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Last week Governor Edward G. Rendell hosted a historic meeting of the President-elect and Vice President-elect and more than 40 of the nation's governors to discuss how they can help President-elect Obama's efforts to put the economy back on track and put Americans back to work. Governor Rendell serves as Chairman of the National Governors Association (NGA).

In particular, the governors stressed that they are not asking Washington to solve state budget shortfalls, emphasizing that they must do the hard work to resolve their own fiscal situations.

According to the National Governors Association, 41 states now face serious budget deficits. In Pennsylvania, Governor Rendell's administration has, to date, identified \$350 million in cuts to help keep the 2008-09 budget balanced while preserving crucial services. The Governor has asked state agency heads to continue to identify additional budget reductions so that the state finishes the year with a balanced budget.

The NGA was unified in its call for the federal government to step up quickly with new funding for infrastructure improvements as a sound strategy to put Americans to work and to improve the nation's public assets. The governors outlined more than \$136 billion in infrastructure projects from bridge and levee repairs, water system upgrades, school construction, transit systems improvements and electricity grid improvements that are critical to the nation's competitiveness and urgently needed to address rising unemployment levels.

"We were here to share our expertise and express our willingness to help fashion this recovery plan," Governor Rendell said. "We also asked that the needs of our citizens be directly addressed by this plan, including extended un-

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What's going on Next Week.....

"Resumes & Cover Letters"

Presented by Sharone G.

Mon, December 15th, 9:00-11:30

"Intro to CareerLink Services"

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, December 16th, 10:00-11:00

"Interview Basics"

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, December 16th, 12-1:30 pm

"Salary Negotiation"

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, December 16th, 1:30-2:00

"Computer Basics"

Presented by Ken O.

Fri., December 19th, 9-10:00 am

employment insurance, increased Food Stamp resources, more federal action on housing foreclosure and state aid to cover the rising numbers of individuals seeking health care after losing their jobs.

“We support strongly the infrastructure revitalization program; it can be a short-run solution to the economic challenges facing the country. It is the only plan out there that will add jobs to the American economy. It will put Americans back to work, and we believe it can be done quickly.”

Governor Rendell and other governors discussed a temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage to help states cope with the rising number of unemployed citizens seeking health care coverage from the state.

“Because of the hard economic times, the safety net health care programs that the states administer have faced increased pressure as people lose their jobs. Federal help in addressing the demand for state-subsidized health care will help make sure we don’t have to cut needed services or increase taxes, both of which would have a countercyclical effect on the economy,” Governor Rendell said.

The President-elect welcomed the governors’ input and called on members of Congress to work in a bipartisan fashion to develop a solid recovery plan.

“I know these are difficult times. We’re going to have to make hard choices in the months ahead about how to invest these tax dollars... the money that we spend is going to be well-spent,” President-elect Obama said. “We’re going to need action, and need action quickly.”

Happy December Birthday to
Mary ElKasas Ken Oakman



The month of December is full of special days– not just the event of the “big” guys arrival! Here’s a sampling of the others:

December is Bingo Month

1st	World Aids Awareness Day	12th	Poinsettia Day
6th	St. Nicholas Day	14th	International Children’s Day
7th	Pearl Harbor Day	15th	Bill of Rights Day
9th	National Pastry	21st	First day of Winter
10th	Human Rights Day	22nd	Hanukkah



Holiday Thought

By Nancy Henry



"Once again we find ourselves enmeshed in the Holiday Season, that very special time of year when we join with our loved ones in sharing centuries-old traditions such as trying to find a parking space at the mall. We traditionally do this in my family by driving around the parking lot until we see a shopper emerge from the mall, then we follow her, in very much the same spirit as the Three Wise Men, who 2,000 years ago followed a star, week after week, until it led them to a parking space."



TEAMOLOGY

TEAM: A number of persons associated together in work or activity to perform a common goal.



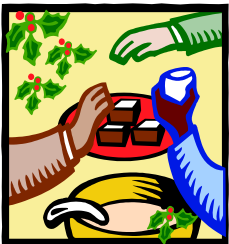
State Civil Service Reminders...



The State Civil Service Commission (SCSC) does **not** charge a fee for any services provided to applicants. This includes civil service job information, applications, forms or examinations. Information about civil service jobs and examinations can be found by visiting the SCSC website at www.scsc.state.pa.us, visiting a SCSC office located in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh or Philadelphia or calling 717-787-7811.

In order to prepare for an examination, the SCSC recommends applicants thoroughly read the nature of work and the minimum requirements on the civil service test announcement. The civil service test announcement highlights the examined subject matter areas. Applicants should review reference books and/or periodicals related to the subject areas prior to the examination in order to obtain the best possible score.

If you are asked to pay a fee to obtain civil service job information, an application or to take a civil service examination, you should contact the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection to file a complaint at 1-800-441-2555, or visit www.attorneygeneral.gov to file electronically.



Careerlink Social Committee TEAM

Let the Festivities Begin! The PA CareerLink Monroe County Holiday Party will be at Mt. Airy Resort Casino Friday, December 12th starting at 5 pm for a pre-dinner drink with a 6 pm seating at the Buffet. Time is running out to get your money in! Any questions-please see any member of the Social Committee (Debbie H., Donna G., Donna S., Charlie or Mary).



Careerlink TEAM Meeting Schedule

Administration Team: Wednesday, December 10th at 10:00 am.

Business Services Team: Tuesday, December 16th at 2:00 pm.

Career Guidance Team: Thursday, December 19th at 9:00 am.

Customer Information & Resource Team: Wednesday, January 7th at 2:30 pm.



JOB ORDERS Spotlight



Swiftwater Family Practice

—Medical Assistant
-web 609472

Bruce Denlinger Allstate

—Licensed Insurance Agent
-web 609239

Linda's Full Service Salon

—Cosmetologist
-web 609024



Pocono Lutheran Village

—Housekeeper
-web 608148

FMS East Stroudsburg Dialysis

—Evening Patient Care Technician
-web 608652

H & R Block

—Receptionist
-web 609608



Writing on the Wall

**If we'd only stop
trying to be happy
we'd have a pretty good time.**

-Edith Wharton

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