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Members:

SECOND HARVEST FOODBANK DRIVE

Thank you to all of you who responded to the membership poll, voting for a celebration and/or donation! The tally was overwhelmingly in favor of both the celebrations (includes WTP visits) and the \$400 donation to the Second Harvest Food Bank. When this amount is coupled with the fundraising efforts of our SHFB drive and those awesome mini-socials, District staff and our unions will be proud to present a generous donation this year. Our Halloween kick off was such fun that now a large group of employees from all three bargaining units are working on an offsite holiday event for all employees—for fun and for Second Harvest! Stay tuned for the details.

A huge thank you to all the folks who are working hard to make this a successful campaign and to those of you who are contributing.

You don't have to be jobless or homeless to be in need of a helping hand. Giving of yourself by any means and in any amount will help and, it just *feels good*. **Please consider signing up to help with food packing. Dates are Tuesday, November 26; Thursday, December 12; Thursday, December 19, 2013.** I will be packing on November 26 and I know we still need hands that evening—come join me!

Details are in the “More News” section of the District home page, or you can contact Michele Keefhaver, x3142.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our December meeting will be held in the HQ Boardroom and **we will provide a hot lunch, drinks and dessert. Your RSVP is important so we can get a good head count.** If you have not yet responded to the meeting request, please do it now. We will be in touch with members at the water treatment plants (or you can feel free to call me directly!) to get dates for us to bring a meeting to you in December.

In addition to *updates on a variety of active issues*, also on the agenda:

- *Swearing in of newly elected Officers*
- *Recognition of Retiring Members*
- *2014 Draft Budget*
- *Door Prizes!*

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Retirement congratulations to **Ramona Ramstead**. Ramona's official retirement date is December 20, but her last physical day at work is today—*best wishes!*

Some staff may be taking time off next week so let me say now, on behalf of your EA leadership, have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday.

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