

MEMO: Monthly Reports from Constituent Services
TO: John & Dennis
FROM: Theresa
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This memo will be in lieu of separate memos for October, November and December, 1982.

October high lights include continued work with State energy office on solar/conservation bank draft, meetings, contacts across state to disseminate developments, increase participation and support for proposal. Letter from PET to comptroller of Banks.

During this 3 mo. period 255 requests for pamphlets listed in the autumn newsletter were mailed out. Follow-up letters from Paul were also sent out.

Also during this time span much time was devoted to the preparation of NEEDay. Judy Jaffe, a volunteer from Needham started work here as the office coordinator. Judy is the LWV person who did the PR work in coordinating the Frank/Heckler debate. VERY CAPABLE! We had a meeting in the office including the student co-ordinators, the national Exec. Director, representatives of the utilities, major banks, Businessmen's Round Table, labor council, educators, etc. These individuals are being asked to be the Advisory Board & Paul is the Chairman for MA. The same roll is held by Dodd, Glenn and DeConcini. Their offices have been contacted in order to share information on the level of involvement. Judy and I will maintain these contacts over the year. A mailing went out with information for NEEDay to all middle, jr. high, & high schools with Paul's name. The Mass Plan & Need info were included. A follow-up mailing about the NEED Conference will be sponsored by DOE. Gerry Katz was one of the main speakers at the December New England Energy Task Force meeting. (He is NEED Exec. Dir.) The Task Force was informed of Paul's chairmanship and have pledged their support of the program.

I attended a seminar at Megatech Corp. on the GEOPUMP in Nov. Vahan Basmajian, President of the Corp. is also very supportive of NEED. The company is very interested in having their alternative energy system included for geothermal tax credits. Info sent to Mitch.

Another highlight was the "throwing of the switch" ceremony at Old Sturbridge Village low head hydro site. We had pushed hard for their funding request to DOE's Appropriate Technology grant. They did not get one, but obtained private foundation funding. A congratulatory message from Paul was read to the assembly. The ONLY one!

Because of the fire & the holidays, some outreach meetings in Brockton Springfield and Boston were cancelled. Another fortunate thing was the weather slowed my energy casework (fuel assistance & weatherization). Because of special commitments in mid-February, only a limited amount of other outreach will take place until end of February or early March when an extensive incursion to New Bedford is planned.