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Business Manager Update

It has been an honor working with the Executive Board and Business Manager Sue Keller. I have been with the Executive Board for nine years as Sergeant At Arms, President, Steward and now Business Manager. I feel that the training I have had at the International level and here at the college level has been an excellent opportunity to learn the skills needed to continue to serve classified employees. We are very fortunate to have a very diverse group of hard working members involved in the Executive Board, Negotiations team, the Stewards and upcoming Stewards at all locations.

With the state of the state, it will be difficult times in the next couple of years and even the next couple of weeks with the budget of Sierra College. All of us will have to work together including Classified Staff, Management, Faculty, the President, Vice Presidents and Board of Trustees. We are all in the same bucket... ha ha!

The Negotiators are currently working on contract language regarding a couple of articles to clarify to what the intent was when written. Information will be coming out on this soon. Benefits are also being discussed as far as the cap and an opportunity to purchase medical benefits by a different method. There will be several upcoming meetings and brown bag lunches to discuss these matters.

Training and sharing is always important. Getting involved and learning how to become leaders helps us all succeed in what we do. Remember the FUSE office is open Monday - Thursday from 8:00am - 4:30pm.

*It's all good...
Rick McMurtry
Business Manager*

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Member Update

Thank you to all of our members for their hard work. Here is our latest member update:

- Craig Smalley, - Database Administrator/District Systems Security Manager, former member of FUSE will be retiring after 30 years of service.

We have 5 new members since last month, welcome to Sierra College!

- Cody Watson - Instructional Assistant, Testing Center
- Robert Dean - Network Support Specialist
- David Prather - Network Support Specialist
- Sharon Lucas - Payroll Technician
- Christine Peterson - Payroll Technician



Meet Joanne Zahn

Joanne Zahn began working with the Sierra College Tahoe-Truckee in 1997. At this time, the Tahoe-Truckee campus held its courses in the evening Monday thru Thursday from 1:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Truckee High School. Joanne was the only Administrative Assistant supporting the operation and forty instructors. Joanne's office was literally the size of a closet. In 2002, Sierra College started leasing a different building on Pioneer Trail. Along with the move, Joanne was reclassified as the Administrative Coordinator.

In the fall of 2008, the new Tahoe-Truckee campus was being built and they began to expand. In this process, Joanne was a part of hiring committees and the FFE committee, which decided the designs of the new campus. Joanne put a lot of time and hard work into the new and beautiful campus. Joanne is very dedicated and considered a great asset to Sierra College's Tahoe-Truckee Campus and the District.

Aside from working hard during the week, Joanne enjoys cruising in her 2007 midnight blue Corvette. She often travels to Calistoga and the wine country in Mendocino. Her favorite beach town where she takes family vacations every year is in Capitola. Joanne also enjoys the outdoors, boating and spending time with her husband, two kids and four

You Might Get Caught!!!

Watch out... you might get caught wearing your FUSE polo shirt! If you are caught playing a part in unity on special days you may be rewarded. That's right, rewarded! You may be recognized and a Starbucks's gift card may magically come your way! So to increase your chances of being able to get a delicious coffee or scrumptious snack without money out of your pocket, sport those lovely polo shirts!

For the remainder of the summer during our 4/10s schedule, POLO DAY will be every first and third Wednesday. In the fall when we go back to the 5/8s schedule, POLO DAY will go back to every first and third Thursday.



"All that serves labor serves the nation. All that harms is treason. If a man tells you he trusts America, yet fears labor, he is a fool. There is no America without labor, and to fleece the one is to rob the other."

-- Abraham Lincoln



From left: Cary Cose, Joanne Zahn, Diane Tomasello, Humpty, Peggy Wallace, Kim Bateman, and Michael Cory

Humpty made it to the Tahoe–Truckee Campus

Humpty made it up to the Tahoe–Truckee Campus! He began his journey up there at the end of June and enjoyed the scenic drive. He was so excited when he arrived to get out and breathe the fresh Sierra Nevada Mountain air at over 5,800 feet elevation. The Tahoe–Truckee Campus of Sierra College serves many different communities lying within the Tahoe's north and west shores including Truckee, Squaw Valley, Alpine Meadows, Tahoe City, Kings Beach and Incline Village.

The campus is within just minutes of world class recreation and adventuring, stellar natural geography, and modern cultural enrichment. The proximity of Donner Lake and Summit, Squaw Valley USA, Northstar-at-Tahoe, Alpine Meadows, the Reno basin, and several national forest and wilderness preserves provides the people of the region with a wide array of year round activities.

Humpty had such a great time and received such a warm welcome from the staff, he decided to extend his stay into the month of July. Again, keep your eyes out for where he will be next!

<http://www.sierra.cc.ca.us/AboutUs/campuses/tt/index.html>





Independence Day History

Independence Day, or the Fourth of July is the adoption by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, of the Declaration of Independence, proclaiming the severance of the allegiance of the American colonies to Great Britain. It is the greatest secular holiday of the United States, observed in all the states, territories and dependencies.

Although it is assumed that the Continental Congress unanimously signed the document on the 4th of July, in fact not all delegates were present and there were no signers at all.

The congressional delegate from Virginia, Richard Henry Lee, introduced in the Continental Congress, on June 7, 1776, a resolution "that...body declare the United Colonies free and independent States, absolved from allegiance to or dependence on the Crown or Parliament of Great Britain..."

Congress approved the resolution July 2; the declaration composed by Jefferson and amended by his committee was adopted July 4. That evening John Hancock ordered Philadelphia printer John Dunlap to print 200 broadside copies of the agreed upon Declaration that was signed by him as President and Charles Thomson as Secretary. These were distributed to members of the congress and distributed to the 13 colonies and elsewhere. The

Declaration was read in the yard of the state house July 8. New York did not even vote on it until July 9. The signing was even more gradual.

By August 6, most of those whose names are on the document had signed, but at least six signatures were attached later. One signer, Thomas McKean did not attach his name until 1781. Some of those who signed were not even in Congress when the Declaration was adopted, and some who voted for it in congress never did get around to signing it. Robert R. Livingston was one of the committee of five; he helped to frame it; he voted for it; and he never signed it.

The first anniversary of the declaration was observed only in Philadelphia, Pa., by the adjournment of Congress, a ceremonial dinner, bonfires, the ringing of bells and fireworks. In 1788, after the requisite number of states had adopted the constitution, Philadelphia celebrated July 4 by elaborate festivities, including a grand procession.

**We wish you all a safe
and Happy 4th of July!
Enjoy your families and
friends!**

July 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 POLO DAY FUSE MEETING 7AM - 9AM Senate Meeting 12 NOON to 1 PM	2	3 HOLIDAY	4
5	6	7	8 Senate Meeting 12 NOON to 1 PM	9	10	11 Board Retreat Lincoln Library 9:00 am
12	13	14	15 POLO DAY FUSE MEETING 7AM - 9AM Senate Meeting 12 NOON to 1 PM	16	17	18
19	20	21 Strategic Council 1PM - 4PM	22 Senate Meeting 12 NOON to 1 PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Senate Meeting 12 NOON to 1 PM Negotiations 1:30 - 4:30 PM	30	31	

Upcoming Events

- ❖ August 17 - back to regular schedules.
- ❖ August 28 - General Meeting, 9-11 am, breakfast provided!

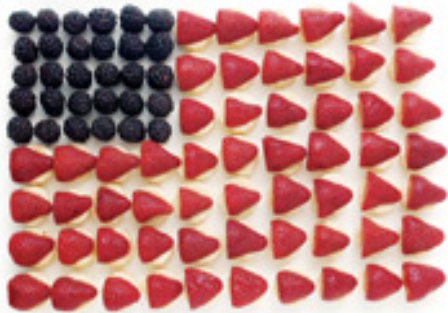




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Sierra College Stewards

Don't forget
to read the newsletter
thoroughly...
information may be very
useful later, possibly
when a raffle prize is on
the line!



Sue Keller Tahoe Truckee	Ext. 8101/8231
Rick McMurtry Plant Ops, Gym, Police Services, Personnel, Theatre	Ext. 3800
Jennifer Dupuis Learning Resource Center	Ext. 7513
Sandra Anderson Evening Shift	Ext. 7107
Ruth Echavarria Roseville Gateway, Community Ed, SBCC	Ext. 6245
Diana Kenton M & Mt Buildings	Ext. 8031
Melinda Thomas Nevada County Campus	Ext. 5297

Star*Spangled Fun



Fruit Flag

For ultimate freshness, prepare this treat right before serving. Present it with toothpicks for spearing the fruit and a bowl of your favorite dip, if desired.

RECIPE INGREDIENTS:

- 29 Large Strawberries
- 30 large Blackberries
- 7 or so Large Bananas
- Lemon Juice

1. Hull and halve 29 large strawberries and set them aside.
2. Arrange 30 large blackberries, as shown, in the upper left corner of a serving tray or cutting board (it should be at least 8 by 13 inches).
3. Cut 58 banana slices, 3/4-inch-thick, into a bowl. Sprinkle on lemon juice and toss the slices gently with a rubber spatula to keep them from browning.
4. Assemble the banana slices in rows as shown and top each slice with a strawberry half.