

Civil Service Employee Council News

February 2019



Staff Appreciation Week April 1-5

Each year, UICOMP recognizes the staff of the college with a week-long celebration, filled with fun, small gifts and banquet—**The Staff Appreciation Week (SAW)**. Everyone will have an opportunity to share their appreciation for one another (in the SAW Program), and nominate special employees for recognition.

The 2019 **Staff Appreciation Week** has been set for April 1-5. Please hold the date of Thursday evening, April 4 for the SAW Banquet. Each staff member (and spouse/significant other) is invited to attend. The SAW week events are sponsored by the CSEC (Civil Service Employee Council), and many staff have a hand in the events. Mark your calendars!

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Nominations are now being accepted for *The Rose Award*.



This Rose Award, given at the SAW Banquet, is a special award given in the name of Rose Bacon, a former employee at UICOMP who embodied kindness and warmth, every day. (To read more about Rose, click on the website link below.) Employees nominated for this award should have a positive attitude, courage in the midst of adversity, humility, friendliness, selflessness, and work to spread cheer and warmth throughout every workday. To nominate an employee who you believe embodies these qualities, follow the instructions on the Rose instructions on the award nomination form [here](#) an submit to the Civil Service Employees Council by the end of the day on **March 1, 2019**, either via email at CSEC@uic.edu or in-house mail to CSEC, Attn: Rose Award.

Remember: The letter describing your nominee will be the **only** source of information with which the council will vote. *You may not include the nominee's name, department, or title in the body of the letter*, so be sure to take your time to communicate the nominee's unique qualities.

To learn more about the Rose Award, visit <http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/csec/rose-award/>

Community Chest

The **Community Chest** is a fund that supports civil service staff members facing any kind of hardship. You may nominate yourself or a co-worker by sending an email request to Shelby smille59@uic.edu or Kira Healey kira@uic.edu. If we can help pay your electric bill or buy the tire that blew because all your money has gone to medical bills, for example, then the fund can assist.

Thanks to everyone involved in the donations to the *Fresh Food Drive* in January! **We collected 50.1kg of fruit/veggies**, all of which were offered immediately the following weekend at *Loaves & Fishes* food pantry.



Loaves & Fishes was very grateful, and said that the end of the month is the greatest time of need for the people of the community. They were very thankful for the freshness and variety of the donated fruits and veggies.

The Feb 2019 *Fresh Food Drive* collection will be in the North Building on Friday, February 22nd.

- Thank you, on behalf of CSEC (Civil Service Employee Council), UICOMP Healthy Kids U., and the Good Food Recovery Program



WHO'S WHO in the CSEC

Meet Karen Wyman



Hello! My name is Karen Wyman. I am in my second year at UICOMP, working in Academic Affairs as a Medical Education Program Specialist and as the coordinator for the Caterpillar Faculty Scholars Fellowship. This is my first year on the council. I love reading, scrapbooking, watching movies and spending time with family and friends. I also enjoy working with Habitat for Humanity. I have been an adult literacy volunteer with the YWCA in Pekin for three years and am always looking for new volunteer opportunities



This 'N' That

- **DID YOU KNOW?** When you buy a bag of popcorn from the CSEC, for just 50¢ a bag, you have a delicious popcorn treat AND help raise funds for a good cause!
- **February 6, 11:30-1:00 is our next popcorn sale. Advance orders accepted!**
- **Donate to our Fresh Food Drive to help local residents have healthy food options.**
- **Volunteer opportunities will be announced in these pages throughout the year.**





Who has gone "above and beyond" to help you with a work project or has done something that made your day? Recognize that special co-worker's contribution with a statement of appreciation published in the newsletter and a certificate that will be sent to them on your behalf. Nominate your special co-worker by sending the details about why they are a "Class Act" to Shelby Miller at smille59@uic.edu.

Lucky Charms Are Coming in March



Lucky Charms, like the TurkeyGrams in November, are a fun way to tell your co-workers that you think they are wonderful. For just \$1, you can tell those special people "I appreciate you" and give them a little treat. Your CSEC representative will have details soon.



Check out the CSEC Webpage:

Stop by the Civil Service Employee Council (CSEC) Webpages to see who your CSEC Representatives are, and to learn about CSEC activities at

<http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/csec/>



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~ Marcel Proust