

New CalPERS Retirement Planning Walk-in Location

Before visiting our offices, we offer the following suggestions:

- Read and complete any necessary forms or applications.
- If you have a User ID and Password, Request An Official Retirement Estimate to be mailed to your home.
- Attend a workshop or seminar, or check out some of our retirement planning online services.

Your time is valuable, and by planning ahead and being prepared you'll get the most out of your visit to a CalPERS Regional Office.

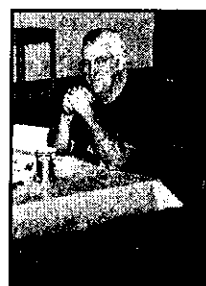
You can reach us by phone, at (888) CalPERS (225-7377), Monday through Friday, 8:00 am. to 5:00 pm.

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S/YCEA

Gary Stucky at the Local #1

Crab Feed



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



YCEA Membership Meeting – Tuesday 5:15 p.m. March 7

Will be held at Yuba County One-Stop



SCEA Site Rep Meeting– Tuesday (noon) March 14

Will be held at the S/YCEA Association Office



St. Patrick's Day – Friday March 17



SCEA Board of Directors' Meeting–Monday (noon) March 20

Will be held at the S/YCEA Association Office



Local #1 Board Meeting–Tuesday (7:30 p.m.) March 21

Will be held in Martinez at the Local #1 Office

YCEA Board of Directors' Meeting–Wednesday (noon) March 22

Will be held at the S/YCEA Association Office

YCEA Site Rep Meeting– Tuesday (noon) March 28

Will be held at the S/YCEA Association Office

NEW MEMBERS

Yuba County

Laura Brimer
Social Services

Denise Coleman
Social Services

Janet Frye-Stottmann
District Attorney-Criminal

Denice L. Garcia
Administrative Services

Christina Hand
Health Department-Jail

Jason S. Hughes
Public Works-Road

Michael A. Hughes
Public Works-Road

Nicole Kennedy
Social Services

Yuba County

Laura La Franchi
Comm Develop-Code Enforcement

Melinda Odom
Community Development

Adriana Ramirez
Social Services CPS

Melissa Rhoades
Social Services

Nancy Salisbery
Comm Develop-Planning

Sutter County

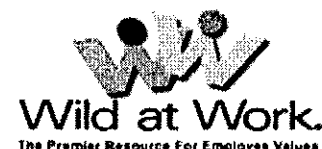
Maria Terry
Treasurer Tax Collector's Office

Sutter County Courts

Karen Eaton
Superior Court Traffic Division

Amy Doody
Superior Court Traffic Division

929 members strong!!



Call the Association to get your coupon book! 674-0185, press 103, then 1 to skip message and leave your name and number.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



News Update



Representing Public Employees in City of Colusa, Sutter and Yuba Counties

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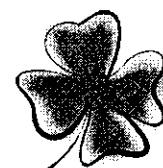
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IRISH BLESSING

May you live as long as you want.

And never want as long as you live.



Good Luck!

New S/YCEA Business Agent

Public Employees Union, Local #1 has allocated a full-time Business Agent position to the S/YCEA office. Please join us in welcoming Marie Clark who has been employed with Local #1 for nearly 10 years with the Butte County Employees Association as an Office Manager.

in the BCEA office and gained a vast amount of

professional experience in member representation issues. Previous to her employment with Local #1, Marie worked at Glenn County Superior Court for eight years as a Court Clerk.



Marie Clark, Local #1 Business Agent

Marie Clark has the type of energetic and positive personality that blends well with the needs of our membership.

Congratulations Marie!

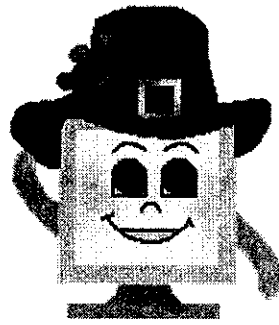


Local #1 staff and volunteers joined together to make the Crab Feed another success!

Karen Anthony, Supervising Business Agent; Ajsha Pullin, Office Worker II and Marsha Simmons, YCEA Director.

YCEA Director Pete Sweeney and S/YCEA Office Manager, Anna Anderson enjoy the Crab Feed.





Identity Theft

Identity theft is an evolving and changing problem. This is in part due to the very nature of the crime and in part due to the heightened learning curve of criminals. Rarely a week goes by without a report of a new or different way to steal and use identities.

One of Identity Theft Resource Center's (ITRC) goals is to provide a comprehensive site—a tool for consumers, victims, legislators, law enforcement and businesses to better understand this crime.

The victim and consumer guides, statistics, studies, testimony and tips contained in this site are regularly updated and added to. We hope you will become a regular visitor.

www.idtheftcenter.org

The Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Resource Center provides a clearinghouse of consumer friendly information and resources including a variety of free publications.

877-382-4357

Yuba County Negotiations Get Underway

The YCEA Negotiations Committee has met three times in the evening. The first meeting was a training workshop to prepare the Negotiations Committee for working collectively and effectively through the negotiations process. The subsequent two meetings were spent in

discussing and deciding what would be included in the package of proposals to be submitted to the County. Out of the 45 suggestions YCEA received, the Negotiations Committee is recommending 34 proposals to the membership. A Membership Meeting will be held on March 7 to request that the membership

approve the package of proposals recommended by the Committee and to decide the fate of the remaining 12 proposals not recommended by the Committee. It is anticipated that meetings with the County will begin either in late March or early April.

Sutter County Smoking Cessation Classes Under Consideration

Based upon a recommendation from the Health Division of the Human Services Department, the County is proposing that SCEA agree to a program that would allow County employees 60 minutes per week for 8 weeks to attend smoking cessation classes. The 60 minutes would still need to be approved by the employee's supervisor. The classes will actually be for a 90 minute period so employees interested in participating would be

required to use 30 minutes of their lunch period in conjunction with the 60 minutes granted by the County for this purpose.

This matter was reviewed with the SCEA Board of Directors at their meeting in February and various concerns were expressed regarding efforts being made in other areas of health concern and whether this type of program would truly provide the incentive for people to stop smoking. SCEA has had a long history of working with the County in a positive way to

encourage healthier life styles and wellness type programs. The SCEA Board did not reject this proposal but rather has communicated their interest in meeting and conferring with the County on this matter further. President Kurt Schoenwald has appointed Robert Ahu, Mental Health Worker I and Alice Williams-Root, Public Health Nurse III to serve as a committee to meet with the County on this matter.

An injury to one.....

This brief, deceptively simple expression encapsulates the basic premise of unionism. The concept of "An injury to one is an injury to all" --

- means that the mistreatment of an individual worker creates the possibility of mistreatment for every worker,
- requires that workers come to the support and defense of fellow workers who are threatened,
- creates a balance of power between the employer and the employees,
- is the foundation of solidarity among employees.

The Good Old Days

Back in the 1500s, people were sometimes able to obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." Later they might cut off a little to share with guests, then sit around and "chew the fat."

Those with money had plates made from pewter. Foods with high acid content caused some of the lead to be absorbed, often by tomatoes, thus causing lead poisoning. So for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread in the sixteenth century was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests received the top, or "upper crust."

Lead cups were often used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would occasionally knock someone out for days. Passers-by walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. The "deceased" were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days, and the family would gather around to eat and drink and wait to see if they might wake up, hence the custom of holding a "wake."

England is old and small, and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. They would dig up old coffins, take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside — they realized they had been burying people alive! Folks decided they should tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night, the "graveyard shift," to listen for the bell. Thus someone could be "saved by the bell" or considered a "dead ringer." (Now, whoever said history is boring?!)

Cool Offers from the Hottest Attractions

Bonfante Gardens Family Theme Park

\$10 off general admission (ages 3 & up) when you purchase online at bonfantegardens.org

Legoland

1-Day Tickets
Adult \$53.00
Children (3-12) & Seniors (60+); \$43.00
Children (0-2) are free! Or get a California Fun Spots Card and save \$7 off Full-Price Admission for up to 6 people.—lego.com

Knott's Berry Farm

Regular adult admission has just been lowered to \$39.95 and kids (3-11) and seniors (62+) are always \$14.95! \$35 adult admission

online—knotts.com

Marine World

Online One-Day Admission Special \$39.99 Limited Time offer—sixflags.com

Monterey Bay Aquarium

Family Time Coupon (Offer expires March 31, 2006)
\$59.95 for two adults and two children or students (up to age 17).
Print coupon www.mbayaq.org/ or get a California Fun Spots Card and save \$5 off up to 4 Full-Price Admissions.

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

\$26.95 (online savings of \$8), includes all-day rides AND two

attractions—beachboardwalk.com/ (make sure you click on coupons and discounts and print \$100 in savings)

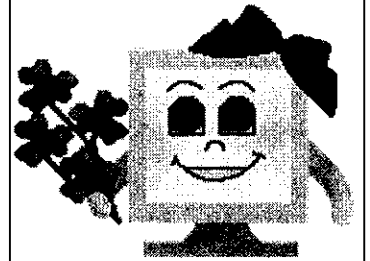
SeaWorld

\$7 off Full-Price Admission with California Fun Spots Card

Southern California CityPass

\$199.00 beginning 4/1/06 for a 3-Day Park Hopper to Disneyland Park and California Adventure, 1-Day to Universal Studios, SeaWorld San Diego and either San Diego Zoo or Wild Animal Park—www.citypass.com

For further information on the California Fun Spots Card call the Association!



Amusement Park Websites

Bonfante Gardens
bonfantegardens.org

Disneyland
disney.go.com

Great America
pgathrills.com

Knott's Berry Farm
knotts.com

Legoland
lego.com

Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk
beachboardwalk.com/

Universal Studios
universalstudios.com

SeaWorld
seaworld.com

Six Flags MarineWorld
sixflags.com

Winchester Mystery House
winchestermysteryhouse.com/