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Annual Chapter Meeting Has Been Scheduled

Mark your calendars for October 8, 2015 at 12:00 noon in Room 900A. I invite all of you to come and hear about the many topics that affect all of us. Our **special guest** will be the newly elected **National President of NTEU – Tony Reardon**. I decided to ask him to come up and share in our Labor Recognition Activities. There will also be representatives from Colonial Life, Liberty Mutual & VEBS. Of course NTEU will provide Pizza & soft drinks. And you can meet your newest officers!

OPM Data Breach

A former member and steward suggested that everyone who may have been affected by the OPM data breach should file a Form 14039 Identity Theft Affidavit, which I have attached. This form is filed with the IRS which places a marker on your account which helps the IRS to determine more quickly if you are or may be a victim of identity theft. I think it's a good idea!

My *initial* reaction was that filing this form is not necessary since I don't know if I personally have been affected by the breach. However, Section A, Box 2 of the form includes the following statement:

"You should also check this box if no identity theft violation has occurred, but you have experienced an event that could result in identity theft such as a lost/stolen purse or wallet, home robbery, etc."

We may never be informed of whether our personal data was definitely stolen, but I don't want to take that chance. So I will be filing this form to at least help protect myself

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from identity theft with regard to my future tax returns.

Please note in Section D, you must attach a photo copy of one of the forms of ID shown to verify your identity. We are prohibited from making a photocopy of our smart ID.

Furloughs Served?

Hey! Here's some good news! Your union got all of us who had to serve those unpaid furlough days in the summer of 2013, six hours of leave, to be used in the coming Fiscal Year. Our union recognized that furloughs are unacceptable and we fought it every way we knew how!

Who is eligible?

All employees who served an unpaid furlough day during 2013 are eligible. All impacted employees receive six hours, regardless of the number of furlough days taken. Employees must currently be employed at the IRS to qualify for the leave.

Here are additional details:

- The request and approval procedures for annual leave, outlined in Article 32 of the contract, will be followed. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement, employees must use OFP **code 990-59569**, Sequestration Furlough Settlement, for recording the leave in the Single Entry Time Reporting (**SETR**) System.
- The leave must be taken in no less than one hour increments.
- If eligible employees have already scheduled annual leave or sick leave in 2016, they may substitute the six hours of leave for that time.
- Employees who are part-time who served a furlough day are entitled to the full six hours.
- The leave cannot be rolled over or converted to a cash payment.
- Employees planning to retire in 2016 are advised to take the leave prior to their retirement date. If the six hours of additional leave (or any portion of it) is not taken by the time they retire, it is waived.

NTEU is pleased that hard-working IRS employees will receive some remedy for the adverse impact of the loss of flexibility in taking unpaid furlough days. This is another example of how NTEU is looking out for you each and every day.

Your Officers & Stewards Take Advantage Of The Union Negotiated Telework & Compressed Work Schedules. And We Are Always Available to Help:

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Address Changes

One of my primary goals is to increase your awareness about chapter happenings, both locally and nationally. One of the best ways that I can do this is to encourage you to update your address which is on file with the union. That can be done in two ways:

1. Register at NTEU.ORG, and update your own addresses.

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2. E-mail me at Edward.Filistowicz@NTEU23.com we'll work it out from there.

Chapter 23 will not sell or share with anyone outside of NTEU the information. We will use it when there is a need to contact you without going through your .gov address. You have to let us know your home email address, at least. If you want to be in the know, then let us know the best way to contact you! You NEED to give us your home email address.

Liberty Mutual Insurance

NTEU and Liberty Mutual have partnered to give our members a discount on home and auto insurance. Michael Lawlor can be reached at the number below or by e-mail. Please remember do not contact him while on the clock or using your government computer. But Mike comes to Boston regularly, and by appointment. Maybe you've seen him in the Cafeteria.

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