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What's Inside: Hip, Historical & Hot IAWP Conference; Commissioner Announces "Brain Gain" Initiative; PS&T Tuition Voucher Program; Japan's Shrinking Workforce; US DOL/VETS REALifelines Program; Start Steering your Career; IAWP Training where you live . . .

Hip, Historical & Hot: IAWP Educational Conference – by Susan Riley – 1st VP

The IAWP Educational Conference -June 8-12 was HIP, Historical & HOT! Mike – NY Chapter President, Jeanne – District II Director, Dorothy Grant – Metro Sub-Chapter President, Linda Chapman – Southern Tier Sub-Chapter President & I attended. First time attendees Dorothy & Linda enjoyed it very much. About 300 members attended.

Highlights were: Mike was asked to light the Memorial candle as New York lost Lori Puglisi, Harry McKeown & Sybil Joshua this past year. Sybil was honored at the Retiree luncheon and again at the International Panel & donations made in her memory to the International fund. At the PIP's luncheon Harry was missed.

Lee Foley spoke well regarding Legislative issues and a report will be in the Newspaper. He said the main reason Ireland's economy is doing so well is that they gave lucrative tax incentives to businesses to hire employees and gave two years of tuition to legal residents to attend college.

Workshops were well attended. The International Panel spoke : Russia & the Ukraine sends many millions of workers to other European countries to work . Next year the conference will be in Rapid City, South Dakota & in 2010 Greenville, South Carolina. I hope more New York Members can attend.

Southern Tier Subchapter

PEF Region 5 Activities - Save the Date:

PEF Division 281 in conjunction with IAWP –Southern Tier Sub-chapter – will hold its annual clam bake on **Friday, August 8, 2008** at Mountain Top Grove in Binghamton. See PEF bulletin board for posted flyers with more information.

PEF Division 399 – has chartered a "family friendly" bus to Yankee Stadium **Sunday, August 31, 2008**

Statewide

Commissioner Announces "Brain Gain" Initiative

Commissioner Smith recently announced nearly \$26 million in strategic investments across the state to help train workers and revitalize local economies. These investments include funds to promote emerging and significant industries such as biotech and advanced manufacturing; meaningful internships to successfully transition youth to the world of work; and training grants awarded to businesses to help them train their workers. Press events were held in Schenectady on June 30 and in Binghamton on July 1 to announce these grants in each region.

International

Japan's Shrinking Workforce

When the French head of Chanel's branch in [Japan](#), Richard Collasse, first met that country's former prime minister, he confided that he and his Japanese wife were doing their best to counteract a falling birthrate. He told Junichiro Koizumi that the Collasses have five children. "That makes two-and-a-half," said the prime minister.

This is also the Japanese attitude toward immigration. That is, you're not Japanese unless you're fully Japanese--by blood, birth, and education. Extra points if you work for a big "[Japan Inc.](#)" firm; demerits if your employer is foreign or if you've worked abroad. By Chana R. Schoenberger 05.29.08, 6:00 PM ET TOKYO Read the entire article online at: http://www.forbes.com/opinions/2008/05/25/immigration-labor-visa-oped-cx_crs_outsourcing08_0529japan.html

National

Veterans

The US DOL/VETS REALifelines Program is designed to ensure that transitioning service members and veterans who received wounds or injuries in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) or Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) obtain the services they need to make a successful transition to the civilian workforce.

Educational Opportunities

Governor's Office of Employee Relations (GOER)

Start Steering your Career – *Office of Staff and Organizational Development* Announces Web-Based E-Learning Course entitled: The Dynamics of Interaction

The *Office of Staff and Organizational Development* has been informed that the Governor's Office of Employee Relations (GOER) is announcing the *College Tuition Reimbursement (CTR) and Voucher Alternative (VALT) Programs* covering state fiscal years 2007 – 2008 and 2008 – 2009 for employees in the Professional, Scientific and Technical Services (PS&T) bargaining unit. The State/Public Employees Federation Professional Development Committee met and agreed to establish these programs.

IAWP Training where you live . . .

District: On average, 1,500 members benefit from more than 100 hours of training presented at multi-chapter (district) institutes.

Chapter: Chapter institutes and conventions offer more than 600 hours of training to an average of 5,000 attendees per year.

Subchapter: Training is available at the local level through subchapter institutes, where an average of 2,500 members participate in more than 300 hours of educational activities.

You are IAWP

IAWP is dedicated to advancing the field of workforce development through education, research, legislative action, financial support, international networking, and useful publications.

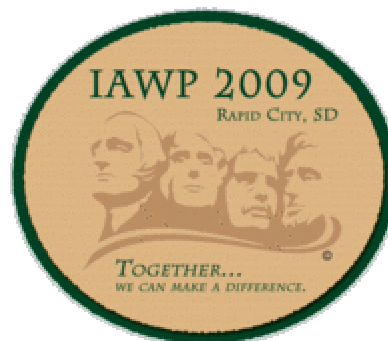
We hope you will find the information on this website useful, and encourage you to join your fellow workforce professionals as we develop professionals for today and tomorrow.

You're at home at our home; we are only a click away: <http://www.iawponline.org/>

Conference Corner

Thinking about your future, want to hear the latest about what's going on with our Workforce, mark your calendars and plan to attend:

"Together We Can Make a Difference".



June 14-17, 2009 - Holiday Inn Rushmore Plaza

Future Conferences

2010 - Greenville, SC (June 27-30)

2011 - St. Louis, MO (Tentative Dates - June 26-29)