

SSA TIELINE

A monthly newsletter brought to you by SVSU Support Staff Association



Solidarity—A feeling of unity between people who have the same interests, goals, etc.

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DR. GRANT MEETS EXECUTIVE BOARD & THIRD SHIFT EMPLOYEES



The Executive Board hosted Dr. Grant at its February monthly meeting. He shared his vision for growth and community involvement. Mental health and safety at SVSU were also highlighted.

Additionally, Dr. Grant took time to meet with 3rd shift employees after the General Membership Meeting on March 8.

All participants came away from the meetings with high hopes for the future. We think that Dr. Grant is off to a great start at SVSU, and we are excited to be a part.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. UNITY MARCH AND LUNCHEON

The Saginaw Valley State University community was invited to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the annual Unity March on Monday, January 16. Saginaw Valley State University students, faculty, and staff have consistently been proud participants in this march, outnumbering all other participant groups combined.

Participants were invited to gather at 9:45 a.m. at the corner of Franklin and Hayden streets in downtown Saginaw. The march began at 10 a.m. and traveled nearly one mile to end at the Dow Event Center (303 Johnson St.).



SVSU COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In December the SSA and the FA (Faculty Association) made a combined donation of \$600 to the Cardinal Food Pantry. We received this thank you from the Cardinal Food Pantry Committee:

On behalf of the Cardinal Food Pantry Committee,

A heartfelt thank you to all SVSU Support Staff members for their generous donation to the Cardinal Food Pantry this past December. Your donation will go a long way reaching out a helping hand to students in need. We value your investment in the success of our students and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

In hospitality,

Karen M. Erwin

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IN MEMORIAM



Gordon Chase passed on November 7, 2022. Gordon was a graduate of Bay City Central High School class of 1988. He was a farmer for over 20 years, and for the last 14 years he worked at Saginaw Valley State University as a Grounds Crewman for the Athletics Department. Through his work he was an example and role model for others, demonstrated an amazing work ethic, and took pride in all of his work. He will be missed.

SAVE THE DATE:
UNION PICNIC @ Pine Grove | 11 AM—2 PM
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
(Members only, please)

RIGHT TO WORK REPEAL UPDATE

This past Friday Governor Whitmer signed into law three key priorities for labor groups.

[SB 34](#), now PA 8 of 2023 and [HB 4004](#), now PA 9 of 2023, revoking the state's decade-old Right to Work labor policy. [SB 34](#) would allow private employers to mandate workers to pay union dues or fees in exchange for the benefits of having a bargaining representative. [HB 4004](#) is more symbolic than substantive as it applies to public sector workers and would only repeal Right to Work for public employees if the U.S. Supreme Court ruling was ever overturned.

UNION PRESIDENT TO PRESENT AT THE MAY BOARD OF CONTROL

Kathleen Chantaca-Kubczak, SSA President, has been asked by Dr. Grant to present at the upcoming Board of Control meeting on May 4, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. If you can, please come and show your support.

FIRST AID KITS

The Executive Board approved the purchase of First Aid Kits for 2nd and 3rd shift custodial carts. Initial kits were purchased with the intent of having the University follow suit and keep stocked.

RETIRED/RESIGNED

Jennifer Carter (resigned) - Custodian

Tim Rex (retired)—Acquisitions Assistant Melvin J. Zahnow Library

Cathy Davis (retired)—Faculty Secretary Science East

Darlene Seegert (retired)—Administrative Secretary College of Science, Engineering & Technology

ANNIVERSARIES

January

- Laurie Allison – 16 yrs.
- Kathy Anderson – 18 yrs.
- Peter Bryan – 7 yrs.
- Sharon Carlin – 37 yrs.
- Robert Jones – 11 yrs.
- Nicholas Jozwiak – 3 yrs.
- Kevin Kain – 3 yrs.
- Brian Miller – 3 yrs.
- William Prince – 11 yrs.
- Becky Ruiz – 2 yrs.
- Laurie Siminske – 39 yrs.
- Tish Yaros – 28 yrs.

February

- Susan Fritch – 29 yrs.
- Michael Gomez – 5 yrs.
- Gary Kwaiser – 26 yrs.
- Kelsey Lipinski – 5 yrs.
- Shelly Losee – 34 yrs.
- Teri McPeak – 26 yrs.
- Jason Rasmussen – 25 yrs.
- Stephen Smith – 5 yrs.
- Gerald Stevens – 26 yrs.
- Brian Taylor – 16 yrs.
- Gilberto Velasquez – 36 yrs.

March

- Jaime Ayala – 4 yrs.
- David Dinsmoore – 12 yrs.
- Troy Heinz – 30 yrs.
- Heather Hillaker – 26 yrs.
- Julie Marsh – 12 yrs.
- Cheryl Purigrowksi – 31 yrs.
- Sharon Reff – 24 yrs.

April

- Zachary Drayer – 11 yrs.
- Kelly McQuarter – 9 yrs.
- Beth Montgomery – 21 yrs.
- Frana Sommer – 4 yrs.
- Connie Szabo – 4 yrs.
- Vincent Vliet – 15 yrs.
- Judy Zietz – 38 yrs.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Wellness Expo @ MEA Office
(1483 S. Valley Center, Bay City)
May 10, 2023, from 2:30-6:30

- De-stress with a massage
- Grab a healthy snack
- Win awesome prizes

MEMBER

SPOTLIGHT



PATRICIA ALTERGOTT

Patricia is the Administrative Records Assistant in the Office of the Registrar, 151 Wickes Hall. She has been at SVSU since 1993, starting as a student. She began working at SVSU in 2003. Patricia earned her Bachelor of Science, Computer Information Systems (CIS) degree in 2002 and an MBA, Business Administration degree in 2016.

Patricia serves as a Steward on the Support Staff Association Executive Board and created/updates the union website.

She and her husband John (custodian at SVSU) have three sons, Daniel, Alex, and Matthew; and three cats, Philo, Mac, and Bella. One son graduated from SVSU this past December and one son is still working on his Art degree at SVSU.

Patricia enjoys listening to and performing music—primarily folk style and filk. Filk is the music of the Science Fiction/Fantasy community. She plays the coronet/trumpet, but lately sings more often. In her spare time she likes to spend time with her family playing board games and also enjoys cooking.

ONE LITTLE-KNOWN FACT

Patricia has been the commanding officer of a U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, the H. R. Doud Division, of Saginaw, Michigan, since 2006.

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WE NEED YOU

We value our members! If you would like to be a part of the Executive Board, PR Committee, assist with the Tieline, have ideas for engagement, or have ideas/suggestions in general, please let us know. We need our members to be involved. Please contact Kathleen at kachanta@svsu.edu or extension 6081.

