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VEBS Lunch & Learns Coming To a POD Near You

Leon Simoneau will be coming out to conduct his informative lunch & learns:

Stoneham POD – in the training room – 11:30-1 on 1/25/16

Southborough POD – in the large conference room – 11:30-1 on 2/3/16

Follow up meetings will be held after or the next day, if you submit a data card.

If you fill out a data card, you can have a one on one meeting with Leon. See David Knight for more information on the Stoneham meeting & Linda Candela on the Southborough meeting. If you need any time in addition to your lunch to attend, you can request administrative leave under the new agreement. Article 36 section 11.

Picture From The Bostonian

This month's picture is from summer 1984. I see several people that are still working, many others who have retired. If you haven't heard it from me, perhaps you've heard it from some other "lifer" – This job is cyclical. What we are in is one part of the cycle; it will come back around and be better again." As evidenced by the picture below. In July 1984 they hired 25 Revenue Agents for the Boston District. 1985-1988 they hired at least that many more in each year. Things can and will change very quickly. Just ask Tony Moore (2nd row 4th from the left.)



(Front row l to r) Marylou Pereira, JoAnn Johnson, Deborah Deltano, (co-op), Tamara Nash, Debra Royce, Natalie Darrett (co-op), Mary Sexton, Ethel Blumenthal, Eileen Mulhall. (Second row l to r) Audrey Pooles, Ann Marie Genereux, Mary Harrington, Anthony Moore, Brenda DePippo, Isaias Rodriguez, Holly Lee (co-op), Kevin Lam, Edward Berg, and Stephen Mazzei. (Third row l to r) David O'Neil, Janet Osborn, Freda Fuller, William Kalinowski, Cathleen Grant, Eugene Ostergren and Kenneth Kirkland. Not pictured—John Ball.

Transit Subsidy Update

I STILL find it hard to believe that management would still be wasting taxpayer money to refuse to pay a congressionally approved transit subsidy! I saw this in the "Litigation Update" which is an NTEU newsletter.

IRS v. FLRA, No.15-1341

Issue: Whether the FLRA erred by ordering IRS to pay retroactive mass-transit subsidies to qualified bargaining unit employees. (NTEU intervenor)

Status: On January 9, 2014, an arbitrator found that the IRS violated a collective bargaining agreement with NTEU when it did not provide retroactive transportation subsidies to qualified bargaining unit employees. After NTEU and IRS were unable to agree on how to implement this award, the arbitrator issued a supplemental award. ***IRS filed exceptions to both the initial award and the supplemental award with the FLRA, arguing that they were contrary to law.*** On July 31, 2015, the FLRA dismissed IRS's exceptions to the initial award as untimely and denied IRS's exceptions to the supplemental award. ***IRS then filed a petition for review*** of the FLRA decision with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on September 28, 2015. On October 28, 2015, NTEU filed an unopposed motion to intervene in the case.

Just another example of the fact that management does not have our best interests in mind and one more reason we need NTEU to insure management does the right thing!

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

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