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Message from Your President

As the academic year winds down I am sure that everyone is terribly busy. I just want to take a few minutes of your time to remind you of some of the benefits afforded you through a great deal of work on the part of dedicated persons in your union. See the list below:

Upcoming are two really fun and elegant social events: the Celebrate Spring dinner and cocktail party at the Coast Mesa Country Club, which is happening this Friday, and the All Family Picnic in September. I hope that many of you are attending. In addition, there are many benefits now available to you: 1) funds for attending two conferences/workshops, up to \$700 each per semester; 2) pay for division and committee meetings; 3) services through Memorial Health Care; 4) district-paid \$25,000 Life Insurance policies; 5) 24-Hour Fitness Memberships; 6) pay for committee work and writing/evaluating SLOs; 7) part-timers' Job security and guaranteed job interviews for full-time positions; 8) secured parity pay as in the contract. If you don't know how to access these benefits, contact me at barbara@coastcca.com and I will assist you. It has been

exciting and gratifying to work on securing these benefits for you, please take advantage of them.



On another note: I have just been honored to be included with membership in the National Women's History Museum, where I will have a permanent plaque and where women will be honored for their many contributions to society. Here, our stories and the many contributions made by half the population that has been left out, will be celebrated.

In addition I was also recently chosen to represent my professional community in the 2011/2012 Business Who's Who Registry among Executives, Professionals & Entrepreneurs. I am very proud to be representing all of you.

I trust that all of you who are mothers enjoyed a lovely Mother's Day and that all of you who are fathers will have an equally wonderful Father's Day. My best wishes to all.

Have a restful and enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all I Fall, 2011.

Don't ask yourself what the world needs.
Ask yourself what makes you come alive. And then
go and do that. Because what the world needs are
people who have come alive.

- Rev. Howard Thurman

May 20 Set for Annual Dinner

Our traditional End-of-the-Year Celebration is all planned for Friday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m., at the Costa Mesa Country Club. More than 800 invitations were placed in mailboxes throughout the district. I am very careful to assure that you all get an invitation and I put one up on the bulletin board in the mailroom; so if you didn't receive one, please consider yourself invited. We will have music by Bruce Wall, a social hour with hors d'oeuvres and time to get to know teachers from our three colleges. A delicious dinner and dancing will follow, along with some special guests who wish to show appreciation for all that you do for our students. I am looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Governor's Revised Budget Has More Money For Schools

Gov. Jerry Brown this morning acknowledged California will take in \$6.6 billion more in tax revenue than once thought over the next 13 months, but reiterated his call to extend tax increases to avoid deep budget deficits in future years. Brown's revised budget proposal pegs the deficit at \$9.6 billion through June 30, 2012. The plan would eliminate 5,500 state jobs and 43 boards and commissions. Brown's new budget assumes that trend will continue and projects the state will also take

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Coast CCA SPOTLIGHT

Extended Educators Employment Liability Program Coverage (Medical Arts Endorsement) for 2010-11

Attention anyone teaching in the following categories: occupational and physical therapy, dental hygiene, athletic training, and nursing.

2010-11 AIG Member Companies (AIG) medical arts endorsement extended educators employment liability (EEL) coverage is available. Only members who provide specified services in the occupation areas mentioned above are eligible for the AIG medical arts endorsement. CTA will pay the premium for eligible members. Agency-fee payers are not eligible for this coverage. If you qualify and are interested, contact your chapter president, Dr. Price at barbara@coastcca.com, who will provide you with further information and assist in getting you this benefit.

Unemployment Benefits for You

If part-time teaching is your only income, you are qualified to apply for EDD Unemployment Benefits after your last final exam for the spring 2011 semester. Remember, you do NOT have a contract for the fall. By law, the Cervisi decision, you have no "reasonable assurance" of employment and are therefore unemployed until you secure another teaching position at a future date.

To apply for Unemployment Benefits, simply call EDD at :

English 800-300-5616
Spanish 800-326-8937

You may also apply on-line at: <http://www.edd.ca.gov/eddhome.htm>

Mention the Cervisi decision, since this will help to facilitate the process. If you have any questions about applying or any problems with the application process, or if you are unfairly denied benefits, please contact Barbara Price – 949-375-6457 or 949-723-1249, or e-mail bamp1234@sbccglobal.net.

State Budget Issues Affecting Coast Community Colleges' Students

Upon approval of State Council, CTA is working with lawmakers to approve Governor Brown's proposed state budget plan that mixes \$12.5 billion in budget cuts with a five year extension of four temporary taxes to stop even deeper cuts to public education and other services. CTA is working with the Education Coalition and labor partners to support the budget plan and revenue extensions. Brown has called for a special election in June for us to vote to approve these taxes.

According to the Legislative Analyst, if the temporary taxes are not extended, K-12 schools and community colleges would face another \$5.2 billion in cuts; CSU and UC schools would be

cut an additional \$2 billion. The Legislative Analyst also outlined a few examples of those deeper cuts: double community college fees and eliminate all sports in community colleges, increase CSU tuition 10% and UC tuition 7%, reduce CSU enrollment by 5%, and reduce the number of Cal Grants available to low-income students.

All of this will affect our students as they attempt to get their Community College Education and transfer to UCs and CSUs.

We, the faculty, are working with our local lawmakers to support the governor's budget plan. We count on our students to do the same.

What Are Weingarten Rights?

Each unit member has Weingarten Rights, which means that you are not required to attend a meeting which you may believe will be disciplinary in nature without representation. Do not talk with an administrator if you believe the conversation will be about employment rights. Say: "If this discussion could in any way lead to my being disciplined or terminated or

affect my working conditions, I respectfully request that my Association representative be present at the meeting. Without representation I chose not to answer any questions." These are rights granted all part-time employees and you cannot be disciplined for exercising them. If you have this problem, email or call jack@coastcca.com or 949-673-6286.

Are You on the Fall Schedule?

According to the Coast CCA/Coast CCD contract, part-time faculty members are entitled to receive a scheduling calendar – a form on which to make class requests for the ensuing semester – and dates when a scheduling decision will be made. If you are not scheduled for the following semester, you may submit a written request to the Vice-President of Instruction requesting the reason why.

Further, a unit member may ask for a conference with the Vice-President and request an Association representative be present.

By now, most scheduling for Fall, 2011, should have been completed. If you have not been given the above opportunities, contact the Association grievance officer, Jack Price, at jack@coastcca.com.

Class Cuts Affect Students And Faculty

The deans are telling us that they are directed to cut PT faculty classes by 10 percent, which, for divisions such as math and science, will be about 10 classes each semester, affecting roughly 350 students, and in Lit/Lang would likely double that amount. The average 3-unit class taught by a PT faculty member is about \$4,000 per semester. I am concerned about the lack of opportunity that will be available for our students. I also am concerned for the PT teachers who do not have benefits and are "freeway flyers" trying to survive in these tough economic times. Also, to be considered is that these teachers often teach courses that no one else is qualified to teach, nor wants to teach. These people are often the experts in their fields and their courses just cannot be picked up and taken over.

Keep in touch by visiting our website: coastcca.com

We periodically post full-time teaching positions, news regarding district funding and community colleges, and contract negotiations and changes; as well as other pertinent news.

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up-to-the-minute news, contact
information and much more.

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Experiential Anatomy Workshop

by Janet Millian

Karobi Sachs and Vidyadevi Stillman, two highly revered Master Yoga Trainers from the Svaroopo Yoga system, came to San Diego to teach a weekend workshop on Experiential Anatomy. Karobi became a Svaroopo Yoga teacher in 2000, joined the teacher training team in 2002, and left her nursing job to devote herself full time to Master Yoga in 2004. Vidyadevi began her Svaroopo studies in 1992. Her experience as a research scientist enlivens her understanding and teaching of the science of yoga. She is a Leading Teacher, Yoga Therapist and Meditation Teacher, and has been training teachers in the Svaroopo system since 1995.

Swami Nirmalanada Saraswati (formerly Rama Berch) is the creator of Svaroopo Yoga. It is a healing and restorative style of Hatha yoga that reaches into the spine to create a deep release of tension held in the body, mind and spirit. This system uses precise alignment and props to release these core muscular tensions starting from your tailbone and sequentially all the way up through your neck and head. Releasing the spine also allows the 'subtle body' (the energy flow in the body) to unravel from the base of the spine upward, inducing a blissful feeling. As I continue to explore this particular style, I'm finding the practice to be extremely passive and comfortable.

I love to study anatomy relative to yoga practices, especially from styles of Hatha yoga that are quite different from the Vinyasa style (linking poses together with movement and breath) that I teach. This particular Experiential Anatomy workshop was an opportunity to do just that. I'm grateful for the financial support from Coast CCA which allowed me to add more layers of knowledge to my teaching experience, and bring

new information to my students.

The Experiential Anatomy course was unique in that it was built around questions from all 50 participants about diseases, illnesses, injuries, syndromes, and other conditions that we, our loved ones, or our students are facing. We covered a wide range of conditions from heart disease, various forms of depression and mental imbalances, digestive/elimination disorders, herniated and bulging disc problems, among other spinal/skeletal issues including osteoporosis, skin conditions, asthma and other respiratory problems.

Needless to say, we had a lot of valuable information to process. but Karobi and Vidyadevi were able to build a bridge of understanding for us, between the medical and yogic perspectives. Their message was that too much stress in our lives is the most underlying factor that affects our physiology. It was fascinating how Karobi and Vidyadevi were able to explain in detail how stress affects all systems in the body on a cellular level. We followed along with our own "Anatomy Coloring Book" and colored pencils.

The good news... these Svaroopo teachers strongly professed that their system of yoga is the best way to buffer and diminish stress through their restorative poses in order to release spinal tension (which benefits our minds and bodies), gentle ujjayi breathing (yoga's full sounding breath that is soothing and calming) and meditation. I believe all forms of yoga and Eastern movements, exercise in general, along with healthy lifestyle choices, will also bring balance into our lives.

Thank you again to Coast CCA for the funding and support for continuing education so I can bring new inspiration into the classroom.

Ding-Jo Hsia. Currie, Ph. D. Chancellor, Coast Colleges



Dr. Ding-Jo H. Currie has been a nationally and internationally recognized leader in higher education for more than 30 years. She currently serves as Chancellor of Coast Colleges with oversight of three outstanding colleges in Orange County, California.

Dr. Currie is also called upon to serve in many other leadership roles such as Board of Director for American Council of Education, Chair of Advisory Panel for College board, Board member, Women on the Move Network, Board member of Higher Education Resource Services, Board member of Air War University of US Air Force, Board member of Council for Adult and Experiential Learning and active on many other local organizations. She is the first Asian American woman to be elected by her 1200 CEO colleagues to serve as the Board Chair for the American

Association of Community Colleges.

Dr. Currie is consistently active and outspoken promoting global workforce development, technology and leadership development, women's issues, international/intercultural education, and most importantly, student success. She has earned a respected reputation as a dynamic and visionary leader as well as a strong unity builder in American higher education.

Dr. Currie has been the recipient of many prestigious local and national awards, including the Lovejoy Mentor Award, Women Helping Women Award, the Outstanding Chinese Educator Award, the Small Business Administration District Director's Award, the Visionary of the Year Award, the award for Woman of the Year in Community Colleges and many more. These honors were based upon her successes in a leadership role and for her capacity to bring about positive change for higher education, businesses, communities, women, and minorities.

Supporting her career endeavors is a solid education. Dr. Currie obtained her Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Southern California in Intercultural/International Education. She also holds degrees in Mathematics, Psychology and Counseling.

We all reluctantly and with sincere sadness will be saying farewell to this amazing woman on June 30 as she leaves this district. Dr. Currie tells me that she will take a break and assist her husband, Mark with his business, but I wager she will not be long away from educational endeavors, at least that is my prayer.

– Dr. Price

**Work is either fun or drudgery.
It depends on your attitude.**

– Colleen C. Barrett
President, Southwest Airlines

Coastline College Ground Breaking for Newport Beach Campus Site



Dr. Price, Newport Beach Mayor Mike Henn, Council Aide Alan Limor, and Councilman Rush Hill participate in this newsworthy event.

On April 5, 2011, dignitaries from Newport Beach and Coast Community College District gathered on the site of the future Newport Beach campus to break ground and begin the progress toward the establishment of what promises to be one of the most impressive District campuses for preparing students for their futures. The site will preserve the beauty of the area and enhance location, while utilizing green technology in every sense. Open space with garden areas for learning and relaxing will be located atop



Guests at the event, including Coastline Professor Jeanne Olestrom and CCA Faculty President Barbara Price, witness the landmark event.

the buildings. The plans are spectacular, as will the building be. This facility will serve the community well.

Let's Hear It for OCTFCU!

by Barbara Price, President Coast CCA

You may or may not know that your union has all its bank accounts with the Orange County Teachers Federal Credit Union (OCTFCU). Why do I mention this? Well, we receive some amazing service from them and here is a recent example: AT&T, from whom our union cell phone service is provided, charged our checking account for the past three months for usage, as well as service, which we did not use or even have. I had cancelled

the phone with them on June 1, 2007, but they continued to deduct charges from our checking account. I've spent 12 hours on the phone with them over the past three months to no avail. They finally agreed that the service was cancelled on September 5, which was untrue. They refused to refund any charges, but the credit union agreed to put a dispute on all the charges; and still AT&T billed us for September.

I called the credit union and one of their superior employees got involved. She suggested I

just forget the small amount. I explained that I oversee this account for the Union of Part-time Teachers and I do not spend their money frivolously. She called AT&T and got them to withdraw all charges except for \$31.77 and then she sent me an e-mail with the following message: "What an ordeal this has been for you. On behalf of the credit union, please accept the \$31.77 dollars from the credit union, which we have already placed in the checking account as a small token of our appreciation for your (our)

teachers, whom are associated with your organization. Our teachers give so much of themselves, and we are a financially strong credit union because of them. It has been a pleasure speaking with you and I can truly appreciate the responsibility that you hold as their President." Signed, Shelley Kuenne

I just thought you all should know the kind of service we get from OCTFCU. If you don't use their services, you might want to consider doing so.

Governor's Budget *Continued from page 1*

in \$3.6 billion more in the next fiscal year.

Because of California's Proposition 98 guarantee, the state would owe K-12 schools and community colleges about half of those revenues. Brown's plan envisions schools getting about \$3 billion more next year than it is getting this year. Brown's January budget called for an extension of higher sales and vehicle tax rates, as well as a retroactive extension of higher income taxes, all for five years. The governor is still calling for the 1 percent sales tax extension

and the 0.5 percent vehicle license fee extension after June, when the rates are slated to decrease. But he is requesting that the 0.25 income tax surcharge be delayed until 2012. It would last until 2015. The move acknowledges the state's income tax surge this fiscal year, as well as the political difficulty state leaders would have faced by hiking the income tax retroactively by several months. Taxpayers have withheld income taxes since January assuming a lower rate than Brown was proposing. He said he wanted

the voters to weigh in on the tax increases "as soon as possible." Assembly Republicans last week issued a plan last week they said would balance the budget without tax extensions. The GOP proposal relies on a revenue bump smaller than the one Brown projects, as well as a roughly 10 percent reduction in state worker compensation and depleting special funds for mental health and childhood development. Brown repeatedly referred to the \$34.7 billion in the state's outstanding obligations from years of internal

borrowing – what he called the "wall of debt." "Yes, we've got some more revenue, but we've got a lot of obligations," Brown said. "If you adopt the Republican plan. . . that debt doesn't go away." Brown is still calling for the elimination of redevelopment agencies, which he originally believed would net the state \$1.7 billion. He has scaled back his approach to enterprise zone tax credits for employers, which he originally wanted to eliminate. Instead, he will seek to limit the credits to new hires.