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Ski Country UniServ Membership Continues to Grow

In the previous Ski Country Educator we reported that membership was up in Ski Country by 30 members. Since then our membership has grown by an additional 25 members. Putting our total membership at over 1,180. Last year in March our membership was 1,127.

Eagle County EA, Lake County EA, Mountain EA (Colorado Mountain College), Roaring Fork Community EA, East Grand EA, and Summit County EA should especially be congratulated for their efforts in membership growth.

Membership growth should always be our number one priority. It is true that our success as an Association will bring greater membership. But, it is also true, that without a solid membership base, success is always more difficult. It has been shown that a membership of 50% of potential members speaking as one will achieve a 50% success rate. 75% will achieve a 75% success rate. Imagine what we could accomplish with 100% membership.

So, keep talking to those potential members. Tell them why you are a member and why it is important that we are all members.

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**The following members set to attend CEA Delegate Assembly April 10th
through 12th.**

Ski Country will be well represented again at this year's CEA Delegate Assembly. The following members will be representing their locals in Denver on the 10th, 11th, and 12th of April.

Aspen EA – Jeff White, Deb Stein, and Caroline Hanson
Moffat County EA – Craig Smith, Krista Schenck, Renae Dove, and Michele Conroy
Eagle County EA – Ruth Moroney, Todd Huck, Meredith Deem, and Tanya Caruso
Summit County EA – Beth Flaherty, Janet McDermott, Jamie Sherman, and Kendra Carpenter
Lake County EA – Mike Ard and Nickel Morgan
Roaring Fork Community EA – Noel Gannett

Moffat County School District wins prestigious CEA Award

The Moffat County School District will be presented with the Coloradan Award at this year's CEA Delegate Assembly in April. The Coloradan Award recognizes an individual or an organization for service in support of education at the state level.

Administrators, school board members, and association members from Moffat County worked with Representative Al White, CEA lobbyists, and Governor Ritter throughout last year's legislative session, to help pass the Governor's property tax stabilization bill. The so-called "freeze of state wide mill levy property tax bill" brought a significant increase in funding to schools in various parts of Colorado, including the Moffat County School District.

Moffat County School Board member JoAnn Baxter, Superintendent Pete Bergman, Vice Superintendent Joel Sheridan, and CEA member Michele Conroy will be at the Assembly to accept the award from President Beverly Ingle and Representative Al White. A reception will follow the award ceremony to honor the recipients of the Coloradan Award, as well as all CEA award winners.

JoAnn Baxter is a retired member of CEA/NEA and was a longtime member and leader in Ski Country UniServ, CEA, and NEA.

Please join us in congratulating the Moffat County School District and those mentioned above. Also join us in expressing our deep appreciation in their efforts in making a significant contribution to public education in Colorado.

**President Todd Huck of the Eagle County Education Association
quoted in latest edition of the NEA Today magazine.**

If you haven't read the March edition of the NEA Today you might check out page 40. Included on that page is a quote from Todd Huck, president of the Eagle County Education Association along with Human Resources Director Jason Glass.

The subject is Pay for Performance. Alain Jahlen, reporter for the NEA Today, spoke with Jason and Todd a month before the article appeared to get information about their pay for performance program.

It's always great to see our Ski Country members and leaders in the news, especially a nation wide magazine.

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and Home Insurance and NEA Member Benefits**

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In 2004, there were 2 million burglaries nationwide, each averaging a \$1,600 loss. With spring break right around the corner, follow these tips for securing your home, and get one step closer to a stress-free vacation.

- Place your mail on hold and put indoor lights on a timer to make your house look occupied.
- Leave a house key and contact info with a trusted friend or a family member and ask them to periodically check on your home.
- Lock all ground-floor windows. Trim bushes near windows and clear the yard of potential hiding spots.
- Install motion-activated lights in the front and back yards.
- Unplug your garage opener and manually lock the garage door.
- Move valuable household items out of sight and consider getting an alarm system.
- Shut off your water, unplug electrical appliances, and set your temperature controls to energy-saving levels.

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