

DOE Combined Federal Campaign under way

Department of Energy employees have received or will be receiving pledge envelopes and forms for the Combined Federal Campaign for United Way. The goals this year are to raise \$122,000, add 21 new givers and maintain or increase the average per-employee gift of \$340. The campaign also seeks five new "vintners" (those who donate \$1,000 or more). The campaign runs through Oct. 26.

Match made in heaven

A partnership recently established between the local United Way and Williams Gas Pipeline Corporation has made it possible to have donations matched. Williams Corporation will match new and increased 2001 contributions dollar-for-dollar. For example, if you increase your payroll deduction by \$5, Williams Corporation will match the increase. If you're a new contributor, your entire contribution will be matched. This matching offer is for contributions made after Oct. 1 of this year and paid by the end of 2002, and the matching funds will go toward next year's campaign.

September 11 Relief Fund

You can still donate to the September 11 Relief Fund without being bound by the dates of the campaign. Be sure to specify on the form that the donation is to the September 11 Relief Fund by writing "Sept. 11 Fund" or "9-11-01 Fund" somewhere on the form. If you donate by check, make the check out to the September 11 Relief Fund.

All checks will go to the United Way Tri-State Office. Any contributions made by payroll deduction will first go to our local United Way office and have the overhead and handling costs taken out.

To learn more about the organizations that may be eligible to receive September 11 Relief Fund donations, see the United Way of America Web site, www.unitedway.org, the Tri-State Area (New York) United Way site, www.uwtristate.org, or call the local United Way office at 783-4102.

Co-Vintner forms

Combined contributions from a DOE employee and that of the employee's spouse or significant other which total \$1,000 or more will qualify you for the Vintner Club. A Co-Vintner form may be requested from your division rep.

There are a few changes to the form this year. It no longer has boxes to check for vintner or, more noticeably, for Eagle donors. (An Eagle contribution represents 1 percent or more of your gross salary.) To specify an Eagle donation, write "Eagle" somewhere on the form. Vintner donors are more easily noticeable because the amount would be \$1,000 or more. If you are a vintner contributor, write "Vintner" somewhere on the form.

The form is easy to follow. If you received a preprinted form, the top line has been filled in for you; just complete the second line. If you're contributing by payroll deduction, enter your Social Security number (not necessary if you're contributing by check or cash. If you do not wish to contribute, just write "NO Donation" or "N/A" across the form and turn it in for administrative and tracking purposes.

The campaign ends on Oct. 26 (an "off" Friday), so please turn in your forms before that date. If you have any questions, contact CFC company coordinator Kimberly Williams at 373-1646 or assistant coordinator Gigi Branch at 376-7942. ♦



At an "inmates' breakfast" to kick off the Department of Energy Combined Federal Campaign, directors and managers of the DOE-RL Office of the Associate Manager for Science and Technology, known as AMT, try to "raise bail" to get themselves out of jail. AMT staff members joined their management during visiting hours on Oct. 9. The AMT inmates are, left to right, Julie Erickson, Joe Wiley, Debbie Trader and Roger Christensen.