

## **SKYLINE VIEW**

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### **1. Welcome to a New Year**

We hope 2008-09 school year will be the best that you have ever had. I would encourage you to talk and help the new folks in your building. Let them know where they can find things in the school and community. I would ask you to talk to a non-member in your building and ask them to join their professional family. With state budget cuts and the economy the way it is this is a time that educators are going to need their association. The association will be looking at ways to work with the school systems to make things less painful for education employees and students.

### **2. Skyline UniServ/District 21 Information**

Skyline UniServ/District 21

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#### **District Officers**

President: Lori Ellison, Frederick County

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Jim Gowdy, Winchester

Secretary: Vacant

### **3. Vice President Needed**

If you would like to run for Skyline UniServ/District 21 Vice President, please contact your local president or the UniServ office to get a petition. Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month. Petitions are due in the UniServ Office by September 30, 2008.

#### **4. Benefits of Membership**

- \* One million dollar liability policy **FREE** with membership.
- \* Car Rentals through Hertz.
- \* Additional life insurance at member rates, call 800-637-4636.
- \* Superior research by the VEA research team.
- \* Two **FREE** 30 minute consultations with a participating attorney per membership year.
- \* Attorney fees for employment related matters in the defense of your job-members contact Jay Deck when a work-related problem arises.
- \* Savings and discounts on Auto & Home Insurance with Horace Mann.
- \* Auto & Home Insurance with NEA A+.
- \* Competitive rates on MasterCard or Visa.
- \* NEA Line of Credit—up to \$10,000.00
- \* Dues-Tabs \$1,000.00 **FREE** Life Insurance. To register, call 1-800-637-4636.
- \* Superior legislative lobbying and political clout at the national, state, and local level.
- \* 30% off legal fees incurred for will and estates, real estate, domestic relations, consumer protection and traffic violations.
- \* VEA has Betty Lambdin who monitors Department of Education and Board of Education meetings on your behalf.

#### **5. Savvy Education Professional Workshop**

The UniServ Directors hired around the mountain in the western part of the state is offering a workshop. The workshop is “The Savvy Education Professional” for members who have 0-3 year’s experience. The workshop will take place at the beautiful Mountain Lake Hotel. The dates are October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Topics include: Professionalism (Looking and Acting the Part, Relationships and Colleagues, Professional Papers File), Borders and Boundaries, (Legal Issues, Contracts, Reducing Your Risks, Evaluation, Rebuttals, Confirming Memos, Personnel files, Licensure Issues) and Communication (Communication with Administrators, Parents and Colleagues, Personal Finance). There will be dinner Friday night, breakfast and lunch Saturday will be provided as well as lodging for the workshop. Friday night will be a social, a time to enjoy with other educators. The UniServ is looking to pick up the cost for this workshop so you get all of this for free. We are allowed to send 5 from our district so please let your local president or the UniServ office know as soon as possible if you want to attend.

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