

News Update



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Board Installation—Active Leaders

By Office Manager Anna Anderson



S/YCEA Leadership (Left to right) - Ryan McNally, Alex Hadley, John Houston, Ramona Mallonee, Alicia Phillips, Lorie Thomas, Terry Barber, Judy Chiaroni, Robin Timoszyk, Cyndi McClellan, Ray Hogan, Bunny Elkins, Kurt Schoenwald, Denise Hamon, Stephanie Smith, and Traci Rongey.

On Thursday, January 14, 2010, the Association held the annual Board Installation at Ruthy's in Yuba City. Local #1 General Manager Larry Edginton and Local #1 President David Rolley attended and they both shared their perspectives on the general state of the economy and the challenges that employees

are facing. Larry encouraged the leadership to instill hope to our membership that things will get better.

S/YCEA Executive Director Gary Stucky recognized YCEA Secretary Carol Witherow's service on the Board during the 44 years she was employed with

Yuba County. Carol was not present at the event, but Gary voiced his appreciation for her commitment to the Association over the years.

When you lose an icon such as Carol who has shared in the growth and the tribulations of the Association, you lose a

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YCEA Local #1 Secretary Position Vacated

Shortly after declaring her intent to run for re-election to the position of YCEA Local #1 Secretary, Carol Witherow succumbed to the call of retirement and pursuit of activities she

enjoys. Having worked 44 years for Yuba County, she certainly has earned and she deserves this opportunity to enjoy life. Carol has been an activist in YCEA Local #1 since

1985 and has continuously served on the Board of Directors. We will miss her very much, but wish her a long, healthy, and prosperous retirement.

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Yuba County Budget Committee

By Gary Stucky, Executive Director

Over the months ahead, the YCEA Local #1 Budget Committee will be meeting with County Administration to discuss the anticipated budget deficit and make recommendations to create cost savings and/or generate revenues. If you have ideas or

suggestions, you would like the Committee to consider and possibly propose to the County, please forward them to gstucky@sycea.org or to one of the Committee Members. Ryan McNally, Denise Hamon, and Ramona Mallonee are the current

Committee members. President, Robin Timoszyk will be appointing one additional member to this Committee to fill the vacancy created by Carol Witherow's retirement.

YCEA Board Changes



Matthew & Robin Timoszyk

Robin Timoszyk returns to the YCEA President position after serving as Past President for the last several years.

Jeanette "Bunny" Elkins was elected to the Treasurer's position.

For a full Board listing of both YCEA and SCEA, please go to sycea.org/boa.htm then click the Directors link.

We hope 2010 will be a good year!



Mike & Bunny Elkins

Travel Discounts

By Office Manager Anna Anderson

- **Monterey Bay Aquarium** \$2.00 off regular admission
- **Six Flags Magic Mountain** \$20 Off Six Flags Magic Mountain Admission
- **Universal Studios Hollywood** \$8 OFF General Admission; \$10 OFF Non-Peak period Front-of-Line Pass; and \$8 OFF peak-period Front-of-Line Pass
- **Knott's Berry Farm** \$10 off adult admission
- **Legoland® California** \$8 on one-day admission.
- **San Diego Botanic Garden** One FREE Child Admission with One Paid Adult Admission
- **San Diego Zoo** \$4 off a One-Day Pass
- **San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park** \$4 off a One-Day Pass
- **Seaworld San Diego** Download a coupon to save \$6 on Single-Day Admission or 7-Day Admission at Full Single-Day Price
- **Bay Area Discovery Museum** One child free with paid adult admission
- **California Academy of Sciences** \$3 OFF General Admission
- **California's Great America** \$10.00 off adult general admission
- **Red & White Fleet - Golden Gate Bay Cruise** \$4.00 off Golden Gate Bay Cruise ticket
- **San Francisco Zoo** One Free Child Admission with one Paid Adult General Admissio
- **Six Flags Discovery Kingdom** "Everyone Pays the Kid's Price" Admission
- **The Tech Museum** Buy One General Admission Ticket and Get One Free.
- **Winchester Mystery House** \$3 per ticket, up to 6 tickets

More discounts at
www.sycea.org/parkdeals.htm

CCEA Member Retires

By Business Agent Marie Clark



Frank Garofalo

On December 30, 2009, long time CCEA, Local 1 member Frank Garofalo retired. Frank worked for the City of Colusa for twenty-seven years.

During his employment he worked as a Sr. Utility System Operator and a Superintendent in the Water/Sewer Department. Frank served as CCEA, Local 1 President for several years and also as a Director. Frank opted to take the early retirement incentive that required the City to pay him an



additional \$7,500 for his early retirement. This retirement incentive was part of the Cost Savings Agreement between the Union and the City. Local 1 wishes Frank the best of luck in his retirement. We will miss him!

Board Installation—Active Leaders

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wealth of information that can never be replaced. Her dedication to her fellow employees was apparent by the length of her tenure on the Board and her steadfast nature to be involved in the issues that governed her coworkers' rights and benefits.

Dennis Moseley



Dennis Moseley was honored for his term as

Treasurer. We will miss Dennis' enthusiasm and private sector insight as a manager. The Treasurer position is being filled by Jeanette "Bunny" Elkins who works as an Accounting Technician at 1-Stop.

Ryan McNally was honored for his term as YCEA President. Ryan came to the Association during one of the toughest economical times in decades. We appreciate his strength and professionalism while shouldering the responsibilities he inherited with the job. Ryan will move into the Past President position on the Board.



Robin Timoszyk was elected YCEA President by the membership when Ryan did not seek reelection.

This event gives SCEA and YCEA leadership a chance to share common ground and look forward to a year of opportunity for change. As the old year slips away, a new year always seems to spark the leadership once again into shouldering the responsibilities for the good of all.

YCEA Local #1 Secretary Position Vacated

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NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

YCEA Local #1 Secretary position is now vacant due to Carol's retirement. The Board of Directors has decided that rather than fill the position by

appointment it would be appropriate to ask for nominations and conduct an election if we receive multiple nominations for the position.

Nominations for this position must be made in writing and submitted to the Association office no later than

Friday, February 12. Nominations can be emailed or faxed to the office, but please confirm with the member being nominated that he/she is willing to accept the nomination before submitting it to the Association.

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Valentine's Day



Sunday, February 14—
 Remember our Sponsors
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 perfect gift!

Calendar of Events — February 2010

SCEA Site Rep Meeting – <i>Thursday at noon</i> <i>Held at the S/YCEA Association Office - Site Reps attend</i>	February 4
SCEA Board of Directors' Meeting — <i>Monday at noon</i> <i>Held at the S/YCEA Association Office—Board members attend</i>	February 8
YCEA Site Rep Meeting — <i>Tuesday at noon</i> <i>Held at the S/YCEA Association Office—Site Reps attend</i>	February 9
Holiday / President's Day <i>Monday</i>	February 15
Local #1 Board Meeting – <i>Tuesday at 7:30 pm.</i> <i>Held at UPE Sacramento Union Hall - Local #1 Board members attend</i>	February 16
YCEA Board of Directors' Meeting – <i>Wednesday at noon</i> <i>Held at the S/YCEA Association Office—Board members attend</i>	February 24

Sutter County Catastrophic Leave—Maria Snyder

Maria Snyder works at the Sutter County Sheriff's Department Jail as a Correctional Food Services Supervisor. She volunteered to represent the employees at that location as an SCEA Site Representative and had only been able to attend a few meetings, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Since that time, she has gone through a lot including surgery and chemotherapy. She told me that she is happy that it wasn't worse and that

she is thankful that she is still able to be with her family.

Maria was approved for Catastrophic Leave and is able to receive assigned leave. If you are able to donate vacation, compensatory time and/or holiday bank to her, you may obtain the "Authorization to Assign Leave Balance" form from the Auditor's Office, Personnel Department or the County Intranet under Leave/Vacation Forms. The form is very

simple and self-explanatory.

SCEA staff would like to wish Maria a long and blessed life.

In the future, if you wish to assign leave balances to a coworker, please check with Personnel or the Auditor's Office prior to filling out the form to make sure that the

Initiative Season Begins

It remains unclear whether various initiatives will find the financial backing to mount an effort to secure the required signatures to place several anti-public employee initiatives on the general election ballot in November. Several proposed initiatives that would affect

public pensions have cleared the Secretary of State and Attorney Generals Office and may show up on clipboards in front of your local store shortly. We encourage you to talk with family, friends and neighbors to ask them **NOT** to sign any petitions

Preserve your pension!

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The Country Florist (743-7387)

D Street Salon—*Look special for Valentine's Day* (743-4555)

Diamond Palace (743-1815)

Pelton's Party Rental & Sales (674-2790)

Discounts and website links at www.sycea.org/discounts.htm