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STAFF GUILD HIGHLIGHTS

- **Spotlight on Politics:** Congratulations to Andra Hoffman, Sydney Kamlager, Mike Fong and Scott Svonkin, 1521A's endorsed candidates, for clenching victory in the Board of Trustees election. A Great Big Thank You to 1521A members who helped precinct walk, phone bank and voted. A reception to welcome the newly elected Board of Trustees is scheduled for June.
- **Shoes That Fit:** All worksites are participating in the Shoes That Fit committee which is now in full swing collecting new shoes for hundreds of needy school children across the district. If you are interested in helping or would like to donate new shoes, please go to www.local1521a.org or contact your worksite chapter chair.
- **Denim Day:** LACCD employees wore jeans on April 29, 2015 in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Why jeans you ask? In Italy in the 1990s, a woman was raped and the assailant was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to jail. He appealed the sentence, and the case made its way to the Italian Supreme Court. The Supreme Court released the perpetrator and dismissed all charges, on the grounds that because the victim wore tight jeans, she had to have helped him and therefore it was consensual sex and no longer rape. Women in the Italian Parliament wore jeans in protest, and the California Senate and Assembly did the same. Denim Day was born because sexual assault is a crime no matter what one wears.
- **LA County Federation of Labor Endorsement/Voting Process:** On February 23, 2015 AFT 1521A lodged a formal complaint against the LA County Federation of Labor stating that on December 15, 2014, at the Delegates meeting, the endorsement process was violated according to the constitution and Roberts Rules of Order. The County Federation of Labor Vice Presidents met and reviewed the complaint and agreed that the process was violated. It was announced at the April Delegates Meeting that the endorsement process would be followed according to rules and guidelines.

- **Tell Congress – End Sexual Assault!**: Many colleges and universities are reluctant to acknowledge there is a problem on campus, leaving perpetrators unpunished and free to attack again. Sexual assault on college campuses is an epidemic, and too often swept under the rug. Sign the petition and tell Congress It's time to end sexual assault! <http://bonamiciforcongress.com/2015/03/10/lets-end-campus-sexual-assault-sign-petition/>
- **Save America's Postal Service:** The American Postal Workers Union is fighting to stop the closing of post offices and reductions in service. In fact, they want to expand post office hours and services. Their goal is to win a labor agreement that protects stable jobs and guarantees Americans their constitutional right to have good postal services, regardless of who they are or where they live. The postal employees need our help. Please support the fight for better postal services and for a labor contract that is fair to postal workers. For more information, contact them at nccc@apwu.org or visit their website www.apwunccc.org
- **Annual Food Drive by the Letter Carriers:** Volunteers are needed to help sort food for union community pantries. 1521A's volunteer day is May 23rd from 12pm to 4pm at ETI – Electrical Training Institute, IBEW Local 11 Warehouse, 6023 S. Garfield Ave., Commerce, CA 90040. Look for Mike Romo (District Office), our lead sorter on volunteer day. Parking is free. Please register at www.laborcommunityservicesla.org or for more information contact Margarita Chavez at mchavez@unitedwayla.org or call (213) 985-1987. Hope to see you there!
- **AFT 1521A Personal Email Contest:** 1521A is having a contest to win a \$25 gift card. Review the question below and send your answer along with your name, worksite and personal email address (LACCD email accounts will be disqualified) to MGaitan@aft1521.org. If your answer is correct, your name will be entered into a drawing. Contest ends June 1, 2015 at 11:59pm. Winner will be announced August 14, 2015 on our website www.local1521a.org.

Question

Have you had your annual physical? What article in the contract affords this benefit?



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