



## Calendar of Events

### August 2008

- Monday, August 4  
**EOC New Hire Orientation at Franklin**
- Wednesday, August 6  
Community Action Leadership Academy Session
- Thursday, August 7  
**Day 1 County Wide Staff Pre-Service**  
EOC Pension Committee Meeting
- Friday, August 8  
**Day 2 County Wide Staff Pre-Service**
- Monday, August 11  
**EOC Take Action! Program Begins**
- Monday, August 18  
EOC New Hire Orientation  
**Day 1 Center Base Phase In**
- Tuesday, August 19  
**Day 2 Center Base Phase In**
- Wednesday, August 20  
**Center Base—First Day Transportation**
- Wednesday, August 27  
Community Action Leadership Academy Session
- Friday, August 29  
**EOC Employee Appreciation**  
**Happy Birthday EOC**



*The Central Office staff gathered around the plaza fountain to express to all our employees, "Welcome Back" from summer break.*

### Head Start Begins A New Year

All of the Central Office staff want to extend a hearty "Welcome Back" to all our center based and home based employees. Its great to have you back. Things just weren't the same while you were gone. We hope you enjoyed your summer break, even though it seems like the summer breaks get shorter and shorter every year. All of us are looking forward to a great new school year!

### Happy Birthday EOC

EOC Turns 43—Another year has come and gone. This August, our beloved Agency celebrates one more year of success—our 43rd birthday!

We opened our doors for the first time in 1965, one year after President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Economic Opportunities Act of 1964, with a half-million dollar budget and only two programs under our wing—Head Start and Fresno Learning Center, a program for the elderly. Now, more than four decades later, our Agency—which operates under a multi-million dollar budget—administers over 40 programs that continues our long standing mission of helping people and changing lives.

Executive Director Roger Palomino credits the success of the Agency to the continued support and hard work of devoted employees. Palomino says, "Running our Agency is a collaborative effort between our staff who are directly working with our clients, our Assistant and Associate Executive Directors who ensure that the Agency's daily operations run effortlessly, and our Board of Commissioners who offer us their guidance and expertise."

A heart filled "thank you" to all of you who have made, make, and will continue to make EOC the grand Community Action Agency it is today and have helped fulfill the dream of assisting low-income individuals and families become self-sufficient.

# EOC News: Business, Entertainment, Sports, & Food

## New Items On Sale

With the emphasis on wellness and living a more physically fit life, EOC is introducing a new "sporty tote" bag on sale for the first time at the Head Start County Wide Pre-Service. The new bag is big enough to hold clothes and shoes as well as binders and date planners. It comes in shades of blue and gray, with a shoulder strap and beautifully imprinted EOC logo. The cost is \$13.95.

## Take Action!

The next Take Action! Session will begin Monday, August 11, 2008. This flexible 8-week program encourages employees to eat more fruits and vegetables and be more physically active on a regular basis. The minimum requirement is (a) three servings of fruits/vegetables per day and (b) any type of physical activity for 60 minutes per week. The reward for completing this 8-week program is a \$10.00 gift card from a variety of local businesses. Prizes are available in the HR Office with proper identification.

## New Mileage Rates

Effective July 1st, the Internal Revenue Service has issued the standard mileage rate of 58.5 cents per mile. Since Fresno County EOC's policy as approved by the Board has been to reimburse employees for business related travel at the approved IRS rate, all staff will be paid at 58.5 cents per mile.

**Reminder: No driving while holding a cell phone as of July 1, 2008.**

## Bulldogs vs. Warriors

Are you ready for some football? Be there when the Bulldogs take on the 2007 WAC Champions, Hawaii Warriors, Saturday, October 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$30.00 per person but will drop to \$25.00 per person if more than 100 tickets are sold. Only 200 seats have been reserved.

Tickets will go on sale now in the Human Resources Office.

## EOC Bowling In Full Swing

EOC's bowling league is halfway through its season and the competition couldn't be fiercer.

Eight teams are putting their best foot forward and are bringing their "A" game for the chance to take home the championship (and bragging rights).

Stop by the matches and cheer on your friends and colleagues. Games are held Fridays at 7:00 p.m. at AMF Sierra Lanes on Blackstone and Sierra. The last match-up will be Friday, August 8.

## \$5.00 Friday's

Don't' drive to lunch, walk to lunch. This Friday and every Friday until October 10th, save gas, enjoy a brisk walk, and have lunch downtown during the "Out to Lunch \$5 Fridays.

From Mexican to Chinese, and everything in between, savor delicious lunch specials selected by each participating Downtown restaurant for only \$5.00.

## Summer Fun Discounts Still Available!

EOC now offers the following discount tickets for purchase in your Human Resources Office:

- Regal VIP Super Saver Movie Tickets—\$6.50 each
- Wild Water Adventures—\$15.50 each
- Fresno Grizzlies Field Level Reserve—\$7.00 each
- Fresno Chaffee Zoological Gardens—Adults \$6.00 each  
Child/Seniors \$3.00 each



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