

News Update



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YCEA Board of Directors – Treasurer Election

By Anna M. Anderson, Office Manager

In October YCEA sent out a bulletin announcing the Officer and Directors Election for President, Treasurer, Supervisory Unit Director and Craft/Maintenance Unit Director. A nomination was received for the Treasurer position only. Penny Clingan from Child Support Services was nominated to run against the incumbent, Stephanie Smith from Health and Human Services Department.

On November 12, a ballot was distributed to the membership for the Treasurer election with instructions on voting at

ballot boxes at the Government Center, Yuba County Courthouse, the Packard Building, and the Association Office. The voting deadline was Monday, November 16 at 4:30 p.m.

Before the YCEA Board meeting on November 18, YCEA Past President John Houston and SYCEA Executive Director Gary Stucky counted the ballots. There were 106 ballots cast, 3 ballots were challenged. The ballot count was Stephanie Smith, 60 votes and Penny Clingan, 43 votes. The challenged votes

would not change the outcome of the vote.

It was a very good turnout, more than what we normally get in this type of election. We would like to thank Penny for accepting the nomination and participating in the election. We are always looking for members who are willing to take on leadership roles in the Union. We would like to thank Stephanie for her many years of service on committees, as a Site Rep and positions on the YCEA Board.

Congratulations Stephanie!



SYCEA Board Installation & Membership Appreciation Event

By Anna M. Anderson, Office Manager

SYCEA, Local #1 will hold a Board Installation/Membership Appreciation event on Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Veterans Memorial Hall in Yuba City. This event is combining the annual Board Installation of Officers and Directors and the Membership Appreciation(s). YCEA and SCEA will be invited. This idea was brought to the SCEA and YCEA Boards and a

Committee was appointed. Ramona Mallonee, YCEA Vice President; Melinda Mangum, YCEA Secretary; Chandra Tucker, SCEA Director/Mental Health; and Sue Johnson, SCEA Director/Social Services have been meeting since October 21.

There are many decisions to be made for an event like this to come together. The

Committee has decided to do a Western theme and caterers have been contacted to give proposals for the BBQ buffet. The Committee is still deciding on the caterer at this time. There will be music provided by a DJ and there will be a dance floor area so you can kick up your heels if you wish! Members' admission, dinner and drinks

will be provided. The member can bring a guest, but there will be a charge for the guest (to cover the cost of the buffet and drinks). The event will begin at 6:00 p.m., but dinner will not be until 7:00 p.m. to give everyone a chance to arrive in plenty of time.

We hope you will hold the date and plan to attend.

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Vice President

Pete Jensen

Secretary/Treasurer

Lorie Thomas

Past President

Ray Hogan

Directors**Agriculture**

Michael Berry

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Bob Buckner

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Melanie Inguanzo

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Christa Moore

Director

Mitchell Maxwell

Director

Phil Calkins

YUBA COUNTY HEALTH INSURANCE

By Gary Stucky, Executive Director

After the CalPERS Board of Administration set the health insurance premium rates for calendar year 2016, which resulted in double-digit increases, Yuba County convened with representatives from the labor organizations representing different groups of County employees to discuss viable options.

CalPERS policy provides that participating agencies have a 60 calendar day window period to declare their intent to withdraw from the CalPERS health insurance. Only then does CalPERS provide agency specific experience data necessary for an alternate insurance provider to prepare an accurate proposal for replacing the existing insurance. The problem is that once notice of intent to withdraw is given, it commits the agency to withdrawing at the end of that current calendar year.

As reported last month, the Health Insurance Committee decided they need to gather more information regarding the CalPERS health insurance plans themselves and other information related to the CalPERS insurance program. The Committee will first focus on issues related to regionalization which determines rates, the impact of the Affordable Care Act on CalPERS health insurance plans and having a better understanding of the

process used by the Board of Administration to set health insurance premium rates.

In response to Southern California agencies threatening to withdraw from CalPERS because health insurance rate increases were being driven by higher costs in Northern California, CalPERS established three regions. In recent years, a fourth region (Sacramento) was created and it appears at



this time that CalPERS intends to make this permanent. One option might be staying with CalPERS but advocating for Yuba County to be placed in the Sacramento Region.

Health insurance costs in Northern California are more expensive largely because the competition that exists in Southern California is not present in Northern California. An example is the local Fremont/Rideout Hospital that has had a monopoly on hospitalization in our community for years. Only in recent years have out-patient surgery centers been opened, which have created some competition. Ironically, state employees who receive health insurance through CalPERS and

Association plans offered on a state-wide basis through CalPERS still pay one rate based upon the statewide population, regardless of where the employee works and/or lives.

While discussion continues regarding rescinding the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the likelihood of that occurring is minimal. 2016 is a political year and the ACA will undoubtedly be a topic of much discussion. The reality is that there are components of the ACA, which could create more cost for the employer and the employee if health insurance premium rates are not properly managed.

YCEA has arranged to have Doug P. McKeever, Deputy Executive Officer, Benefit Programs Policy and Planning and Jan Falzarano, Acting Chief of Health Policy Research Division speak to the Health Insurance Committee on these subject matters and to be available to answer questions at the Committee's next meeting scheduled for February 2, 2016. After this meeting, YCEA will be distributing additional information and scheduling a membership meeting to answer questions and begin discussion about alternatives and to seek membership direction.

MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

Local #1 members receive discounts on purchases from the following merchants in the Sutter/Yuba area upon presentation or in some cases mention of your membership card.

1. Join AAA and the one-time enrollment fee of \$17 will be waived. Tell them you are a member of the Sutter/Yuba County Employees’ Association, Local #1. (742-5531)
2. Enterprise Rent-A-Car – Offers 10% off rates in Northern California. Please call the Association Office for the corporate code to give to Enterprise for the discount. (673-7711).
3. Pelton’s Party Rental & Sales - Offers 10% discount on retail items. (674-2790)
4. Muffler Masters - Offers 10% discount on services and parts. (674-7030)
5. Diamond Palace Super Store - Offers 5% price reduction on all purchases and \$2.00 off any jewelry repair job. (743-1815)
6. Richard’s Tree Service - Offers 10% discount. (673-7993)
7. The Country Florist – Set up an account with The Country Florist and receive a 10% discount (excludes out of town orders). (743-7387)
8. The Medicine Shoppe in Marysville - Guaranteed lowest prices on prescriptions vitamins and health related items, plus a patient profile service and health care screening. Offers 5% discount on purchases (cannot be applied towards the prescription co-payment) (743-4629)
9. Manuel’s Smog & Auto Repair. – Official smog test and repair station. Manuel Saldana Jr. – Owner/ASE Certified Mechanic/Smog Technician. Offers 10% discount or \$5.00 off smog inspections. Marysville, CA (742-0304)
10. KLOTZ Mobile Detail – Offers 25% discount. (315-3272) “We come to you.”
11. L & L Monuments – Offers 5% discount (755-2714) “Can’t beat our prices.”
12. Hairway to Heaven – Offers 20% discount on services. (763-5766) Open 7 days a week.
13. Sizzler Saver Special! – Coupons at Association Office for \$1 off unlimited salad bar for everyone in your party and \$3 off Steak & Unlimited Fried Shrimp (more offers on coupon).

CALIFORNIA AMUSEMENT PARKS & MORE – Online Member savings on travel, entertainment, theme parks, dining, and shopping at PEU PERKS. Visit <http://www.peuperks.com/> to register. Also, at sycea.org you can print tickets for Golfland SunSplash waterpark, fastcars, laser tag, and miniature golf tickets. Just CLICK the Park Deals navigation button, then CLICK Tickets. You will need to call the Union Office to get the store name **first**, before you can enter the SunSplash online store to view the pricing and purchase tickets. Call for the code to take advantage of the “Good Any Day Program” for Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

DISCOUNT COUPONS – Gilroy Gardens, National Steinbeck Center, Roaring Camp Railroads, Old Faithful Geyser of California, and Winchester Mystery House can be printed online at sycea.org. Just CLICK the Park Deals link on the green navigation bar and then CLICK the SF Fun tab for printable coupons. (Some San Francisco discounts are ONLY available at the Association Office such as the Pier 39 Fun Pack)

2016 Pocket Calendars available!

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Ramona Mallonee
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Melinda Mangum
Treasurer
Stephanie Smith
Past President
John Houston

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Michele Kocher-CWS
Alex Hadley-Health Dept (Alternate)
Supervisory Unit
Vacant
Technical Unit
Norma Stone - Admin/Finance
Court Unit
Vacant
Clerical/Office Unit
Alicia Phillips-CWS
Maintenance/Service Unit
George Boyd-Bldg & Grounds



Yuba City Board

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David Calonder
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Jim Murphy
Secretary
Greg Garvin
Treasurer
Tim Bybee

- City Hall Director**
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SCEA Board of Directors' Meeting—Monday at noon December 14
Held at the Yuba City Union Office—SCEA Board members attend

Local 1 Board Meeting—Tuesday at 7:30 PM December 15
Held at the Sacramento Union Office—Local 1 Board members attend

Yuba City Board of Directors' Meeting—Wed. at 2:00 p.m. December 16
Held at the Yuba City Union Office—Yuba City Board members attend

YCEA Board of Directors' Meeting—Wednesday at noon December 23
Regularly scheduled meeting CANCELED — Due to holidays

Christmas Holiday— Thursday & Friday December 24-25
Local #1 Offices CLOSED

New Years Holiday— Thursday & Friday December 31 & January 01, 2016
Local #1 Offices CLOSED

CWEA Board

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Secretary/Treasurer
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Director
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The Union offers free notary services for members when you make an appointment. I will not do signing documents (bank loans), but retirement paperwork, power of attorney, and requests for birth certificates are a few examples of the documents that I will notarize.

Please contact Marie Clark at the S/YCEA office if you would like further information or would like to schedule an appointment to have something notarized.



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