



DAS Facilities Update

October 2007

A Monthly Newsletter for Facilities Employees

Colleen Mohr Announces Retirement



The Facilities Leasing Section has received news that their long-time co-worker and friend has announced her retirement as of January 1, 2008. Colleen Mohr has been with Facilities for over sixteen years and with the state for more than seventeen years. The new Senior Leasing Agent, Diana Yashar said, "With Colleen leaving, there will be a loss of historical memory, she

has been involved in so much of the section's evolution over the years." Valerie McBride who returned from retirement to assist the section last month says, "Colleen has been an incredibly valuable member of the team and her expertise in leasing and excellent customer service will be sorely missed."

We will be working on convincing Colleen to let us plan a retirement party for her before she leaves us. We will let you know as the time draws closer whether we have been successful. Join us in congratulating Colleen and thanking her for her years of excellent state service. (Colleen did not let this reporter take her picture so this is what she gets.)



New Senior Leasing Agent

Diana Yashar has agreed to become the Leasing Section's new Senior Leasing Agent. Diana has been with us since April, 2001 and has been assisting Colleen with these extra duties for the past six months. With over 600 leases to manage, the Leasing section has been working very hard to maintain our high standard of customer service and has done a wonderful job!

KUDOS Robin Harpster, Scott Young, Diana Yashar & Valerie McBride

from Victor Merced OHCS through Lindsay Ball: "I want to convey my special appreciation for the work you and your staff have done to ensure that our new amended lease moved expeditiously. As you can tell, we are extremely excited about moving into one of our tax credit projects and to be an anchor tenant in an up and coming section of Portland." And to **State Parking**, from Juliene Poppinga, Legislative contact: "**Tollie and James** did a great job helping us get some signs to help direct traffic at the Capitol. Your department has great customer service, they even brought the signs!



Wellness Walk

With a total of 485 miles to cover from Portland to Boise, we have three winning teams: First Place: covered in 24 days, "The Machines" Joe Abood, Todd Johnson, & Ron Kingsley. In Second Place: "Better Late Than Never", Mike Owens, Rhonda Reich, & Eric Camin and in Third Place: "Endurance" Ralph Hancock, Debbie Ziebert, & Ron Cox. Our next closest team, "Wildfire" Meril Craig, Juan Figueroa, & Richard Gwyn is within 20 miles of the Boise city limits, and at press time may have made it by now. The wellness walk has created good competition, many laughs among competitors and some healthy walking habits. Upon completion, the baton will be passed to others, if you are interested in participating, contact Connie Blanton at 503-378-2865 ext. 338

TOPOFF 4 Preparations

The Business Continuity Planning Team (Robin Harpster, Scott Young, Dave Fawver, Barry Jones, Phil Teague, Valerie McBride & Pam Branczek) participated in DAS' emergency preparedness exercise on September 12, 2007. Lindsay Ball said in an e-mail that it was a success and that all DAS Divisions learned a great deal from this simulation. TOPOFF 4 will occur the week of October 15 - 19 and will be on a much larger scale. The exercise will involve a simulated terrorist attack in Portland, where a "dirty" bomb goes off in an undisclosed location. We will be work-

ing in cooperation with other state and local agencies. You will receive e-mails that appear to look like there is a real emergency, but will say "This is only a test". The US Homeland Security website also provides state and local information where you can learn about the types of emergencies that could possibly occur in our area and the plans that have been established to deal with these emergencies. The link for TOPOFF 4 is: http://www.dhs.gov/xprepresp/training/gc_1179430526487.shtm



For more information for you and your family on emergency preparedness resources, including special information for pet owners, senior citizens, and individuals with disabilities and special needs you can go to: (click graphic below)

