

Hot Off The Press

STAFF GUILD HIGHLIGHTS

- **2011 – 2014 Contract Negotiations:** The Negotiating Team prepared the initial proposal and presented it to the Board of Trustees for their May 25 agenda. 1521A made a presentation to the Board of Trustees on June 15 introduced the negotiating team, and reviewed Articles 8 (work Environment) Art. 17 (Professional Development and Retraining) and Art. 24, committees/Shared Governance. Official negotiations began June 17.
- **Michael Bilbrey for CalPERS Board:** Classified employee Michael Bilbrey is in a runoff election for the CalPERS Board of Administration. Bilbrey is exactly who we need on the CalPERS Board. It's never been more important to elect CalPERS Board members who will fight to protect defined-benefit pensions, preserve and improve CalPERS healthcare programs, and increase CalPERS transparency. Ballots will be mailed to your home on June 30 and must be returned no later than July 28, 2011. VOTE Michael Bilbrey!
- **Janice Hahn for Congress:** The runoff election for Congressional District 36 is July 12. The CFT endorsed Janice Hahn for Congress and we urge your support by voting for Hahn. Areas of District 36 include San Pedro, the South Bay Beach cities, and parts of Culver City and Santa Monica. VOTE Janice Hahn!
- **Annual Membership Meeting:** SAVE THE DATE, Saturday, September 17, 2011. 1521A will hold its annual membership meeting at the Downtown Marriott. Food, fun, prizes, guest speakers and awards, families are welcome. This annual meeting is to inform and educate members on the union's activities as well as acknowledge members participation throughout the year.
- **Health Benefits (Open Enrollment):** Scheduled dates for open enrollment are October 10 - November 4. Detailed information forthcoming.
- **Leadership Training:** The California Federation of Teachers sponsored training June 27-29 will be held at UCLA for current and newly elected officers. This training is designed for union leadership teams from around the state to provide leaders with methods to represent their members. Topics include leadership, bargaining, grievances, benefits and more.
- **Rite Aid Workers Win Union Contract:** After a 5-year campaign, 500 Rite Aid workers in Antelope Valley have won a hard fought contract. The 3-year tentative agreement will guarantee affordable health insurance, protections from outsourcing, a fair grievance process, and wage increases.

- **In Remembrance of Miguel Contreras, 1952-2005:** On the 6th anniversary of his passing, the L.A. County Federation of Labor remembers our former labor leader, Miguel Contreras. In his memory, Organize, Organize, Organize!
- **Legislative Updates:**
 - AB 52 (support) passed Assembly. This bill helps block excessive health insurance rates like the ones announced in previous years by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.
 - SB 161 (oppose) passed Senate. The bill would allow unlicensed and untrained school employees to administer anti-seizure medication, Diastat to children with epilepsy. SB 161 now goes to the Assembly and we must defeat it! Call your legislator and oppose the bill.
 - AB 1130 (support) Tax the Wealthy. This bill would tax the wealthiest 1% of Californians, those making over \$500,000 annually, an additional 1% of income tax to help balance the state budget.
 - AB 515 (oppose) passed the Assembly. This bill would have an adverse effect on student access to Community Colleges. The LACCD Board of Trustees voted to oppose this bill that would have Community College extension programs offer credit courses.
- **Fight for California's Future Task Force:** CFT and other affiliates met June 3 to discuss continuing the fight for:
 - An open-ended campaign to educate the public about the real problems facing the state budget crisis.
 - Continuing CFT days of action to support funding education and social services.
 - Support the Governor's proposal for a tax extension
 - Support a 1% tax on California's highest earners
- **CCE Conference 2011:** SAVE THE DATE October 14-16, 2011 at Humphrey's Half Moon Inn, San Diego. The theme this year is "An Injury to One is an Injury to All" *Solidarity = Solutions*. 1521A will sponsor participants. Information forthcoming.
- **Staff Guild 1521A Leadership Retreat 2011:** December 4 - 6, at Kellogg West Conference Center, Cal State Pomona. Executive Board members, Officers, Chapter Chairs, Delegates, and Alternates receive training on contract enforcement, political action, and shared governance.
- **Congratulations Classified Retirees:** Acknowledging your years of service and dedication to the Los Angeles Community College District:
 - Rick D. Knous, IA Music, 33 years, City
 - Barbara R. Heller, Senior Secretary, 29 years, Pierce
 - Madeleine Ao, Senior Accounting Technician, 18 years, Harbor
 - Jacqueline Manheim, Admissions & Records Assistant, 17 years West

Mark your calendars:

July 4th, Monday - Independence Day

July 20th, Wednesday – Executive Board Meeting - 3:00 at AFT Staff Guild Office