

# SVSU SSA NEWSLETTER

December 2022



## Prepare for Winter Weather!

The SVSU weather Policy in the SSA Contract reads:

*25.300 For absences due to inclement weather where a determination has been made to continue University operations, employees will choose whatever leave is available to them (vacation, personal, compensatory, or sick) to avoid loss of compensation.*

*In the event that the Employer determines that a shut-down of operations is necessary and employees are not required to work, it will make every effort to notify the employees by radio or television of such a shut-down, and use of an employee's leave allowances will not be required.*

*Those employees required to work when the University is closed will be paid at the rate of time and one-half, or will be provided with an additional day to be added to their regular vacation bank, at the employee's option.*

We highly recommend all employees sign up for the Emergency Notification System (ENS). You will be alerted quickly after the decision is made to close the university. You can find more information and sign up for the ENS at this web site <https://www.svsu.edu/universitypolice/campusalert/>.

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING December 19 TSAR Room Light lunch provided**

- 6:00 am - 7:00 am
- 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
- 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm



**Solidarity – a feeling  
of unity between  
people who have the  
same interests,  
goals, etc.**



## **Best wishes to the following members as they leave SVSU to pursue other opportunities, or Retirement.**

- James VanWormer - Groundskeeper Campus Facilities (September 2022)
- Crystal Wazny – Access Services Assistant Melvin J. Zahnow Library (September 2022)
- Konrad Neview – Custodian Campus Facilities (October 2022)
- Nancy Rood – Faculty Secretary College of Science, Engineering & Technology (October 2022)

## **Congratulations to the following people as they move to new ventures within SVSU:**

- Anthony Dirusso – Faculty Secretary College of Health and Human Services (September 2022)
- Jeremiah Franks – Custodial Specialist Athletics (September 2022)
- Scott Korman – Custodial Specialist (September 2022)
- Kelsey Lipinski – Administrative Secretary College of Health and Human Services (September 2022)
- Nicholas Jozwiak – Groundskeeper Campus Facilities (October 2022)
- Alejandro Fulgencio - Groundskeeper Campus Facilities (November 2022)



## **SVSU Community Outreach**

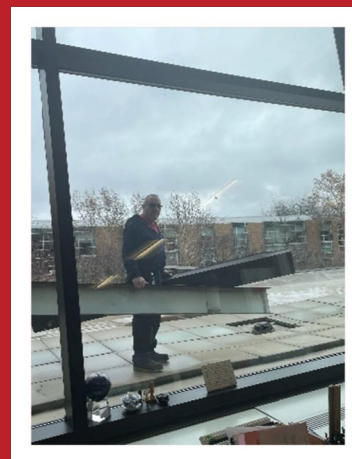
- Popcorn giveaway on October 11-12. We gave away 350 bags of popcorn to the students who stopped by. We also entered students into a gift card drawing. The winners can be found on our SSA website.
- SSA and FA made a combined donation of \$600 to the SVSU Cardinal Food Pantry! For more information about the SVSU Cardinal Food Pantry see: <https://www.svsu.edu/foodpantry/>
- SSA is adding granola bars and information cards to the SA Exam bags that will be distributed in December.
- The SSA is throwing the students in Living Center Southwest a “thank you for appreciating our work” popcorn appreciation day for their public acknowledgment of our custodian Clem “Mr. Kim” Kettelhohn. The date will be announced once the 23/WI semester has begun.
- SSA was a “friend” of the Festival of Trees for 2022.



Kathy Gerard and Karen Roseberry taking care of the popcorn table!



Info card and granola bar for the SA Exam bags



Jon Essex on the roof picking up flashing that blew down on a windy day



Kelly McQuarter taking care of the popcorn table!



Chocolate Reindeer Cookies recipe on page 5



### Sept./Oct./Nov./Dec. Anniversaries:

- Ryan Anderson 6yrs.
- Russ Bennett 16yrs.
- Terrance Bouza 17yrs.
- Sarah Deford 3yrs.
- Jon Essex 36yrs.
- Ann Garcia 42yrs.
- Stephen Kopka 25yrs.
- Karen Roseberry 17yrs.
- John Altergott 21yrs.
- Sylvlenthia Banks 14yrs.
- Stephen Myles 1yr.
- Patrick Olivarez 33yrs.
- Daniel Rhodus 12yrs
- Deb Rickert 29yrs.
- Kelli Wenzel 14yrs.
- Margaret Willett 27yrs.
- Brian Faubert 8yrs.
- Joan Garant 26yrs.
- Kathie Gerard 23yrs.
- Cynthia Holmes-Benner 20yrs.
- Diane Knights 14yrs.
- Brent McLaren 19yrs
- Michael Miller 20yrs.
- Ralph Musinski 34yrs,
- Val Taylor 36yrs.
- James Van Wormer 21yrs.
- Dawn Gillespie 28yrs.
- Kim Kettelhohn 44yrs.
- Maria Lynch 24yrs.
- Bethany Nordstrom 4yrs.
- Debbie Piotrowski 11 yrs.
- Gloria Turner 33 yrs.
- Jennifer Weiss 9 yrs.

### Staff Shoutout: "Clem Kettelhohn is the Best" article by Trinity Sullivan on 13 Nov 2022 – [The Valley Vanguard - Staff Shoutout: Clem Kettelhohn is the best – The Valley Vanguard](#)

I'm a Resident Advisor (RA) in Living Center Southwest (LCSW), and during the staff meeting this past week, something came up that we all felt so strongly about that I decided it needed to be put in the newspaper.

In short, we think Clem Kettelhohn is the best custodian ever, and he is the backbone of our building. He is always so kind and friendly. Every member of our staff has something excellent to say about him, and we hope he knows just how much we appreciate him. Not only is Clem the nicest man you could ever hope to meet, but he is also incredibly hardworking and dedicated.

Clem has been at SVSU for over 30 years, and we think that Southwest wouldn't survive without him. Alaina Briggs, one of the RAs here, wanted to highlight how incredibly friendly he always is, and not even just to her. "He's so kind and hardworking, the building is always spotless and he never forgets to greet my dog, Charlie, even."

I don't think I have ever had a conversation with him that didn't make my day. He took the time to look over our bulletin boards, which not even all our residents did. Clem always talks to me about my articles in the paper, my hometown, or the building in general. He is hands down the greatest.

We cannot thank him enough for what he does for us, especially considering we're a freshman facility, and there tends to be more than our fair share of messes. No matter what state the laundry rooms were left in, or what thing needs upkeep in the building, we've never seen him anything but cheery, motivated, and kind.

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### **CHOCOLATE REINDEER COOKIES**

Servings: 60 cookies  
Prep time: 55 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes

#### **Ingredients:**

2 3/4 cups all-purpose flour  
1 1/4 tsp baking soda  
1/2 tsp salt  
3/4 cup butter, cubed  
1 1/2 cups packed brown sugar  
2 tbsp water  
2 cups chocolate chips  
2 large eggs  
1/2 tsp almond extract  
1 can chocolate frosting

#### **Decorations:**

Candy eyes, Reese's mini white peanut butter cups, miniature pretzels, Peanut butter M&M's

#### **Instructions:**

Whisk together flour, baking soda & salt. Place butter, brown sugar & water in a large saucepan; cook and stir over low heat until butter is melted. Remove from heat; stir in chocolate chips until smooth. Stir in eggs & extract. Stir in flour mixture. Let stand until firm enough to shape, about 15 minutes.

**To freeze dough:** shape level tablespoonfuls of dough into balls; flatten each to 1/4-in. thickness. Place in a covered container, separating layers with waxed paper; freeze until firm. (May be frozen up to 3 months.)

**To bake:** preheat oven to 350°. Place frozen dough portions 2 in. apart on greased baking sheets. Bake until set, 12-14 minutes. Remove from pans to wire racks; cool completely.

Spread cookies with frosting, reserving a small amount for mouths. Decorate faces with candy eyes; add peanut butter cups for snouts, pretzels for antlers and M&M's for noses. Pipe mouths with reserved frosting. (See picture on page 3)



Our Resident Director, Anton'e Williamson also mentioned how much he loves Clem. He agrees that Mr. Kettelhohn is absolutely amazing, is great at his job, and always goes above and beyond for us. He's a great person to talk to, and he's amazing at his job. He helps to make our building a great place to work and to live, and everyone agrees on that. Another RA on staff, Gracie Vendetti, told us about how she always runs into Clem on her way to her morning classes.

Not only does he always have a friendly hello for her, but one particular morning, the day after one of her morning classes had been canceled, Clem told her that he had been worried she would be late for class the previous day.

If anyone with the power to do so is reading this, I think you should double Clem's salary and give both him and his lovely wife a paid vacation to wherever they want to go. I cannot think of any way to truly repay him for how positively he impacts our building, but Hawaii might be a good start.

Clem Kettelhohn is absolutely amazing, as a person, and as a member of SVSU's staff. I think that the world we live in needs more people who are as kind, hardworking, and dedicated as he is. He is one of the best examples of someone to look up to I have come across in my college career, and I feel he is someone everyone should look up to in their lives.

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### **Tips for Driving in the Snow:**

- Stay home. Only go out if necessary. Even if you can drive well in bad weather, it's better to avoid taking unnecessary risks by venturing out.
- Drive slowly. Always adjust your speed down to account for lower traction when driving on snow or ice.
- Accelerate and decelerate slowly. Apply the gas slowly to regain traction and avoid skids. Don't try to get moving in a hurry and take time to slow down for a stoplight. Remember: It takes longer to slow down on icy roads.
- Increase your following distance to five to six seconds. This increased margin of safety will provide the longer distance needed if you have to stop.

He has unanimously won the title of LCSW's favorite custodian and maintenance man, and also one of our favorite people ever. We hope that he gets the recognition he deserves, because he is the unsung hero of our building.

To those of you who haven't had the pleasure of meeting Clem, here is your friendly reminder to praise the people in your life who impact it positively, no matter which aspect of your life their impact is on.

Lastly, to our dearest Mr. Kettelhohn, we cannot thank you enough for everything that you do for us and our building.

We recognize and value all of the hard work you do for us, and we want you to know that we appreciate you more than we can say.

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### **Cold Weather Driving Tips:**

- Keep a bundle of cold-weather gear in your car, such as extra food and water, warm clothing, a flashlight, a glass scraper, blankets, medications, and more.
- Make certain your tires are properly inflated and have plenty of tread.
- Always keep at least half a tank of fuel in your vehicle.
- Never warm up a vehicle in an enclosed area, such as a garage.
- Do not use cruise control when driving on any slippery surface, such as on ice and snow.