

# Union Membership Booklet 2008-2009

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AFT Local 943, IFT, AFL-CIO  
**SOUTHWEST SUBURBAN  
FEDERATION OF TEACHERS**



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## AFT Local 943 Senate Meeting Schedule

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### Meetings begin at 4:45 p.m. at Local 943

15521 S. 70<sup>th</sup> Court, Orland Park, IL 60462  
[155<sup>th</sup> street (Wheeler); East of Harlem Avenue]  
Light dinner served at 4:30 p.m.

**Second Tuesday of the Month**  
(except April)

**September 9, 2008**

(Presidents/Treasurers workshop  
immediately after Senate meeting)

**October 14, 2008**

**December 9, 2008**

**February 10, 2009**

**April 7, 2009**

**May 12, 2009**

The AFT Local 943 senate is the governing body of the local. The latest, most relevant information on matters such as union policies, professional concerns, negotiations, legislative issues, recertification and politics are discussed, reviewed and disseminated.

Each council president is an automatic senator to Local 943. Councils are then allowed additional senators according to the number of members.

ALL COUNCILS ARE EXPECTED TO BE REPRESENTED AT SENATE MEETINGS. In the event a council president or senator cannot attend, another representative should be in attendance. Any member is welcome to attend but only those duly appointed or elected senators will be eligible to vote.

If you are interested in representing your council at the local level, please contact your council president.

For more information, please call Local 943.

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## Local 943 Officers, Executive Board and Staff

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President .....Kathy Setlak  
Vice President.....Deneen Pajeau  
(Teacher - Orland Park S.D. 135)  
Vice President.....Bob Goldsbury  
(Teacher - Alsip S.D. 126)  
Vice President.....Mary Stockwell  
(Teacher - Ridgeland S.D. 122 )  
Treasurer .....Sue Mirabella  
Secretary .....Dawn Stanovich  
Executive Board Member .....Karen Kendall  
(Head Bookkeeper - Orland Park S.D. 135)

Executive Board Member .....Karen Smith  
(Teacher—Sahs 110)  
Executive Board Member .....Donna Rehm  
(School Nurse—Orland Park S.D. 135)

Webmaster and Membership  
Services Specialist .....Judy Spirakes  
ER&D Local Site Coordinator .....Mary Stockwell  
IFT Field Service Director.....Emilie Junge  
IFT Field Service Director.....Tonia Havard-Dew  
IFT Support Staff.....Laura Kies

**Save the Date: Friday, October 3, 2008 -- Local 943's Open House -- Come see the new Union office**

# Benefits for Local 943 Union Members



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**AFT +**  
Member Benefits

In addition to benefits listed at [www.aftplus.org](http://www.aftplus.org) and in "The Community Advantage" booklet, Local 943 has negotiated even more discounts, programs and services available to members of the Southwest Suburban Federation of Teachers. Below are a few of those benefits. For a complete list, visit our website, [www.aft943.org](http://www.aft943.org) and click on the Benefits button.

**United Credit Union** – Membership in the credit union makes you an owner in a full-service, convenience-oriented financial institution! United returns its profits to you in the form of higher dividends on your savings, lower interest rates on your loans, and services designed personally for you. It's easy to join, for information call toll free: 1-800-848-3444 or visit [www.unitedcreditunion.com](http://www.unitedcreditunion.com). Offices located at 4444 S. Pulaski, Chicago, IL 773-376-6000 and 9730 S. Western Ave, Evergreen Park, IL 773-843-9300.

**Homeowners Club of America** – Homeowners Club of America™ is a unique benefit program not available to the general public that provides sizable discounts on most services associated with a home sale or purchase. For a Homeowners Kit fully explaining the cost-free benefits simply call toll free: 1-800-985-5319 or visit their web sites at [www.hca-il.com](http://www.hca-il.com) or [www.oaklawnclosings.com](http://www.oaklawnclosings.com).

**Save with AAA** – Exclusive AAA-Chicago Motor Club membership benefits for Southwest Suburban Federation of Teachers, Local 943 members include: exclusive rates on AAA membership save up to 20% the first year, discounts which can save you up to 20% or more at thousands of retailers nationwide, 24-hour roadside assistance, free TripTik® routings, TourBook® guides and maps. Contact For more information, please contact AAA Agent: Yugonda Graves at 708-781-4605 or [ydgraves@aaachicago.com](mailto:ydgraves@aaachicago.com).

**Reduced Legal Fees** – The Illinois Federation of Teachers and the following law firms have an agreement which provides IFT members with reductions of approximately 25% in regular legal and hourly fees with two free consultations of up to 30 minutes each for personal matters. When calling an attorney, tell them that you belong to Local 943 and the Illinois Federation of Teachers.

**Gilbert Cornfield 312-236-7800**

Cornfield & Feldman  
Chicago

**Donald Levy**

Skokie

**847-568-1300**

**Michael B. Goldberg**

**and Louis I. Lang 312-464-1200**

Goldberg, Weisman & Cairo, Ltd.  
Chicago

**Steven B. Levy**

Naperville & Schaumburg

**630-416-6300**

**847-605-1260**

**Charles Orlove 312-372-1646**

Jacobs, Burns, Orlove, Stanton & Hernandez  
Chicago

**Kerry Peck**

Peck, Bloom, Austriaco & Mitchell  
Chicago

**312-201-0900**

For the latest up-to-date information on discounts and benefits,  
visit our website, [www.aft943.org](http://www.aft943.org)  
or contact AFT Plus at 1-800-238-1133, ext. 8643 or [www.aftplus.org](http://www.aftplus.org).

**When calling about any benefit, identify yourself as a member of Local 943 of the Illinois Federation of Teachers / American Federation of Teachers.**

# Educational Research and Dissemination (ER&D) Program

## Fall, 2008 Course Descriptions and Registration

Local 943 is pleased to present to its members a research-based professional development program created by the American Federation of Teachers known as ER&D. These quality staff development courses are available to all teachers and paraprofessionals. The goal is to encourage educators and school employees to improve their practice and student achievement by using research based techniques and strategies.

### ❖ Thinking Math

This course focuses on research about how children learn mathematics and how these findings can be applied in the classroom. Ten principles capture practices that lead to a better understanding of math for *all students* and are *applicable at all levels*. In this course, they are exemplified through the research on counting, addition and subtraction. The course takes a broader look at the importance of patterns and relationships throughout math, addresses the kind of questioning that promotes thinking in math class, and provides a framework for thinking about curriculum and lessons.

**\*This course will meet on Mondays for 10 weeks beginning October 6, 2008, from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Local 943 office, 15521 S. 70<sup>th</sup> Court, (155<sup>th</sup> Street, East of Harlem), Orland Park, Illinois.**

### ❖ Managing Anti-social Behavior

The anti-social actions of a small but powerful number of students in school not only put their own academic success at risk, but threaten the learning environment for everyone. This course presents research on emotional and behavioral problems of students who consistently act out. Participants will learn strategies to reduce and/or prevent the occurrence of disruptive or dangerous outbreaks.

**\* This course will meet on Wednesdays for 10 weeks beginning October 15, 2008 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. at the Local 943 office, 15521 S. 70<sup>th</sup> Court, (155<sup>th</sup> Street, East of Harlem), Orland Park, Illinois.**

### **COURSE CREDIT**

Each course offers both teachers and paraprofessionals 30 hours credit. TEACHERS will receive 30 CPDU's and can apply for two hours of graduate credit from Governors State University. PARAPROFESSIONALS can obtain two hours of undergraduate credit from Prairie State Community College towards their certificates. Participants register for college credit, for an additional cost, at the first class meeting. *Members are responsible for the additional cost of taking the course for credit.*

### **REGISTRATION**

The cost of each course is \$50.00 payable to Local 943 at the time of registration. To register you can log on to the 943 website ([www.aft943.org](http://www.aft943.org)) or complete the registration form below. If you have any questions, please call Local 943 at 708.633.0943 x 221.

### **Registration Form** - - - - -

Please return this form and a \$50 (per course) check or money order made payable to Local 943 to:  
Southwest Suburban Federation of Teachers, Local 943 ER&D, 15521 S. 70<sup>th</sup> Ct., Orland Park, IL 60462.

\_\_\_\_ Thinking Math (begins Oct 6, 2008)      \_\_\_\_ Managing Antisocial Behavior (begins Oct 15, 2008)

NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Email: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name & District Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title or Grade / Subject you teach: \_\_\_\_\_