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County readies to prepare new budget

by Rudy Jenkins

Here we go again, a new year a new budget. Although the county has dire forecasts for the upcoming years (at least a million plus dollar deficit for next year and five plus million dollar deficits till 2015), a real time budget will be developed with accurate data in the next few months. This budget will start with the new governor's proposed budget in early January and will be based on actual current information. This will include the actual property tax collected in December; actual sales tax collected during the holiday season; and revised property tax values for the fourth quarter of 2010.

The county's budget process starts with the departments in close consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer's (CAO) office developing their budgets which need to be balanced and submitted to the CAO's office by the end of March.

The next step is to revise any projections in the county's budget with the May revise from the state. This revise in May again has current accurate projections from personal income tax from April 15.

The final budget is passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors usually at the last board meeting in June which is required by law. This last step is usually a perfunctory measure with little fanfare, however the board can revise the budget at that time as they did last year (over vehement objections by the CAO) when they voted to take a million dollars from their cash reserves and gave it to Cal Fire.

As any budget is a moving target, it can be revised at any time by the Board Of Supervisors and usually is when the state budget is passed at a later time. This year may be different, however with the passage of Prop 25 which now allows a simple majority to pass a state budget.


user-friendly.

You can now navigate the entire site without running across one "Under Construction" page message. The front page is just a short statement about our union. There is a "Hot Topics" section where we will put any earth shattering news that we think you should hear about. There are buttons on the lower left side of the screen that will help you get to the rest of the site pages. There is one button called "Resources" and it contains items such as our MOUs, Personnel Rules, and BCEA newsletters which date back to January 2008. Another important button is called "Forms" and its documents can be downloaded and filled out. This section has forms such as the scholarship application, grievance, catastrophic leave, complaint filing, associated membership, grant access to your personnel file, and release time for union representation. Under the "Photos" button, you can view some pictures from past parades BCEA participated in.

If you have any suggestions for information you would like to see on the site, please email me at magaliasram@att.net. I can update the site fairly quickly. The only thing to keep in mind is that we should not stray from the simplicity of the site. I purposely made all the pages similar so that the entire site flows together smoothly. One real important page for you will be the "Contacts" page. From there, you will be able to see which shop steward is located closest to your worksite and you will be able to email them directly from the contact's page with the email links provided or use the phone number that is listed on that page. Once again, Merry Christmas and have a wonderful New Year.

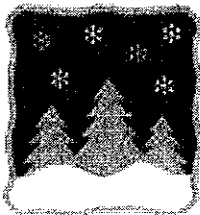
New website for you

by Jim Pulling, BCEA President and Chief Shop Steward

My Christmas present to you, our members, is believe it or not a new BCEA, Local 1 website  (www.bcealocal1.org). I have been putting this together over the last year. I built the website several times and subsequently, trashed it as I did not like the way it was working. I finally purchased a web design software program from our site host, EarthLink, and I ended up with what I would call a simple and easy to use website. I left off all the bells and whistles that could have been added to it and opted to make it more

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8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

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Welcome New BCEA Members



<i>Melanie Castillo</i>	<i>Public Health</i>
<i>Theresa Curtis</i>	<i>Behavioral Health</i>
<i>Kim Ferris</i>	<i>Public Health</i>
<i>Lori Hook</i>	<i>Assessor</i>
<i>Julie Gascoyne</i>	<i>Public Health</i>
<i>Rocio Izaguirre</i>	<i>Public Health</i>
<i>Nicole Kazena</i>	<i>Library</i>
<i>Suzannah Morlos</i>	<i>Behavioral Health</i>
<i>Karen Searson</i>	<i>Library</i>
<i>John Taylor</i>	<i>Public Works</i>
<i>Mona Tilson</i>	<i>DESS-General unit</i>
<i>Dale Wangberg</i>	<i>Library</i>
<i>Frederick Winton</i>	<i>Public Works</i>

**BCEA Stewards Cont'd
Social Services Workers Unit**

Debbie Chamberlin, Oroville DESS	538-3776
Kandi Crane, Chico DESS	879-3460
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Tammy Felder, Chico DESS	879-3732
Pamela Jawad, Oroville DESS	538-5074
Jean Osborn, Chico DESS	879-3656



Retirees still active at grass-roots

by Eloise Herman

BCEA members Carole Kloss, Dan Wilson, Bill Grogan and Thil Chan-Wilcox to name a few, are retirees that didn't hang up their union activism with their tools when they retired from the County. They are taking on the challenge of defending collectively-bargained retiree health care and pension benefits by being a member of the Retired Public Employees Association (RPEA).

While some workers put in 30 years on a job, relax and let the next generation take over, other workers move into retirement and become active advocates for the needs of seniors and working families. These retiree activists volunteer their time and possess wisdom that acknowledges what happens to retirees will trickle down to the active employee. They understand that a united voice, i.e., mobilizing their numbers, can beat back the takeaways. They believe there is a need to pass on those benefits to the next generation of workers who are paying taxes and deserve their fair share. These dedicated retirees deserve our thanks for all of their service and dedication. We hope they never slow down.

For you soon-to-be retirees, we encourage you to join Carole, Dan, Bill and Thil as RPEA's numbers are growing weaker. They need you and you need them—to

support the fight to protect your pensions and benefits. You can learn more by visiting the RPEA website (www.rpea.com).

You are needed!



Answer the call to action . . . come join us and volunteer your time to help with the BCEA, Local 1 float. We are entering a float in the Lighted Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 11, to be held at 6:00 p.m. in Oroville. The Oroville Downtown Business Association will be judging the event.

For more information, contact Jim Pulling at 538-6608, Les Rodrigues at 538-7954, Pat Stevens at 538-6222, or Carole Kloss at 589-1832. Hope you can make it!!!

Eloise Herman

Complementary Notary Services provided by Eloise between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call for an appointment at 533-8003.

Giving at Christmas time

by Eloise Herman

Send Christmas wishes to the homeless veterans at the Jerry Knight Transitional Housing Facility on Rio Lindo Avenue in Chico. You will be helping fight hunger in your community by joining us at BCEA in our Annual Christmas Canned Food Drive.



The Canned Food Drive ends December 16, 2010. BCEA will be donating \$300.00 worth of meat from Cash-n-Carry to help feed the veterans. If you would like to join us, you can donate any kind of non-perishable food items—it will be appreciated. The collection stations are located at: 202 Mira Loma Drive (Public Health); 78 Table Mountain Blvd (DESS); 82 Table Mountain Blvd (Public Health); 25 County Center Drive (Administration); 7 County Center Drive (Public Works); 33 County Center Drive (Sheriff); 1474 Myers Street (Child Support Services); 2445 Carmichael Drive in Chico (DESS); and 107 Parmac Road in Chico (Behavioral Health) or bring them to the BCEA office.

"In tough times, why still give? Because it is still part of what makes us human, tough times shouldn't dampen our humanity."

If you haven't already received a free BCEA, Local One 2011 pocket calendar, please contact a Shop Steward or give us a call.



Merry Christmas and a joyous new year to all BCEA members!



BCEA Members in Need of Catastrophic Leave Donations at this time:

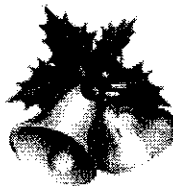
Name	Department
Susan Berry	Behavioral Health
Stacy Frank	DESS-SSW unit
Cerita Penman	Assessor
Suzanne Preader	Sheriff
Donna Rogers	Behavioral Health
Molly Summerfield	Behavioral Health

To donate vacation or compensatory time, complete the Catastrophic Leave Donation forms available from the BCEA office, our Directors, Stewards, Site Reps or website. www.bcealocal1.org

All Employee Catastrophic Leave Donation requests for publication in this newsletter is subject to the BCEA Board of Directors' policy. The policy is that: "only current dues paying BCEA members from the General unit and Social Services Workers unit qualify."



REMINDER: Please try and attend one of our Board of Directors meetings held every fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. They are usually at the Union Hall in Oroville (2210 5th Ave). Every third month we have them in Chico (*new location: Round Table Pizza, 2027 Forest Avenue, Chico*). Our Union aims to be visible to its members. Please come and introduce yourself to us, we will be happy to answer any questions or address your concerns. We look forward to seeing you there.



Celebrate the Christmas season
with fellow employees, their families, and holiday cheer
We're planning a Christmas Open House Party
to end the year


Wednesday, December 15, 2010
11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

BCEA Office
2210 5th Avenue
Oroville

Enjoy a Christmas buffet of trays from Raley's,
meat balls with gravy, BBQ cocktail franks,
sweets and cold beverages

Refreshments will be served throughout the day



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5	6	7 BCEA Bargaining Advisory Comm. Mtg. 5:30 P.M. Oroville	8 BCEA Office Closed	9 BCEA Bargaining Advisory Comm. Mtg. 5:30 P.M. Chico	10	11 Lighted Christmas Parade Oroville 
12	13	14	15 BCEA Open House Christmas Party Oroville 11:00 - 7:00	16 End Date for BCEA Christmas Canned Food Drive	17	18
19	20	21 PEU, Local One BOD Mtg 7:30 PM Sacramento	22	23 BCEA Office Closed	24 BCEA Office Closed	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>
26	27	28	29	30 BCEA Office Closed	31 BCEA Office Closed	