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FUSE HELPS EVACUEES IN LINCOLN

FUSE executive board members Rick McMurtry and Laurie Thiers, and FUSE members Scott Pisk and Greg Brown, as well as Scott's wife Maritza and son Taylor volunteered to help the evacuees in Lincoln by serving up a barbequed hot dog meal for them on August 24th. FUSE volunteers fed approximately 300 very thankful Lincoln residents that evening. Special thanks to Sharon Cummings, assistant store manager at the Lincoln Raley's for her generous donation of premium hot dogs and buns, plus \$100 cash towards our purchase. Now that's community!



FUSE QUARTERLY GENERAL MEETINGS

If you were able to join us at our August general meeting, thank you. If you weren't able to join us, the unapproved minutes will be available for viewing soon in the FUSE public folder. We know it is difficult or perhaps impossible for some of you to join us, and therefore in an effort to accommodate more members, all future general meetings will alternate between mornings and afternoons. As a reminder, only members are allowed to attend FUSE general meetings, so temps and volunteers are not permitted to attend. We do appreciate your feedback both during the meetings and following. Thank you for your support.

CAMPUS SAFETY

Have you noticed a safety hazard around campus? Do you have comments regarding safety on campus? Sierra College has a Safety Committee that meets on the third Wednesday of every month from 1:00-2:00pm in the YT building conference room. Sierra College employees are welcome to attend. You can view meeting agendas and recollections in the Safety Committee Public Folder. If you have an unsafe condition, hazard or work practice that you want to report, you can find the form in the "Forms" tab within My Sierra employee login. You can submit the report via email or interoffice it to Colin Erwin YT-1B, or Kevin Welsfry A-108/X-5A. Meeting times and location are subject to change, so if you plan to attend, please email Alysia Lopez or Michael Glashan prior to the meeting. Have a safe day, everyone.



MEET CINDY LOWE

Cindy will begin her 25th year at Sierra College on September 1st. She works in Community Education at our Roseville Gateway campus. She began her employment as an Accounting Technician in Community Education. "I was actually the second choice, but after #1 didn't work out, I was offered the job. The timing was perfect!" What does she like about her job? "I like the variety of work and my GREAT coworkers. Community Education is an awesome department – a little mini college. We have 11,000+ students who don't have to worry about grades/credits, just self-enrichment. The community loves us! It is a wonderful compliment to the college." Cindy grew up in the San Fernando Valley and now lives in Auburn. "I have an amazing husband, Dave, and we've been married 35 years. He is my sweet prince. We have two beautiful daughters, Andrea (24) and Shelby (22) and a wonderful son-in-law.

"We all love and like each other, I am truly blessed." Cindy's hobbies include walking, crocheting, making the office 'party cupcakes' and snow skiing. "I would love to be skiing today on fresh powder in Park City, Utah." What's she currently reading? "*Heaven is for Real* by Todd Burpo." Music tastes include Collective Soul, Phil Wickham, Adele and Jack Johnson. Favorite restaurant in Auburn? "Wednesday nights, Club Car in Auburn, for a great salad and music by *Double Shots*." Something she's always wanted to do is ride the zip lines over the tree-top canopies in Costa Rica. Something you might not know about Cindy is that she has a heart for the lowly. "I've had the opportunity to walk in the slums of Africa, to love on women and children that are HIV positive and outcasted from their community; I was able to live and teach in rural villages in Kenya and see the beauty in the souls of the brothers and sisters across the planet." Which brings us to her favorite scripture: *All things happen for good to those who love the Lord and are called according to His purpose.* (Romans 8:28) Her favorite humanitarian cause is HEART – Health Education Africa Resource Team. "They are truly making a difference in Kenya, Africa. Check out their website at www.africaheart.com." Thoughts about the union? "I appreciate all the time and effort put in on our behalf. It's great to have someone come alongside in a time of need or concern." Thank you, Cindy for sharing!

WORD NERD

By Jeanne Guerin

The following excerpt from the article "Labor Day Word Origins" on *Dictionary.com* provides a bit of background on the Labor Day holiday:

In 1882, Peter J. McGuire, a leader of the labor union, the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners (joiner being "a craftsman who constructs things by joining pieces of wood" or "a worker in wood who does more ornamental work than a carpenter") proposed a day to honor laborers. Laborers were considered a new class that worked in the factories and plants created by the Industrial Revolution. Labor Day became a national holiday on which workers in the 1890s and early 20th century used to call attention to their grievances. There were often parades, political speeches, fireworks, and a picnic. Today, Labor Day, celebrated on the first Monday in September (as of 1894, by law), simply honors anyone who works. The date has no traditional or historic significance but was picked because it filled a gap in the schedule of legal holidays. Canada also celebrates Labor Day on the first Monday in September; many other countries observe this on May 1.

While our observance of Labor Day in the United States dates back to 1882, according to the *Online Etymology Dictionary*, the word "labor" has been around a lot longer:

Labor: c.1300, "a task, a project;" later "exertion of the body; trouble, difficulty, hardship" (late 14c.), from O.Fr. *labour* (Fr. *labeur*), from L. *laborem* (nom. *Labor*) "toil, pain, exertion, fatigue, work," perhaps originally "tottering under a burden," related to *labere* "to totter." Meaning "body of laborers considered as a class" (usually contrasted to *capitalists*) is from 1839. Sense of "physical exertions of childbirth" is 1590s, earlier *labour of birthe* (early 15c.); cf. Fr. *en travail* "in (childbirth) suffering."

Bottom line: Take a brake from your labors and enjoy your day off!



STRAWBERRY-LEMON PARFAIT

Delicious, light dessert the whole family will love. And it's easy enough that the kids can make it on their own!

- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1/2 cup prepared lemon curd
- Grated rind of 1 lemon
- 2 baskets of strawberries, cleaned and sliced
- Mint sprig for garnish

In medium bowl, whip cream to form stiff peaks. In another medium bowl mix about one-fourth of the cream into lemon curd to blend thoroughly, then fold in remaining cream and the lemon peel. Refrigerate to chill. To serve, arrange three layers of strawberries and 2 layers of lemon cream in each of four stemmed glasses. Garnish with mint.

Food.com

FUSE SPIRIT WEAR

Because of your feedback regarding the FUSE Polos (fit/fading), we have created a new system for FUSE embroidered apparel. You can submit your own favorite tee, button-down or collared shirt (limit 2 per member), and we will have our NEW logo embroidered on it at *no cost* to you. Please note that our yellow logo will be embroidered on the left pocket area. Striped, plaid or patterned shirts may not show logo well. Interoffice your shirt(s) to the FUSE office by the 10th of each month. Turnaround time approximately 7 working days. If you



are wearing your FUSE logo tee (or any FUSE apparel) on the first or third Thursday of each month and are spotted by a coworker who then reports that sighting to the FUSE office, you may receive a drink/lunch card from Starbucks or Subway (eligible once every 6 months). In addition, if you wear your FUSE apparel to our general meetings, you will receive an extra raffle ticket! Thank you for showing your support and solidarity!

Laborers' International Union of North America

FUSE Local 1212 is a member of the public employee department of LiUNA, commonly known as the Laborers' Union. With over a half a million members, LiUNA is the most progressive and fastest growing union of construction workers and one of the most diverse and effective unions representing public service employees.

Please visit the LiUNA website at www.liuna.org for all kinds of information including links to member benefits. LiUNA can also be reached at (202) 737-8320.

For LiUNA Pension Fund information, please call (800) 544-7422

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 FUSE E-BOARD 8:00-10:00	2	3
4	5	6 OMNI-PARTY 1:00-4:00	7 NEGOTIATIONS 1:00-4:00	8	9 STRATEGIC COUNCIL 9:00-12:00	10
11	12	13 BOARD OF TRUSTEES 4:00	14	15 FUSE E-BOARD 8:00-10:00	16	17
18	19	20	21 NEGOTIATIONS 8:30-4:00	22	23 STRATEGIC COUNCIL 9:00-12:00	24
25	26	27 OMNI-PARTY 1:00-4:00	28	29	30	

Green

Red

Blue

Open to members

Closed to members

Informational