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## Hot Off The Press

### STAFF GUILD HIGHLIGHTS

**Officers Candidates' Forum - 2014 Election:** The candidates' forums are scheduled to give members the opportunity to meet the candidates and hear their perspectives on why they are running for office and their views on issues affecting members. For more information on the election go to [www.local1521a.org](http://www.local1521a.org)

- Plan to attend one of the remaining forums as follows:

Thursday, April 3 – 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at Los Angeles Southwest College  
Thursday, April 24 – 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. at East Los Angeles College

- **Gearing Up for Negotiations - 2014-2017** The negotiating team is in the process of preparing for negotiations and the successor agreement. The team will meet and develop a member survey and request your feedback.
- **Denim Day:** Join LACCD employees, students, and Board of Trustees in celebrating April 23, 2014 as Denim Day. "Wear Your Jeans" in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, in protest to an Italian Supreme Court decision that overturned a rape conviction because the female plaintiff was wearing tight jeans "therefore it could not have possibly been rape". Regardless of what you wear NO means NO!
- **Keep Rosie the Riveter Alive:** Each summer, Rosie the Riveter Trust uses donor contributions to help support a special free summer camp designed to teach young underserved women to be strong, to build new skills and break barriers, and to excel in unusual ways, just as the women of World War II Home Front did before them. AFT 1521A voted to renew its affiliation continuing solidarity and financial support to ensure the survival of the Home Front.
- **E-Board Meeting Date Change:** AFT 1521A Executive Board Meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, **April 23, 2014** has been changed to **Thursday, April 24, 2014** at East LA College. Please make a note of it on your schedule to attend.

- **Pope John Francis Invited to Los Angeles:** Please join Los Angeles County Federation of Labor and 1521A in inviting Pope John Francis to Los Angeles on behalf of workers that receive shamefully low wages. The expectation is for the Pope to discuss his moral imperative that work is worthy of a wage that allows every human to form and support a family. This is another step in a new campaign we are embarking on focusing on raising the minimum wage in Los Angeles to a livable wage. Please add your name to the petition at [www.InvitingPopeFrancisToLosAngeles.org](http://www.InvitingPopeFrancisToLosAngeles.org).
- **AFT Supports the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship and Awards Event:** On Friday, May 2, 2014 the Los Angeles County Deputy Probation Officers' Union AFSCME – Local 685 is hosting the event saluting public service employees. They will be honoring our brothers and sisters who: teach our children, administer health care, fight fires, enforce laws, and build our city, all of whom have chosen to be dedicated to the communities we serve.
- **Labor Community Services AFL-CIO - AFT 1521A** invites you to participate in the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Spring Project where Mr. & Mrs. Bunny will deliver your donations of coloring books, hygiene items, toys and candy to underprivileged children in hospitals and communities. For additional information or to make a contribution, call Margarita Chavez at (213) 985-1987.
- **Go Red For Women:** Thanks to LACCD Coalition for Wellness for helping bring to our attention “National Wear Red Day®” and the fight against Heart Disease in Women. On February 26, 2014 many LACCD employees and students throughout the district “Went Red” by wearing red clothing in observance of preventing heart disease, the #1 killer of women.
- **In Solidarity - University of Illinois at Chicago Faculty:** We send our solidarity and a message of support to our Faculty brothers and sisters at UIC on their vote to strike as part of their efforts to ensure their students get what all students deserve: reasonable class sizes, individualized instruction, support for cutting-edge research, and classrooms and labs that are safe and well-equipped. These are the rights of every student. Follow the conversation at **#UICstrike**.
- **Secretary Position** – California Federation of Teachers (CFT) announces an opening for a Full Time Senior Secretary in the Sacramento Office. For more information please visit [www.CFT.org](http://www.CFT.org)
- **Congratulations Staff Guild Retirees:** These classified employees have contributed significantly toward providing the highest quality of service to our students and the public. Vijaai Edirisinghe 25 years Programmer Analyst - District; Richard Rodriguez 9 years Library Technician - East.