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Union Coalition Resolve Remains

by Rudy Jenkins

The Union Coalition of BCEA, BCMEA, CWA, BCPEA, and BCPOA have been meeting with the county at least weekly for the past three months in attempt to save jobs. While the county has presented a moving target as to their needs, the Coalition's resolve to protect their members' interests remains steadfast. These interests are to minimize any monetary and/or disruptive impact to their members.

As we have reported before, the county's proposals and budget numbers continue to be a moving target, as they claim they need to treat all employees equally. Their proposals, however, do not seem to reflect this as they continue to want to

exempt certain classifications from the furloughs which they will not define to our satisfaction. Another example, was that the Coalition could not get a straight answer on the budget impact of the Sheriff's contract with the Federal prisoners at our last meeting. Another major problem in these negotiations is that the county is still refusing to address the automatic raises for the department heads, which I have said publically many times that there can be no agreement until this is resolved.

At this point, the Coalition is reaching out to their respective members in the next two weeks for further instruction as to how they would like their union to proceed with negotiations. BCEA will be holding two Bargaining Advisory Committee Meetings on Monday, May 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the Human Resources Training Room at the County Center Drive in Oroville and Tuesday, May 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the Behavioral Health ASD Conference Room on 109 Parmac in Chico.

At this point in time, there are no new dates set for negotiations to resume, they are expected to resume in a week or two, well before the May 18th Board of Supervisor's Special Budget Hearings.

International Workers' Day is a celebration of the social and economic achievements of the international labor movement.

As an overview, International Workers' Day is a celebration of workers worldwide. It celebrates our rights to work no more than eight hours in a work day. International Workers' Day also commemorates the day that many people were killed and wounded at the Haymarket Massacre of 1886 in Chicago, Illinois.

With workers being forced to work up to 14 hours each day, a need grew for the support of an eight-hour workday. In 1884, the Federation of Organized Trades and Labor Unions passed a resolution which stated that eight hours legally constitutes a day's work. Legislative was not successful in enforcing the resolution, and thus, a general strike occurred at the McCormick Reaper Works Factory. International demonstrations on the anniversary of the protests got this issue the exposure it needed to become a recognized worldwide celebration.

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In Memory of the Brave

Memorial Day, May 25th (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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About Unions

by Carole Kloss

As you may already know, May 1st is May Day. You may not know that May Day is also the real Labor Day also known as International Workers' Day.



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Welcome New BCEA Members



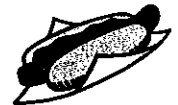
Deborah Evans	Child Support Svcs
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If you haven't already received a free BCEA pocket calendar, please contact a Shop Steward or give us a call.

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.

Watch for our BCEA Member Appreciation Days coming up in May. We want to show our appreciation for you hard working members by offering a FREE hot dog lunch. Rudy and his son, Chris, will cook up dogs for the Oroville members and the Chico members. Tentative dates are Wed., May 27, and Thur., May 28. Look for a flyer announcing the event.



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

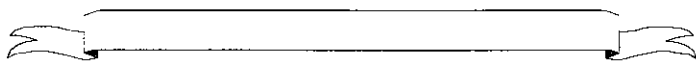
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To donate vacation or compensatory time, complete the Catastrophic Leave Donation forms available from the BCEA office, our Directors, Stewards, Site Reps or website. www.bcealocal1.org

Congratulations!!!

The BCEA Scholarship Committee will hand out three Student Excellence awards this May. Winners were **Amanda Foster** from Paradise High School (she will be studying agriculture business at California State University, Chico); **Amanda Higgins** from Pleasant Valley High School (she will be studying psychology at University California, Santa Cruz); **Chloe Bartel** from Chico High School (she will be studying business at Dominican University). This year, the awards will be given out at 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



YOU'RE NEEDED!

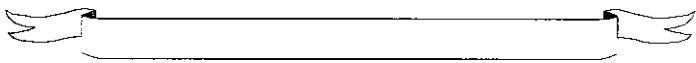
Answer the call to action . . . come join us and volunteer your time to help with the BCEA, Local 1 float. We are entering a float in the Feather Fiesta Days parade on Saturday, May 9, in Oroville. The City of Oroville celebrates its history with a week long celebration (May 2 – 9) of such events as parade, car show, chili cook-off, craft fair, music festival, and more.

BCEA's theme for the float will be "Working to Protect Worker Rights and Benefits." The float will be decorated with red, white and blue colors. There will be hand held signs depicting the county departments which we represent. The float will be worked on in the Mission Square parking lot where the union office resides.

Parade starts at 10:00 a.m. sharp. It will begin at 5th Avenue and Mitchell Avenue.

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

Eloise Herman



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May Day or International Workers' Day, is an important holiday in Communist countries such as Cuba, the People's Republic of China, and the former Soviet Union. Its importance in these countries is due to the honoring of the workers who participated in the socialist movement. May Day festivities typically consist of elaborate military parades in these Communist countries.

On the contrary, the United States celebrates its official holiday for the "working man" in September on the day known as Labor Day. The first Labor Day, organized by the Knights of Labor, was celebrated on September 5th, 1882. It was held every year, but did not become a Federal holiday until 1887.

Only the United States, Canada, and South America do not celebrate International Workers' Day on May Day. By declaring May 1st to be simply "Law Day", we are only concealing the significance of the events of that fateful day in 1886. As workers today, we must recognize the importance of the working-class people.

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Volunteers Needed!

BCEA, Local 1 will be scheduling the next roadside cleanup on Nelson Road in Oroville tentatively on Saturday, May 16th, at 8:30 am to 11:00 am with weather permitting. If you are interested in participating, please contact the BCEA office. Complimentary meal served afterwards. Our members, even though many are in very tough financial straits, continue their charitable contributions to our community.



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10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 Roadside Cleaning Nelson Road 8:30 AM	
17	18	19 PEU, Local One BOD Mtg 7:30 PM Martinez	20	21	22	23	
24	25 Memorial Day	26 BCEA, Local 1 BOD Mtg 6:00 PM Chico	27 Hot Dog Days	28 Hot Dog Days	29	30	
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