



### Newly Passed Legislation Makes Workers' Comp Pool Membership Easier, Quicker

After two years of work by CFSA, Assembly Bill 1930 was signed into effect by Governor Schwarzenegger on July 29.

Beginning January 1, 2005, non-profit corporations operating as California fairs will be able to contract directly with CFSA to participate in the workers' compensation risk pool program. Currently, non-profit fairs may participate in the program only by the more cumbersome process of the pertinent county joining CFSA on behalf of the fair.

### CFSA's JoAnn Simas, a 30+ Year Fair Veteran Makes Plans for Retirement

From fair manager to fair queen pageant judge, interim fair manager to managing all things "money," JoAnn Simas (Billitti), now an accountant with CFSA and a newly wed, has seen lots of action during her years with California's fairs and two fair-dedicated agencies. In just one summer alone, she worked as a consultant for 12 fairs!

Her fair career began in the late '60s as a member of the publicity and public relations team for the Kings District Fair and Tulare County Fair. During the '70s you could find her at the Salinas Valley Fair. Next stop was the Ventura County Fair, the San Fernando Valley Fair and the Earl Warren Showgrounds at the Santa Barbara Fair and Expo. Then it was back to Ventura, a six year stint at the Division of Fairs and Expositions, and in 2000, she was welcomed to CFSA.

In May, JoAnn married Joe Billitti, a retired engineer she met through a mutual friend. With seven children and 15 grandchildren between them, along with plans for traveling, biking and learning to ski, JoAnn's far from worried about filling up her new free time. JoAnn's "retirement" begins on August 6, although she will be lending CFSA a helping hand through the end of the year. If you'd like to wish her "Good Luck," you may leave a message for her with Rick Wood, 916/263-6147 or Renee Yi at 916/263-6158.

### Employee Injured on the Job? Send in your Workers' Compensation Claim Form NOW

Patti Nevin, CFSA's workers' compensation administrator, reminds all CFSA Workers' Comp pool members that when a fair employee is involved in an accident, you must send in the completed Employee Claim Form (DWC-1) and the Employer's Report Form (5020) *as soon as possible*.

Here's why: When an employee is injured on the job, by law he's immediately eligible for up to \$10,000 in medical treatment. If you wait weeks or months before sending in the forms and should the claim be found to be without merit, CFSA is still liable for the employee's bills to that point. This costs the pool money and can affect your fair's loss history.

Patti emphasizes that by sending in an Employee Claim Form and an Employer's Report, you are not admitting liability. What you are doing is enabling Patti to open a claim file and to become familiar with that claim should the employee or a doctor's office contact her. Even if an employee says he isn't injured and doesn't plan to see a doctor, it's in your best interest to give him a claim form any way (make sure you fill in the date you give him the form).

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### Stay in Touch with an Updated CFSA Staff and Director Contact List

On the back of this *fyi* you'll find a suitable-for-laminating list of phone numbers for CFSA staff and board directors.

### 2004 "Employee Rights" Poster Has Been Revised

Effective immediately, the Department of Workers' Compensation is requiring all California businesses to post a revised Employee Rights poster, which includes the newly passed workers' comp laws.

For your convenience, the new poster is available through CFSA's Purchasing Services in English or Spanish, \$16 each. (This poster replaces the poster released in January 2004.) To order, call Karen Gally at 916/263-6191.

### Portable Buildings

Could you use a portable building on your grounds? Maybe something for storage or as an extra office? One of CFSA's vendors frequently has previously rented buildings and trailers for sale and he could have just what you need. Contact Karen Gally for details, 916/263-6191.

### Workers' Compensation, continued

If you have any questions about what to do when a fair employee has a work-related injury or illness, Patti asks that you call her at 916/263-6172. You'll also find a what-to-do checklist in your *Red Book (Claims and Loss Reporting Guide)* under Tab 1 in the Workers' Compensation section.

"The brain is a wonderful organ; it starts working the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get to the office."

~ Robert Frost

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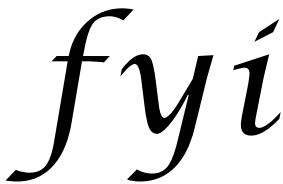
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"I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I intended to be." ~ Unknown

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