



DAS Facilities Update August 2007



A Monthly Newsletter for Facilities Employees



Scott D. Young, recently joined DAS as our new Deputy Administrator. Scott has been with the State of Oregon Department of Corrections Facilities Division for ten years. He has fifteen years of prior experience in the private construction industry. Scott holds two bachelor's degrees from the Oregon State University, one in Construction Engineering Management and the other in Business Administration. Welcome Scott!

KUDOS "I wanted to let you know what an excellent job MICHAEL SPADY did in our office this morning. He was so helpful and courteous while fixing the window blinds. It is so nice to have someone value good customer service and Michael obviously does. I am very happy to be able to control the light that comes into my area and our conference room. Thanks from our whole office!" ~Darla

August Social Friday

Root beer floats were served and the trivia contest netted a few Starbucks gift cards for the winners. It was really great fun! See you next month!



Planning and Construction Management Project Assistant

Judy Gwyn has joined the Planning and Construction Management team in a job rotation as the Project Assistant. Judy has been O&M's Payroll Specialist for the past 2 years. Etta Jones has agreed return to cover her duties at O&M while Judy is working with her new team. Judy shared, "I am excited, I have wanted to spread my wings and this is a great opportunity to do that!" Welcome, Judy!

Wellness Wednesdays

The Wellness Committee is sponsoring "Wellness Wednesdays". Odie Vogel, Co-chair from State Parking says it is a perfect opportunity to share healthy snacks and recipes with each other. Look for an email every week from the other co-chair, Raelynn Henson with lots of great information. Features have included where to buy fresh produce in the area and a great healthy recipe. Watch for more interesting articles in your email!

Joke Time ~ The manager of a large office asked a new employee to come into his office. "What is your name?" Was the first thing the manager asked. "John," the new guy replied. The manager scowled. "Look, I don't know what they called you at your last job, but I don't call anyone by their first name! It breeds familiarity and that leads to a breakdown in authority", he said. "Now, what's your last name?" The new guy sighed and said, "Darling, my name is John Darling". The manager said, "Okay, John, the next thing I want to tell you is..."



James McIntyre, one of the newest members of the State Parking staff has invented a secure place for the meter money to be stored while it is being collected at the parking lots. James saw a potential risk, designed the cart and worked with O&M staff to get it assembled. It weighs much less than it's predecessor, is very mobile and can be dismantled for easy storage. Odie Vogel, Parking Manager says, "This reminds me every time I see it of what it means to Lead the Pursuit of Excellence in State Government. His partner, Tollie Emerson took this picture.



James McIntyre with his invention

Bill Foster's Retirement Party

will be held on Wednesday, August 22nd from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Please join us in wishing Bill and his family well with cake, snacks and punch in the new Mt. Mazama conference room in the basement of the General Services Building (DAS East). The entertainment will be the wonderful guitar styling of Ron Diller.



Healthy BBQ & Potluck



The DAS Healthy BBQ is coming up on Aug. 29. It will be held on the south lawn (State Street side) of the

Executive Building aka DAS West. The Divisions have food assignments, guests will bring their choice. Main dishes will be provided by executive staff. Every Division needs to bring enough plates, silverware & napkins for your staff & guests. See you there!