

Hot Off The Press

STAFF GUILD HIGHLIGHTS

- **Shared Governance Settlement:** The AFT Staff Guild and LACCD reached an agreement on the issue of hiring selection committees and, as the exclusive representative for the Staff Guild, AFT makes all appointments. Management does not appoint. Member mobilization at the demonstrations made a difference in securing the role Classified employees play in shared governance. For more detailed information, "In Strength & Unity" article, spring 2012.
- **Stop the Special Exemption Act (Paycheck Deception):** The measure prohibits unions from using dues through payroll deductions on ballot measures or candidates, but does NOTHING TO STOP corporations from spending billions in profits to influence elections. The measure limits free speech by banning any direct contributions by unions to local candidates. Please join the Staff Guild and all of labor to fight this attempt to erode unions and working families.
- **HRA/FSA Online Claim Submission:** The JLMBC is pleased to announce that SHPS has a new online claim submission feature. SHPS new Smartphone app makes it easy to manage your spending account. The mobile app lets you manage your account from anywhere. Apps for Iphone, Android, and Blackberry systems are available to download at the App Store, Play Store, or App World respectively.
- **Save Our State Parks (SOS):** In participation with unions, organizations, businesses, local governments, and individuals around the state, the California State Parks Foundation is leading SOS Campaign activities and generating awareness and action about threats of park closures, service reductions and unacceptable budget proposals. The closure of 70 parks will erode California's commitment and legacy to irreplaceable natural, cultural and historic resources. This will have an impact on California's travel and tourism industry reducing much-needed revenues for local businesses and

eliminate future generations of Californian's right to the "golden state's" natural wonders. Log onto www.savestateparks.org.

- **Assembly Bill 2606—Death Benefit Equity for Classified School Employees:** UPDATE: On May 25th, AB2606 failed passage in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The Staff Guild together with CFT will be bringing this bill back until it is successfully passed and signed into law. A thank you to all members who contacted legislative committee members urging the passage of the bill. AB 2606 would have increased the post-retirement death benefit paid to the beneficiaries of school members of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) from \$ 2,000 to \$ 6,000 which would have been phased in over time.
- **2012 Chapter Chairs and Delegates Elections:** Official results of the Chapter Chairs/Delegates Election, including the Pierce Chapter Chair run-off election at: www.local1521a.org.
- **The AFT 82nd Convention:** The national convention will take place in Detroit, Michigan beginning July 27 through July 30, 2012. 1521A will be funding 12 delegates to the convention to deliberate on the convention floor and vote on resolutions.
- **Re-elect President Barack Obama. Why Re-elect?**
 - ✓ Protect and defend human, civil and women's rights
 - ✓ A continued fight for the Affordable Care Act
 - ✓ Protect financial aid and Pell Grants to help give millions of students access to a college education
 - ✓ Have wealthy Americans pay their fair shareThis is why AFT National and CFT have endorsed President Obama for re-election.
- **Congratulations to the following classified employees on their retirement.**
 - ✓ Helen Beaird (TT) 42 years Student Services Specialist
 - ✓ Noie Holmes (C) 33 years Purchasing Aide
 - ✓ Betty Bjornsen (V) 30 years Instructional Assistant
 - ✓ Connie Thompson(C)30 years Administrative Secretary
 - ✓ Paula Hoover (P) 19 years Administrative Aide
 - ✓ Yvonne Crawford(W)19 years Financial Aid Technician
 - ✓ Ann Harootyan (V) 34 years Instructional Assistant
 - ✓ Carol Rivera (V) 30 years Admissions & Records Assistant