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County Moving Slowly on Union Issues

by Rudy Jenkins

While all of you as county employees continue to provide services to the community at your regular nonstop pace, the county is slowly moving to address this Union's grievances and upcoming negotiations. I believe this is due to sudden change of leadership in Human Resources, Chief Negotiator and the lack of being able to secure a permanent CAO. We have had some success with the interim HR Director in getting a few of the outstanding grievances addressed (Behavior Health counselor back pay and PERS rate holiday). We will provide more on these issues when they are closer to being resolved as they are both in a state of flux and the details are not yet confirmed. While BCEA has had a good relationship with the interim CAO and HR Director and believe they are doing a decent job for the county, it has been difficult for them to get up to speed on the Union issues and both are scheduled to be gone in a month or so.

With respect to negotiations, the county's Negotiator Jack Hughes finally called me

back this week and said he was going to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, the 11, to get direction for upcoming negotiations. He also stated that the county had not made up its mind if they would continue with coalition negotiations. That being said I can assure you that the coalition is very much alive and well, stronger than ever and will never again allow the county to divide and conquer county employees in negotiations.

The various department budgets are in and are now and being reviewed by the CAO's office as is the standard practice. The county wide budget proposal will be vetted at a late May Board of Supervisor and adopted before June 30. A lot of folks showed up at the CAO's employee budget briefing in late March where the CAO said the budget is balanced for the next year 2010-11, but shows a shortfall in 2011-12. If you get a chance, tune in on the next budget session at the BOS later this month.



BCEA, Local 1 Election Results from the new Social Services Workers Unit

Kandi Crane Director
Connie Alberico Director

Congrats new Board of Directors! We look forward to working with you. Thanks for representing the employees of Butte County General and SSW unit.

The BCEA Board had room for two additional positions since recruiting the new membership for the Social Services Workers unit.

Helpers in the Workplace

On March 24, April 7, and April 14, a three-day Shop Steward Training was held at BCEA office to educate the new Social Services Workers unit members and refresh the General unit shop stewards.

Congratulations to newly seated shop stewards: **Debbie Chamberlin, Kandi Crane, Joan Fedler, Tammy Felder, Pamela Jawad, and Jean Osborn.**

We thank all of the shop stewards for their service for giving back and improving the workplace conditions.

In Memory of the Brave

Memorial Day, May 31th (observed), provides the opportunity to pay tribute to all our servicemen and women who have lost their lives to our country. The courage and sacrifice of these people has preserved the quality of life we have today. They deserve our gratitude and a place of honor in the history of our country.



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BCEA Officers and Directors

Jim Pulling, President	538-6608
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Kandi Crane, Director	879-3460
Linda Madison, Director	872-6328
Beth Standley, Director	538-5135
Pat Stevens, Director	538-6222

**BCEA Stewards
 General Unit**

Chief Shop Steward-

Jim Pulling , Treasurer	538-6608
Kelley Albright, Chico Behavioral Hlth	891-2999
Doug Arnold, Public Works	538-7157
Brett Cambra, Gridley Public Works	538-7606
Carri Roberson, Child Sup. Ser.	538-6978
Stephanie Eveatt, Child Sup. Ser.	538-7414
Christine Foreman, Chico DESS	879-3479
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Gregory 'Randy' Frieze, Probation	879-3960
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Jennifer Honea, Sheriff	538-7321
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Robin Seligman, Child Sup. Serv.	538-6232
Beth Standley, DESS	538-5135
Pat Stevens, Public Hlth.	538-6222
Tracy Snyder, Public Hlth	532-5696
Mark Wietersen, Neal Rd. Landfill	345-2326

Welcome New BCEA Members

<i>Maria Allen</i>	<i>Ag Bio/Wgts & Meas</i>
<i>David Blair</i>	<i>Child Support Svcs.</i>
<i>Gene Castillo</i>	<i>DESS—SSW Unit</i>
<i>Amanda Chenoweth</i>	<i>Public Health</i>
<i>Baudelia Duran</i>	<i>Behavioral Health</i>
<i>Lisa Ritlaw</i>	<i>Behavioral Health</i>
<i>Brigitte Tribble</i>	<i>Behavioral Health</i>
<i>Rachael Widener</i>	<i>Public Health</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 Stewards Cont'd
 Social Services Workers Unit**

Debbie Chamberlin, Chico DESS	895-2640
Kandi Crane, Chico DESS	879-3460
Joan Fedler, Chico DESS	879-3641
Tammy Felder, Chico DESS	879-3732
Pamela Jawad, Oroville DESS	538-5074
Jean Osborn, Chico DESS	879-3656



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

Name	Department
Jodi Beller	DESS
Cerita Penman	Assessor
Margaret Root	Child Support Svcs.
Lacey Summers	Info Systems
Vang Thao	Behavioral Health
Margaret Van Hove	DESS
Erika Vlach	DESS

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 eleven Student Excellence awards this May. Winners were children, grandchildren or legal wards of our member's family who are pursuing secondary education: **Keosha Chambers** from Biggs High School (she is studying Literary Studies); **Ashley Foster** from Paradise High School (she is studying Animal Science); **Martin Ibarra, Jr.** from Biggs High School (he is studying Auto Engineering); **James Johnston** from Durham High School (he is studying Construction Management); **Anthony Kizer** from Las Plumas High (he is studying Game Art Design); **Sierra Pavcik** from Pleasant Valley High School (she is studying Liberal Arts/Teaching Credential); **Zane Petty** from Corning High School (he is studying Graphic Design); **Marcus Render** from Las Plumas High School (he is studying Political Science); **Georgy Romanyuk** from Chico High School (he is studying International Relations); **Jacob Thorp** from Fairview High School (he is studying Sociology); and **Fuab Yang** from Oroville High School (she is studying Biological Science).

In the prior year, three awards were given out at seven hundred and fifty dollars each. This year the awards will be given out at two hundred dollars each due to the number of winners. These students are excited to head off for college and we give them major kudos for being excellent students.



A big shout out to the members listed below for donating their time to present the scholarship winners with their certificates at the Scholarship Awards ceremonies.

Jim Pulling, Kelley Albright, Mickey Mrazuk, Robin Seligman, Patty Sanchez.

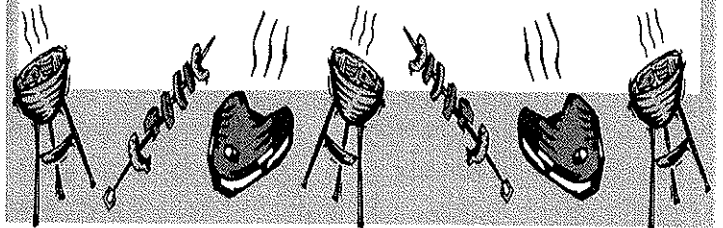
Thank you! We couldn't do what we do without you!

**save
the date for a
Cookout!**

**we're planning our
Annual Picnic**

**Saturday, September 18, 2010
Oroville Lake Fore Bay**

Members and their families are invited.

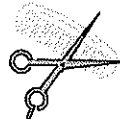


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REMINDER: Please try and attend one of our Board of Directors meetings held every fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. They are usually at the Union Hall in Oroville (2210 5th Ave). Every third month we have them in Chico (Mountain Mike's Pizza, 1105 W 5th St & Walnut). 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.



Amusement Park Tickets for Sale

Tickets available through BCEA office:

	Member Prices	General Admission
<i>Discovery Kingdom</i>	\$26.00	\$44.99
<i>Legoland</i>	\$62.00	\$82.00 Resort Hopper
<i>Universal Studios</i>	\$60.00	\$69.00

Sorry, we cannot accept checks. Visa or Mastercard, ATM with Visa/Mastercard Logo or cash is acceptable.

Great America Online ticket special - Purchase 4 or more tickets / \$24.00 each
 March 28, 2010 - June 13, 2010
www.cagreatamerica.com/

Discovery Kingdom Online ticket special - **Buy your tickets online and everyone pays the kids price of \$29.99.** Plus you can Print your tickets at home and go straight to the gate.
www.sixflags.com/discoverykingdom/tickets/

California Fun Spots www.visitcalifornia.com/pages/funspots

Monterey Bay Aquarium \$2.00 off regular admission
www.montereybayaquarium.org

Turtle Bay Exploration Park The only discount available is 10% for AAA members.
www.turtlebay.org/

Winchester Mystery House \$3.00 per ticket, up to 6 tickets/coupon
www.winchestermysteryhouse.com

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						1 Relay for Life Pleasant Valley High School Chico
2 Relay for Life Pleasant Valley High School Chico	3	4	5 <i>Cinco de Mayo</i>	6	7	8 Feather Fiesta Days Parade 10:00 AM Oroville
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14	17
16	17	18 PEU, Local One BOD Mtg 7:30 PM Martinez	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 BCEA, Local 1 BOD Mtg 6:00 PM Chico	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					