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# The ACE Link

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## ACE has a new look

Thanks to Orlando Sato and ACE member Pam Butcher for designing ACE's new logo. Keep the enclosed magnet as a handy reminder to keep in touch with your fellow members and stay current on issues concerning our bargaining unit. As the logo shows, we are all truly the "hands holding up the schools."

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## Nominations open



Nominations for the office of Secretary & Treasurer will be accepted from the floor at the April 12<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. The term of office for the Secretary and Treasurer is for two years, ending in May, 2009. Nominations may also be made by calling Shirley or Alana at the ACE-APEA/

AFT office at 274-1688 or by e-mail to the ACE 2nd Vice President Corinne McVee at [McVee\\_Corinne@asdk12.org](mailto:McVee_Corinne@asdk12.org).

Nominations must be received no later than the close of the April 12<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. In order to nominate a member, he or she must be a Member in Good Standing. A Member in Good Standing is a member who signed as a member with ACE/AFT and is current on all monthly fees.

The membership meeting is on April 12<sup>th</sup> at Lake Otis Elementary Library beginning at 5:00 pm.



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## Max Gruenberg Q&A

By Corinne McVee, ACE 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

**T**he 2007 legislative session is upon us. To get a preview of upcoming legislative activities, I contacted Representative Max Gruenberg, D-Anchorage. Max is a pro-education, pro-labor representative who is now the second most senior House member.

I caught Max at home just as he was recovering from an auto accident and an illness, but neither has slowed him down. He has already been spending late nights at his office preparing for the Jan. 16 opening of the Legislature.

**Q:** What are your personal priorities for the upcoming year?

**A:** Locally, I want to do all I can to help this community pass the school bonds. I'll use whatever influence I have to help get Clark Middle School remodeled. In Juneau, I plan to work closely on ethics bills and drunk driving legislation. I favor the "ignition interlock" method for DWI second offenders, which means an intoxicated person cannot start their car. This will help keep drunk drivers off the roads and save lives.

**Q:** What do you foresee happening in the upcoming session?

**A:** Of course, everyone is waiting to see what Governor Palin's budget will look like. Committees have not been de-

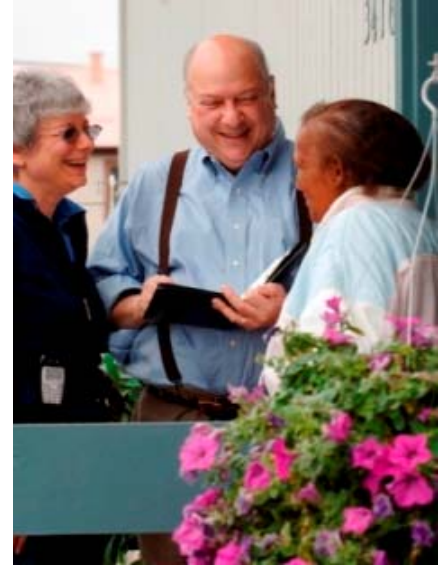
ecided yet, but I expect to be on the Judiciary and State Affairs Committees as before. I am concerned that some committees may not be staffed as they should be – for example there may be only two lawyers including myself on the Judiciary Committee – and these committee assignments are vitally important to the inner workings of the legislature.

**Q:** What about PERS/TRS?

**A:** I am concerned that the chief architect of the destructive SB 141, Burt Stedman, is co-chair of the Senate Finance Committee. This will make it tough to get curative legislation passed through him and Senate President Lyda Green. One good thing is that Bob Lynn, who helped us in the PERS/TRS fight, is chairman of State Affairs. A lot will depend on what the governor proposes. I will continue to fight for your retirement benefits.

**Q:** Anything else you would like to report?

**A:** One thing stands out from this last campaign. As I went door to door in my district, Northeast Anchorage, I received by far the most positive reception ever. I used to tread carefully, but now I feel more free to speak up on the big issues. A lot of people were glad to hear about the things I brought up such as the school bonds, ethics, fighting for working families. I appreciate that the members of my district and I are united in our philosophy about working for a better community and better state.



Max and Kayla with Mountain View resident Joyce Hines

## iPod Winner



iPod

## CONGRATULATIONS!

ACE member, Summer Suave, a Project Manager III out at Facilities, was the winner of the APEA/AFT Employee Political Information Committee (EPIC) drawing. Summer won an iPod.

# ACE Expense Report

By Sharron Harris, ACE Treasurer

Expenses	Yearly Total
Office Supplies	100
Printing	1000
Postage	200
Services	1000
Rent	400
Board/Negotiations	2000
Conferences	2500
Training	5000
Travel	3500
Dues APEA/AFT	195,000
Insurance	3500
Initiation Fees	6000
Misc	500
Appreciation	1000
Promotion	4000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>225,700.00</b>

Income	Yearly Total
Dues	244,000
Interest	3000
Initiation Fees	6000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>253,000</b>



## Upcoming ACE Meetings

**APRIL General Membership Meeting :**  
April 12, 5:00 pm  
Lake Otis Elementary

Main Agenda Item:  
Closing of nominations for Secretary  
& Treasurer

**MAY General Membership Meeting :**  
May 15, 5:00 pm  
Place to be announced

Main Agenda Item:  
Ballot count, installation of Officers and  
annual reports.

## Ethics In The Work Place- Reflections Susan Williams

At last years PSRP Professional conference I attended a session on Ethics in the Workplace: Figuring out what is right for you. It was an interesting session. It challenged us to think about our actions and what is the right thing to do as public employees.

Do you use the copier for personal use?

Do you spend time on the phone on personal calls?

Do you gossip?

Lie about your where abouts?

Use the fax for personal faxes?

Do you do personal errands while on school district business?

We learned the difference between what is moral and what is ethical.

*Moral* is concerned with the goodness or badness of human action and character.

*Ethical* is being in accordance with that accepted principles of right and wrong actions.

In any given situation-personal, professional, office, business- who can tell you what is right or wrong for you? Not your co-worker, not your supervisor, not your union, only you can say what is right for you----It has to do with your behavior in relation to your own set of morals coupled with rules and regulations that govern your worksite.

Look over the 20 Golden Keys to open the Door to an ethical workplace. Is there anything you can do to help make the Anchorage School District a more ethical place to work?



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