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Negotiations begin amid layoff talks

by Rudy Jenkins

BCEA has scheduled its initial negotiations meeting with the County on June 17 to exchange proposals while layoffs loom in the Departments of Probation, Employment and Social Services, Health, Development Services and Behavioral Health. BCEA has also sent a demand letter to meet and confer on the proposed layoffs with a request for the seniority and extra help lists. The County is a little behind the eight ball in providing this information as the budget is being readied for approval this month.

Back to negotiations, over 245 surveys were received by BCEA by the deadline date. The Bargaining Advisory Committee met on May 8. These members reviewed the bargaining surveys and it was obvious what was important to the members for negotiations. We do not publish or release the information contained in

the survey results as it is confidential. Even when we put forward our proposals to the County, we do not reveal as to what is most important.

The new Negotiations Team for the successor MOU consists of BCEA President Jennifer Honea, BCEA Chief Shop Steward Jim Pulling, BCEA Directors Leslie Roberts, Thil Wilcox, Michael Lucas, Pat Stevens, and Gary Jenkins. These folks are competent and experienced and will represent BCEA well in negotiations with the County.

About Unions

by Carole Kloss

I do not know who wrote this statement, and I wish I could credit the author. This information pertains to the women's fight for the right to vote in the national election, but it emphasizes the importance of you lending your voice to what is important to you and yours. That also trickles down to your voice in voting in your local elections and also your votes when it comes to making your union strong. My philosophy is that you should not complain about the outcome of elections if you did not take the time to cast your ballot. It is not an imposition but a right and does not take much of your time.

Women's Rights

This is the story of our Grandmothers, and Great-grandmothers, as they lived only ninety years ago. It was not until 1920 that women were granted the right to go to the polls and vote. The women who made it so were innocent and defenseless against the system that did not

want them to vote. Thus unfolded the 'Night of Terror' on Nov. 15, 1917, when the warden at the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia ordered his guards to teach a lesson to the suffragists imprisoned there because they dared to picket Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote.

Forty prison guards wielding clubs and their warden's blessing went on a rampage against the 33 women wrongly convicted of obstructing sidewalk traffic. And by the end of the night, they were barely alive. They beat Lucy Burn, chained her hands to the cell bars above her head and left her hanging for the night, bleeding and gasping for air. They hurled Dora Lewis into a dark cell, smashed her head against an iron bed and knocked her out cold. Her cellmate, Alice Cosu, thought Lewis was dead and suffered a heart attack. Additional affidavits describe the guards grabbing, dragging, beating, choking, slamming, pinching, twisting and kicking the women.

For weeks, the women's only water came from an open pail. Their food--all of it colorless slop--was infested with worms. When one of the leaders, Alice Paul, embarked on a hunger strike, they tied her to a chair, forced a tube down her throat and poured liquid into her until she vomited. She was tortured like this for weeks until word was smuggled out to the press.

So, refresh my memory. Some women won't vote this year because--why, exactly? We have carpool duties? We

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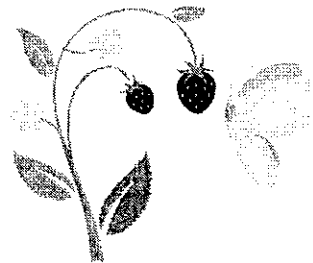
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Welcome New BCEA Members



<i>Amanda Booth</i>	<i>Sheriff</i>
<i>Tina Cavalli</i>	<i>Behavioral Health</i>
<i>Susan Ford</i>	<i>Library</i>
<i>Helen Isaacs</i>	<i>Behavioral Health</i>
<i>David Olson</i>	<i>DESS</i>
<i>Margaret Palmer</i>	<i>Public Health</i>
<i>Ruth Silen</i>	<i>Elections</i>

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.

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

Name	Department
Cerita Penman	Assessor

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



Congratulations!!!

The BCEA Scholarship Committee handed out three Student Excellence awards this May. Winners were **James Fox** from Live Oak High School (he will be studying nursing at Sacramento State); **Samuel Rodowick** from Paradise High School (he will be studying music at Chico State); and **Asia Slaton** from Oroville High School (she will be studying law at Berkeley). In the prior year, five awards were given out at five hundred dollars each. This year's award was increased to seven hundred and fifty dollars each. These students are excited to head off for college and we give them major kudos for being excellent students.

—Eloise Herman

BCEA Event

Results of May 21 Hot Dog Day

On the greens by the upper parking lot located across from 25 County Center Drive in Oroville, approximately one hundred hot dog lunches were given out free to the BCEA members who had time to drop by. BCEA will be holding more of these member appreciation events in the future.

—Eloise Herman

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have to get to work? Our vote doesn't matter? It's raining?

Last week, I went to a sparsely attended screening of HBO's new movie *Iron Jawed Angels*. It is a graphic depiction of the battle these women waged so that I could pull the curtain at the polling booth and have my say. I am ashamed to say I needed the reminder.

All these years later, voter registration is still my passion. But the actual act of voting had become less personal for me, more rote. Frankly, voting often felt more like an obligation than a privilege. Sometimes it was inconvenient.

My friend Wendy, who is my age and studied women's history, saw the HBO movie, too. When she stopped by my desk to talk about it, she looked angry. She was--with herself. "One thought kept coming back to me as I watched that movie," she said. "What would those women think of the way I use--or don't use--my right to vote? All of us take it for granted now, not just younger women, but those of us who did seek to learn." "The right to vote," she said, "had become valuable to her all over again."

HBO released the movie on video and DVD. I wish all history, social studies and government teachers would include the movie in their curriculum. I want to show it to my sorority sisters during Bunco night, too, and anywhere else women gather. I realize this isn't our usual idea of socializing, but we are not voting in the numbers that we should be, and I think a little shock therapy is in order. It is jarring to watch Woodrow Wilson and his cronies try to persuade a psychiatrist to declare Alice Paul insane so that she could be permanently institutionalized. And it is inspiring to watch the doctor refuse them. "Alice Paul was strong," he said, "and brave." That didn't make her crazy. The doctor admonished the men: "Courage in women is often mistaken for insanity."

Amusement Park Tickets for Sale

TICKETS	Member Prices	General Admission
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Tickets available through BCEA office :

<i>Discovery Kingdom</i>	\$ 27.00	\$ 49.99
<i>Great America 7 & up</i>	\$ 34.00	\$ 51.99

Tickets available through www.peu1.org :

(Tickets purchased through PEU website will be mailed out from Martinez, CA. Allow 2 weeks to purchase.)

<i>Disneyland</i>		
<i>2 day, 10-up</i>	\$127.00	\$132.00
<i>2 day, 3-9</i>	\$108.00	\$112.00
<i>Legoland</i>	\$ 43.00	\$ 59.00
<i>Universal Studios</i>	\$ 51.00	\$ 64.00

Sorry, we cannot accept checks.

BCEA Invites You to Member Appreciation Day

With The Oroville Post 95 American Legion Baseball Team



Sunday, June 22, 2008
Oroville vs. Red Bluff

Game Time is 11:00 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
Double header
Gary Nolan Field located at
5th Avenue and Mitchell in Oroville

Free Admission, Free Lunch
~ BBQ'd Tri-Tip, Hamburgars, & Hot Dogs
a drink, and a bag of chips ~

BCEA is gearing up to have high capacity, automated email directory with its members at their worksites. Chief Shop Steward Jim Pullings is putting together this directory that will help BCEA better communicate with its members. This email directory will handle large batches of email campaigns and information that should reach the members in the shortest amount of time. If you do not wish to receive emails from BCEA, Local 1, please copy or cut out the form below, complete, and place the form in a courier transmittal envelope addressed to BCEA. Thank you.

BCEA EMAIL OPT OUT FORM

I do not wish to receive emails from BCEA, Local 1.

Name Printed

Department

Signature

Date



sun	mon	tue	wed	thr	fri	sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day	16	17 BCEA Initial Negotiations 2 PM - 5 PM Oroville	18	19	20	21 Summer begins
22 Baseball Double Header 11:00 AM Oroville	23	24 BCEA, Local 1 BOD Mtg 5:30 PM Oroville	25	26	27	28
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