

Hot Off The Press

Welcome to the 2013 AFT Staff Guild Membership Meeting!

- **LACCD Open Enrollment: September 16 – October 11, 2013.** It is the time to evaluate your health benefit choices. You should have received your open enrollment packet with your current benefit information in late August. If you didn't receive your packet, please contact the Health Benefits Service Center at 888-428-2980. If you are not making any changes to your benefits, then you don't have to do anything. For information, www.laccd.edu.
- **New Voluntary Insurance Programs:** The District is offering new supplemental voluntary insurance programs through **payroll deduction** this open enrollment period: *Transamerica* Whole Life with Long Term Care - this multifaceted benefit plan includes a terminal illness benefit and long term care benefit. *Pet Assure* is discounted insurance for your pets. For \$9.60 per month, *Pet Assure* will save you money on all in-house medical services including office visits, shots, x-rays, surgical procedures and dental care.
- **Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) Certification and Network+ Certification.** Unit 1 employees who provide documentation of having successfully passed the MOS exam certification or employees who serve in designated information technology classifications that have successfully passed the Network+ Certification shall receive a differential of \$100.68 per month upon certification by the District. Both certifications are valid for three (3) years from the date of issuance. These certifications shall remain valid on a year-to-year basis, until a new certification is offered. Employees who qualify shall receive the MOS or Network+ Certification but not both (Article 23, Wages and Salaries, Section F, Computing Differentials, 1 & 2).
- **2013 Labor Day Solidarity March and Rally:** For the past 10 years, volunteers from the Staff Guild have participated in the Annual Labor Day Parade and Rally that takes place in Wilmington. Unions gather together on Labor Day and march down Avalon Boulevard to Banning Park in solidarity. Staff Guild members marched a mile wearing "sign boards" promoting union solidarity with the 1521A float following closely behind. 1521A joined labor groups and the community in honoring the labor movement and its achievements. Highlighting a warm afternoon in Banning Park Staff Guild made snow cones for the many participants – 2,100 to be exact. Thank you 1521A volunteers!
- **Annual Staff Guild Retiree Membership Luncheon.** AFT Staff Guild is hosting the Annual Retiree Membership Luncheon on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at Los Angeles Trade Tech College, Aloe Hall – Room R101 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. This event is free to retiree

chapter members and \$10.00 for guests. RSVP to Irene for parking and other information at 323-851-1521.

SPECIAL OFFER: If you renew your membership or join the retiree chapter September 26 – December 31, 2013 your \$25.00 membership fee will be waived through January 2015.

- Turkeys and Toys 2013.** The holidays are approaching and thousands of families will have to decide whether to buy food, pay rent, or keep the heat on in their homes during the winter nights. Without your assistance, many of our union sisters and brothers will be unable to afford a Thanksgiving meal, or holiday presents for their children. These families need our help! At their last Executive Board Meeting of September 18, 2013, the Staff Guild made a motion to support the program. Please join Labor Community Services in providing a Happy Holiday season to those who need our assistance. You may send all contributions to: Labor Community Services 2130 West James Wood Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90006. www.laborcommunityservicesla.org.
- Congratulations to Staff Guild Retirees:** The AFT Staff Guild would like to congratulate the following employees for their outstanding service to the Los Angeles Community College District. These classified employees have contributed significantly toward providing quality service to our students and the public.

July 1, 2013 through August 31, 2013

Name	Classification	Years of Service	Campus
Rhonda Eisner	Instructional Assistant	16	Valley
Rosalie Hilger	Job Developer	21	Mission
Maria Li	Accountant	20	City
Melody Meldrum	Office Assistant	22	City
Eleanor Rodriguez	Financial Aid Tech	21	Pierce
Daniel Rosa	Stock Control Assistant	13	Harbor
Patrick Santillanes	Sign Language Interpreter II	35	Trade
Antoinette Thompson	Senior Office Assistant	12	Harbor
Virginia Williams	Senior Office Assistant	6	West

