

# The Place for Part-Timers



"It's better to fight for something than against something." ~Author Unknown

Editor's Comment: Fair Treatment is the goal of Local 6286 at Victor Valley College. We especially want the fairness of Equal Pay for Equal Work.

## Once Upon a Part Time

Twas the night before finals,  
and all through the campus,  
part-timers were planning  
their winter hi-a-tus

It had been a rough year for  
those in the profession,  
And no one was set for 2011

But the Union was stronger  
than ever before,  
Not in what it had gained, but  
in what it stood for

For it grew and it stood and it  
harbored its members,  
And some do recall less cohe-  
sive Decembers

When there wasn't a Part-  
Timer's Union, at all . . .  
When there weren't any  
bright, lively people to call!

And so, on the night before  
finals, we see  
More sugarplums dancing, for  
you and for me

More people who stand for  
our hope and our fight,  
To end unfair practice and do  
what is right

As we enter the waning hours  
of this year,  
Let us think of our Union, and  
be of good cheer!

[Editor, Valery Frangelica]



**Thank you  
for your  
time and  
support of  
our Union!**

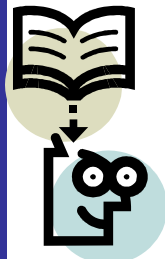


**Time for Thought**

*December 1, 1930:*  
Kellogg Cereal  
adopts a 6 hour day

*December 4, 1970:*  
Cesar Chavez  
jailed for refusing to  
end grape boy-  
cott

*December 9, 1869:*  
Knights of Labor  
establish Interna-  
tional Human  
Rights Day



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**Holiday Greetings!**

**As we wind down for the semester and prepare for the month or two of little income from our teaching...let us consider our membership in our union. We are approximately 70% of VVC teaching staff making less than half of the income of full-time faculty. I just completed reading and commenting on over 200 essays in art history. It would be nice to be paid for all of the time that we put into our teaching profession! Alas! We are only compensated for our classroom teaching time!**

**Since membership dues are coming from your check whether you become a member or not...why not become a member and give the union more power to negotiate an increase in pay? When our team goes into negotiation with a force of 70% of the workforce behind them, we stand a great chance of being victorious.**

**Have a great holiday! Do consider membership to make our work conditions better!**  
Thank you,  
Theresa Shellcroft, Membership Chair

## Good News @ Cerritos College!

According to a fellow part-timer who teaches for Cerritos College, 21 faculty positions were just approved for hire for next year. The positions include five positions that are currently filled with temporary, one-year faculty: for these, there will be new searches initiated. The five temporary positions are in:

English  
Counseling (2 positions)  
Psychology  
Anatomy and Physiology

Then there are newly approved positions, which are in:

English (2 positions)  
Speech and Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA)  
Welding  
Business Administration  
Culinary Arts  
Physical Education/Athletics (Athletic Director)  
Earth Science  
Counselor  
Pharmacy Technician  
Political Science  
Biology  
Art/Printmaking  
Sign Language  
History  
Nursing

If anyone is wondering why Cerritos College is offering a platter of opportuni-  
ties in this time of scarcity, one need only revisit the newest legislation from  
last June's Assembly Concurrent Resolution. Thank you, AB 138, and thank  
you to Cerritos College for doing the right thing! Let's hope that the New Year  
brings more news of this ilk . . .

## Check Out