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STAFF GUILD HIGHLIGHTS

- **Staff Guild Negotiations Survey:** Over 32% of members responded to the AFT Staff Guild on-line Negotiations Survey for the 2011-2014 contract. The Negotiations Team is meeting in preparation for the initial proposal to be submitted to the Board of Trustees.
- **Officers 2011 Election:** Ballots were mailed to members' residences on April 13. Make sure to return the ballot, in accordance with the instructions, to the American Arbitration Association (AAA) by May 3. Election results will be reported on Wednesday, May 4, 3:00 p.m. at the AFT Office.
- **Save the Date:** The Staff Guild's Annual Membership meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the Downtown Marriott. The program includes guest speakers, awards and members recognition; food, fun, and prizes. Families welcome. Our annual meeting informs members on issues affecting us and acknowledges those, who throughout the year, 'stepped up' and advocated for their union brothers and sisters. Mark your calendars now.
- **Personnel Commission Update:** The Personnel Commission is conducting its Annual Job Classification Survey and has sent out information regarding the process. Be sure to respond if you feel your job duties are not aligned with your classification.
- **April 4th "We Are One" National Day of Action:** More than 20,000 people took to the streets of downtown L.A. with 2,300 packing the A.M.E. Church in support of Wisconsin worker's rights. The day of action and remembrance was the 43rd anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Speakers were Reverend James Lawson and retired Secretary-Treasurer of AFSCME William Lucy, both architects of the 1968 Memphis sanitation workers' strike, A.M.E. Pastor John Hunter and the leader of the L.A. Labor movement Maria Elena Durazo. Their struggle then is ours today, preserving worker's rights is the key issue. More than 10,000 Californians joined the dozens of marches, rallies, vigils and worksite actions that were held in every corner of the state, the underlying message remained the same "We Are One".

- **CFT Poll Finds Strong Support for Public Sector Workers in California:** A new poll released by the CFT and Tulchin Research found that a solid majority (56%) of California voters have a favorable view of public employees and even more (61%) support their right to bargain collectively for fair wages and working conditions. California voters also sided with Wisconsin public employees (56%) over Governor Walker (37%). Another recent poll found overwhelming support by Californian's voters (78%) for the "1% on the 1%" - that is taxing those at the top 1% income level to increase taxes for critical services in the state, more than half (53%) of voters strongly supporting it.

- **Governor Brown Signs Law to Eliminate Health Care Taxes for Young Adults:**
AB 36 (Perea) closes a health care tax loophole and makes health coverage for young adults (ages 19-26) on their parent's plans tax-exempt. This could enable the 1.5 million uninsured Californian young adult's access to health insurance a reality.

- **Labor Day Parade 2011:** The annual parade is scheduled for Monday, September 5, 2011 at Banning Park in Wilmington. Join us for float preparation, parade, B-B-Q, picnic, games, fun and prizes. Contact Mary VanGinkle at vanginm@email.laccd.edu

- **Upcoming Council of Classified Employees (CCE) Conference 2011:**
The conference will be October 14-18, 2011 at Humphrey's Half Moon Inn, San Diego. The theme this year is "An Injury to One is an Injury to All" Solidarity is key.

- **Board of Trustees Resolutions:**
 - Support of SB 1440 the Student Transfer Achievement Act
 - April 3-9, 2011 Labor History Week
 - April 2011 California Community College Month
 - April 2011 Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - April 10-16, 2011 National Library Week
 - April 2011 Sexual Assault Awareness Month, **April 27 Denim Day**
 - April 24-30, 2011 Administrative Professionals Week
 - April, 2011 Month of the Young Child, April 10-16 week of the Young Child
 - April 22, 2011 Earth Day
 - April 24, 2011 Day of Remembrance of Armenian Genocide

Mark your calendars:

Spring Break Holiday, Friday, April 22, 4 hours

**Next Executive Board Meeting Wednesday, May 18, 2011
3:00 p.m. at the AFT Office**