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Subject: Happy St. Patricks Day!...Here are your weekly updates

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We are all Irish on St. Patty's Day....

Who Was St. Patrick? ..The patron saint of Ireland was a resident of Britain, born in 387 and enslaved by pirates at age 16. After receiving a vision from God, he spent decades preaching the gospel throughout Ireland and converted thousands to Christianity.

Exciting New Benefits for CFT/CFOP/AFT members - A new home financing program through Amalgamated Bank with competitive rates, exclusive discounts and more....Free College Benefit; this new benefit offers members and their families an accessible, debt-free and convenient higher education opportunity. Click [here](#) for more info or visit: <https://www.aft.org/member-benefits>.

CFT/CFOP Scholarship Applications - are now available. Every year CFT/CFOP awards scholarships to high school senior children of CFT/CFOP members. The guidelines and applications are available on our website. Click [here](#) for more information. CFOP Members who are pursuing their own education are also eligible to apply. There are separate applications for each type on our [website](#). Click now because the application deadline is April 6, 2018!

The first parade in St. Patrick's honor is thought to have been in 1762, when a gathering of Irish soldiers in the British Army paraded down lower Broadway in New York to celebrate their homeland.

Planning to Retire Within the Next 5 years? - The Annual VOYA/CFT Retirement Workshop has been scheduled. If you are planning to retire this year or within the next 5 years, please plan to attend one of the two workshops to understand what happens to your sick leave conversion upon your retirement date. Both workshops will be held on the same day:

- **When:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018
- **Where:** CFT/CFOP Office - 2055 Reading Rd., Suite 120, 45202
- **Times:** 3:30 pm & 5:00 pm

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CFT/CFOP Resolutions - At the membership meeting on March 14, 2018, the CFT/CFOP membership adopted the following resolutions:

- **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MEASURES TO END GUN 1 VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS**
- **RESOLUTION OPPOSING JANUS v AMERICAN FEDERATION OF 1 STATE, COUNTY, AND 2 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES**

APRIL 2018 CFOP Membership Meeting - is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2018 @ 5:00 pm at the CFT/CFOP Office located at 2055 Reading Rd. Suite 120. This meeting is NOT listed on the district calendar, so please save the date. Tentative Agenda Item: 2nd reading and vote on constitutional changes. Thank you to everyone who attended our meeting on Thursday, March 15. We challenge each of you who attended, to bring one other person with you in April!

Why all the Shamrocks? St. Patrick was said to have used the three-leaf clover to demonstrate the Holy Trinity to potential converts.

Annual Biometric Screening at the CFT/CFOP Office - June 2, 2018. [Click here](#) for information about how to make an appointment

Shed those winter blues and think green - We have the perfect antidote-join us for 8 weeks at the beautiful Avon Fields on Reading Road, just 5 minutes from the Ed Center. For nearly 50 years CFT has sponsored the Schoolmasters Golf League for women and men looking for fun and exercise in a natural setting. It's a very lay back league and golf skills are certainly not a prerequisite.

We start Tuesday, April 10 and conclude on May 29. Tee off times for the nine holes are 3:10-4:20.m Contact league president Joe Wilmers at wilmers@fuse.net if you would like to join in the fun.

The old Southern town of Savannah is home to a large Irish American population and throws one of the biggest annual celebrations in the country.

SAVE these IMPORTANT DATES:

- **April 16 - 20, 2018 - BR Election Week.** Information to be distributed after Break.
- **Saturday, May 5th, 2018 - Annual CFT/CFOP Retirement Luncheon** for 2017-18 Retirees at Cincinnati Netherland Hilton. If you are retiring this year, watch your mailbox for invitation.

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- **Friday, May 18th, 2018 - CFT/CFOP End of the Year Celebration** @ Taft's Ale House

STRS Retirement Preparation Seminar - Contact STRS to sign up. The information presented at the seminar is also available as a webinar. (This is different from the VOYA/CFT seminar mentioned above)

April 5, 2018 · 6-8 p.m.

Sharonville Convention Center

11355 Chester Road

Cincinnati, OH 45246

Surveys are important or no-one would take the time to create and evaluate the results. Please take some time to complete the following surveysyour opinion is your voice and it counts!

- **Compensation Improvement Survey** - The Treasurer's Office is asking ALL employees to complete a Compensation Improvement Survey. The data collected will help to improve the data integrity and payroll processes. The survey will be open from March 2 - March 16, 2018. Please take this survey. If employees don't participate when the Board finally asks our opinions, they will quit asking. Click the following link to participate: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1A9dF7ghawPoLHIKazEajyopGPEPLtEjg7rWkbibiOLO>
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CFOP Members - submit your ideas for the new **DEEP DIVE into your CONTRACT** session to ksingleton@cft-aft.org.

Overload Payments - Due to Spring Break and schedule Board Meetings for March, overload payments may not be issued until April 20th, 2018.

Celebration organizers dye a segment of the Chicago River green using a mysterious powder. Its formula is "top secret," according to the Chicago Tribune, but officials say it is environmentally friendly.

And the final piece of St. Patrick's Day Trivia: **13 million pints** are chugged on the holiday, compared with 5.5 million on an average day, according to Tourism Ireland. Cheers!

THIS IS A REMINDER TO EVERYONE: The difference between a misdemeanor and a felony is misdemeanor driving under the influence charges means that the charge involved no injury or property damage and the penalty is up to 6 months in jail, whereas a felony 1) has injury and the penalty could be as much as three years in a state prison, or 2) prior misdemeanors, or 3) one prior felony DUI in the last 10 years. PLEASE DON'T DRINK & DRIVE!

As always, if there is a colleague in your building who is not receiving our emails, please don't hesitate to have them contact ksingleton@cft-aft.org to get on the list. This is important information, and everyone needs to have it!

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