

The Transportation Employees Association of Missouri

Central Chapter Newsletter

WHAT'S YOUR ASSOCIATION UP TO?

The 2008-2009 legislative session has concluded. There were no major bills passed that affected employee benefits but we did manage to curtail Senate Bill 150 which would have removed any overtime received after June 30, 2010 from the retirement benefit formula. I must say that I was disappointed in the response I received regarding whether our membership should oppose or support this bill. Out of approximately 500 ballots that were attached to my Jan. 2009 newsletter, I only received 32 responses. Remember this is your organization and we try our very best to support, pursue and defend legislation that affects our benefits so when your local Association Board solicits your ideas or preferences take the time to respond.

Back in April we held our Annual Association/District 5 Credit Union Annual Meeting. Approximately 300 people were in attendance. We had a great time, good food, great prizes and good fellowship. I had the opportunity to discuss what the Association was working on this past session and as a result picked up some new members that were not aware of what the Association did or what we stood for. As a member, while eating dinner or as you travel to your work locations, mention the Association to your co-workers that are not members. Explain to them we represent MoDot employees at the Capitol and work for employee benefits.

Also in April we held our Annual Lobby Day at the Capitol. In years past we have served ice cream, soda and popcorn to the legislators and staff. This year we fried up about 250 pounds of fish, some hushpuppies, cole slaw and soda. Thanks to those Central Chapter members that helped out but a big thank you goes out to our District 8 Chapter that took care of the cooking. The event was well received. An event like this is held to keep our organization visible and as a way to say thanks for what our senators and representatives have done for us. Thanks for all you do and be safe.

Duane Kliethermes
Central Chapter President

FALLEN WORKERS MEMORIAL

The Ride for Remembrance which was sponsored by the Transportation Employees Association was a success and I believe there are plans to have another one next year that will be bigger and better. Thanks to Steve Brown & Kay Stacey for their work in organizing this event for our District.

In an effort to support the Fallen Workers Memorial Fund your Central Chapter of the Employees Association is going to donate \$20.00 for every new member we get between now to November 1, 2009. Get your co-workers to join us in our efforts.