

The Transportation Employees Association of Missouri

Central Chapter Newsletter

WHAT'S YOUR ASSOCIATION UP TO?

On April 7th we dedicated and unveiled our Central District Fallen Workers Memorial. Your Central District Chapter of the Employees Association was able to assist with some of the costs to complete the project and was involved on the Committee. It really turned out nice and I invite anyone that is in the area to stop by and take a look.

This past Saturday, April 23rd we conducted a quarterly Statewide Employees Association meeting. We were pleased to have our Chief Engineer, Mr. Ed Hassinger join us at this meeting to discuss our relationship with MoDot. He was supportive of the Association and what we do. He suggested that the Association keep MoDot Management informed of what we are doing. He stated the Association can do things the Department can't, like raising funds to construct our Fallen Workers Memorials and social events to bring employees together. We discussed our concerns with employee turnover and compensation issues. MoDot Mgmt is very aware

of these issues and is looking for solutions.

Our lobbyist, Mr. Harry Hill gave us an update on what has been happening at the Capital regarding legislation affecting state employees. This past week the State budget was sent to the Governor for approval. This budget includes a 2% COLA for all state employees. The legislatures have commissioned an investigation into salaries of state employees compared to other states and private industry. He feels that the return of the Deferred Compensation State match is doubtful this year because the politicians want to focus on raises. I believe persistence pays and we will continue to pursue the state match in the future.

HB-1492 would raise the Deferred Comp. State match to \$100.00 but having it approved and funding it is two separate issues. We need to get them to fund the match at some level.

HB-2228 would allow spouses 10 working days off for the birth or adoption of a child.

SB-623 deals with fuel tax increases for transportation.

I plan on leaving MoDot in the near future and desperately need some members to serve as officers on the Central Chapter Board to represent us at Statewide Mtgs and move us forward. We have a purpose that needs to be sustained and that is only going to happen if members get involved.

Let me know if you are interested.

Thanks for all you do and be safe.

Sincerely

Duane Kliethermes- President

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING

Our next Statewide Meeting is our General Assembly Meeting to be held on Aug. 13th.

Begins at 9:00 at the Baymout Inn here in Jefferson City.

Any Employee Association member is invited to attend.

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