



CLASSIFIED NEWS

August 2017

Representing the Classified Staff and School Site Aides
of the Fontana Unified School District

From The President...

Speaking for the Officers and myself, I'd like to welcome all of our members back who have had some time off this summer. As the new school year begins, I think it is important to note some recent events....

First, I hope everyone has had a chance to check out the new logo! In partnership with our friends at MOTIVBRAND, a Union logo-merchandise shop in Los Angeles, we have developed our own unique logo for Local 8599. Take a look and see how your job is crucial to our main goal of helping our students graduate.

Since I know we all love Union gear, many different items are available for purchase at the Union Hall. Cups, travel mugs, water bottles, lanyards, etc. And, of course, high-quality T-shirts.



Second, I am happy to announce that we have made a number of new improvements to our Collective Bargaining Agreement. These improvements need your approval, so a ratification vote will be held at the Hall on August 15th. See the flyer for details.

Also, I am happy to report that the International USW has decided to hold a Public Employees Conference this fall. This is something I advocated for while attending the last USW Convention in April. We will be forming a Public Employees Council, where other Locals who also have only public employees as members can get together and make sure our voices are heard in Pittsburgh by the International Executive Board. We will be sure to send a strong delegation to this conference.

So, don't forget we have regular meetings every 3rd Saturday of the month, 9 AM start time and we don't mess around, we are usually done by 10:30. Come and get informed, and every attendee gets a chance to win some of the new cool logo swag for free!

~ Jim

Retirees Get Recognized

Some long-serving members received public recognition of their retirement, and a commemorative watch during General Membership meetings over the last few months:

Antonia Fassbinder, Special Ed Teacher's Aide, 16 years of service

Paul Lipscomb, Senior Custodian, SAT, 26 years of service

Yvonne Alaniz, Principal's Secretary, over 40 years of service!! Yvonne is also a past steward and committee member of Local 8599.



OFFICERS

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40 Years of Solidarity and Service

Did you know that Local 8599 was chartered in 1977? This makes 2017 the 40th year of collaboration with FUSD, and service to our members. We thought that was worth celebrating!

For the first time in many years, we entered a float in the Fontana Days Parade, held in June. Thanks to our Vice President Dawn Dooley (pictured, with her father Bruce Carbino) and our team of dedicated volunteers, Local 8599 decorated Jim's truck and made a fantastic entry, highlighting for the community what we have been doing for the last 4 decades.



Our entry placed 3rd overall among over 50+ entries, and we received a Sweepstakes Trophy and a check for \$200!

(pictured : Juana Sotelo, John McMurtry, Rebecca Ritchie and SOAR President Cathy Ritchie)

General Membership meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month, starting promptly at 9:00 AM.

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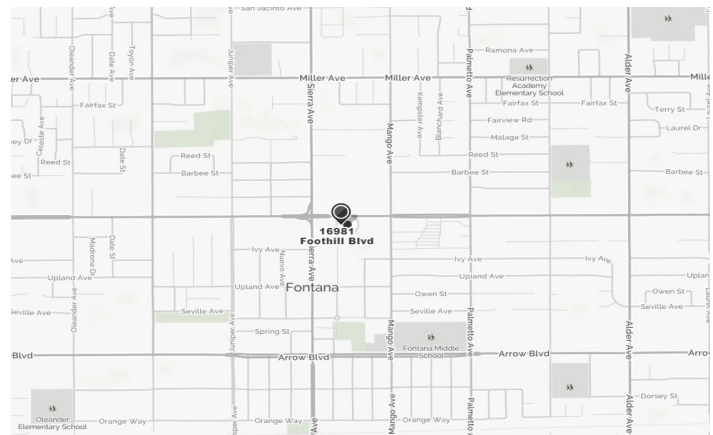
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3% Salary Bonus

On June 15th, 2017 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Vice President Dawn Dooley on behalf of Local 8599, awarding a 3% "off schedule" salary bonus to all Steelworker members in FUSD. This bonus is in addition to the 4.75% on schedule (permanent) salary increase already received in 2017.

The "one-time" bonus will be applied retroactively to all member's base salary, starting with July 1st, 2016 and ending June 30th, 2017. Members currently employed do not have to request the bonus. The bonus will be added to the November 1st pay warrant.

Retirees and employees no longer working for FUSD but who received salary in the fiscal year must submit a request for payment. Forms are available at the Union Hall.

Get On The Bus...To Stateline!



The Women of Steel Committee is hosting the 2nd Annual "Get On The Bus" fundraiser to Stateline (Primm, Nevada).

Committee Chairperson Josie Garro said she hopes to beat last year's total for both money raised and for FUN!

There will be games, prizes, adult beverages all along the route. The bus leaves October 7th, 2017. Early bird tickets are only \$30 each or \$55 per pair, but get yours before the price goes up on September 16th.



Monies raised by the Women of Steel Committee goes to charities and projects in our community, including the Special Education Prom, Toys for Tots, the annual Sock Drive, Relay for Life, and others.

Some money is also used to supplement conference attendance costs for WOS members, saving general fund money from being used for this purpose.

Civil and Human Rights Committee

The Inland Empire USW Civil and Human Rights Committee has been meeting regularly, alternating between the Local 7600 meeting hall and Local 8599.

Check the Civil and Human Rights button on the website for the time and location of the next meeting.



It is easier to build strong children than it is to repair broken men ~ Frederick Douglas