after you save, close, and reopen a document. More than one selection of text can be saved in the Quick Parts Gallery. Pretty cool!!



Submitted by Bev Hilton

Thanks to all who submitted articles/photos for the newsletter!