

As of 1 January 2012
Gary Schabert 1st Vice President of AFGE Local 1969
will be assuming the duties as AFGE Local 1969 Safety Office.

I will be making Environmental of care rounds starting in January 2012. If you have any concerns about Safety please send me an E-mail or call the Union office at ext-2203. You will note that I will be updating you on safety issues and concerns on your www.AFGELocal1969.org website in January there is an article on preventing slips, trips and falls.

Please take a moment and visit you Union website www.afgelocal1969.org for upcoming events and Union activities your local is involved in your behalf. This past month at December 2011 Union meeting AFGE Local 1969 voted not to Ratify Article 67, Skills Certification and ratification form. This skills certification is a requirement for appropriate employees of Veterans Benefits Administration who are responsible for processing claims for compensation and pension benefits.

I wish to thank all the members that attended AFGE Local Union Holiday Party. We had over 400 members attend this function on the 16 December 2011 at the Crown Plaza Hotel. I would like to thank Mr. Stevie Ray who provided the music during the evening, the Crown Plaza staff that really made a very pleasant event for everyone and all of the AFGE steward's hard work that put on this event for its members and family. Some of the activities during the Holiday Party included hula hoop contest, the best dressed Hawaiian Attire contest, limbo contest and decorating cookies by the children. The following members received cash prizes while attend Holiday Party – Mr. Dick Kohls, Mr. Tom Keyms, Mr. Ted Leigh, Ms. Carla Drumbeater, and Ms. Katherine Jury. We raised and collected over \$2,000.00 for PAC at this union function.