

From the Commissioner

One of the things I've learned over the years here at Labor is that we have some mighty talented cooks in our department. Many of these talented cooks showcased their baking abilities at this year's second-annual pie contest on Thursday, June 13.

I had the great fortune to serve as a judge along with Scott Mabry and Phil Hooper. The perk of being a judge is that you get to sample each and every pie and boy, were they delicious.

As you can imagine, narrowing it down to the top three was not an easy job, but after much deliberation, Phil, Scott and I made our picks.

Carrie Shortt with the Elevator and Amusement Device Bureau won third place with her Creamy Lemon Raspberry Pie, Natalie Bouchard with Communications won second place with a Blueberry Crumble Pie, and Adriana Jordan won first place with her Pretzelicious Pie.

We all know it is always great to be a winner but remember what matters most with these types of events is employee participation. The pie contest supports the upcoming Employee Recognition Banquet, so I would like to personally thank all the participants who took the time to buy ingredients and bake a pie in support of this fundraiser.

There will be a few more opportunities to participate in other events leading up to the Oct. 9 banquet, so stay tuned for more details forthcoming from the 2019 ERB Planning Committee.

Earlier this week, House and Senate negotiators released the state budget conference report (House Bill 966). The conference report includes an additional \$30,000 in funding for the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission but does not include any additional direct changes to the department's budget.

The conference report also provides for a 2.5 % raise for state employees in each of the next two years as well as five additional days of bonus leave.

Both the House and Senate approved the conference report, but today, June 28, the governor vetoed the legislation, which will delay the final decision.

In the absence of a new budget, the department will continue operating under its current budget until a final compromise is reached by the legislature and the governor.

Finally, I hope each of you has a fabulous Fourth of July celebration with your family and friends. God Bless America!



Employee News

- Congratulations to Fleda Anderson, Consultative Services, and Matthew Gruber, OSH West, on passing the Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH) exam.
- Congratulations to Deena Dickinson, OSH West, on passing the Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) exam.
- Congratulations to Blair Byrd, Consultative Services, for receiving the OSH Construction Safety Specialist (OCSS) certificate.

New Hires

- Alan NeeSmith, inspector, Elevator, Charlotte
- Anthony Skeeter, inspector I, Wage and Hour, Raleigh
- Leslie Edmonds, administrative specialist I, ETTA, Raleigh
- Tonya Robertson, administrative associate II, OSH East, Raleigh
- Yulanda Morgan, administrative specialist II, Wage and Hour, Raleigh

Promotions

- Jermaine Dennis, OSHA safety consultant, ETTA, Raleigh
- Don Kinney, bureau chief, Boiler, Raleigh
- Carla Delgado Cuevas, administrative specialist II, ASH, Raleigh
- Jeremy Smith, assistant bureau chief, Boiler, Wilmington
- Richard Kraemer, OSHA industrial hygienist II, OSH West, Charlotte

Transfer

- John Jaskolka, OSHA industrial hygienist II, OSH East, Raleigh

Separations

- Tara Williams-Brown, accounting manager I, Financial Services, Raleigh
- Natalia Beckers, administrative specialist II, Wage and Hour, Raleigh
- Donna Lindsay, accountant I, Financial Services, Raleigh
- Joshua Newman, inspector, Elevator, Gaston County
- Denise McIntosh, administrative specialist I, OSH East, Raleigh
- Shelby Stephenson, administrative associate II, Human Resources, Raleigh
- Kathy Martorell, investigator, REDB, Raleigh

Retirements

- Martina Gonzales, administrative specialist II, ASH, Raleigh
- Cliff Dautrich, bureau chief, Boiler, Raleigh

Upcoming Birthdays

7-1 Nick Vincelli	7-10 Beth Benson	7-25 Deena Dickinson
7-1 Emily McGill	7-10 Nicole Brown	7-25 Robert Tipton
7-1 Josef Hazelrigg	7-10 Sheldon Joseph	7-26 Jeremy Smith
7-1 Millicent Williams	7-11 Angela Leon	7-27 Yolanda Morales Bebrin
7-2 Jo Ann Bell	7-12 Leslie Edmonds	7-28 Nelson Edwards
7-3 Carla Delgado Cuevas	7-15 Caitlin Wood	7-28 Shannon Council
7-4 Carey Creech	7-17 Dwight Currence	7-29 Kathy Capps
7-5 Terri Burns	7-19 Karen Bogner	7-30 Randall Raborn
7-5 Dawn Eason	7-21 Mildred Rivera	7-31 Amanda Keyes
7-8 Angela Richardson	7-21 Joey Godfrey	

Employee News, Continued

- Congratulations to Cory Dunphy, ETTA, on passing the exam for the FAA Part 107 Unmanned Pilot certification.
- Congratulations to Starsky Martin, ETTA, for receiving the Industrial Hygiene MESH and Construction MESH certifications.

Congratulations to Our Graduate

- Congratulations to Donell Sanders, Information Technology, who graduated from Regent University with a master's degree in practical theology with a concentration in worship and media.

Donell Sanders, Information Technology, snaps a selfie during graduation day at Regent University Saturday, May 11, 2019.



Second Annual Pie Contest Wrap-up

Eleven of NCDOL's best pie chefs competed for the department's Second Annual Pie Contest held at the Old Revenue Building, Thursday, June 13. Third place went to Carrie Shortt with her Creamy Lemon Raspberry Pie, while second place was awarded to Natalie Bouchard's Blueberry Crumble Pie. Adriana Jordan was the first place winner with her Pretzelicious Pie. Other entries included, Triple Lemon Pie and Crème de Menthe Pie made by Jill Cramer, Peach Pie made by Harriet Hopkins, Chocolate Chess Pie made by Mary Katherine Revels, Cutie Pie made by Jackie Tanner, Choc-o-lair Pie made by Shannon Council, Pink Sunshine Pie made by Angela Richardson, Peanut Butter Pie made by Carter Grimes and Blueberry Lemon Pie made by Dee Bryant. Special thanks to the three judges: Commissioner Cherie Berry, Phil Hooper and Scott Mabry. Also, special thanks to the Employee Recognition Banquet Committee and everyone who attended or worked to make it a success.



Pie contest winners show off their certificates Thursday, June 20, 2019. (L-R): Carrie Shortt, Elevator; Adriana Jordan, Wage and Hour; Natalie Bouchard, Communications.



Pie contest judges getting ready to taste test each pie Thursday, June 13, 2019. (L-R): Scott Mabry, OSH Admin; Commissioner Cherie Berry; Phil Hooper, Standards and Inspections.

June in Review



Beth Rodman, ASH bureau chief, presents Martina Gonzales, ASH, with the Old North State Award during a retirement party Thursday, June 6, 2019.



Cliff Dautrich, Boiler, displays a certificate of appreciation and the Old North State Award for his 24.5 years of service with NCDOL during a retirement party Tuesday, June 4, 2019.



The HR ladies surprise Stacey Thompson, HR, by decorating her office in celebration of her 40th birthday, which is on Saturday, June 29, 2019.



Phil Hooper, Standards and Inspections, awards Kathy Martorell, REDB, with a certificate of appreciation for her 2.5 years of service to NCDOL on Friday, June 21, 2019.



Starsky Martin, ETTA, displays the Industrial Hygiene MESH and the Construction MESH certifications on Thursday, May 16, 2019.



Chick-fil-A Lunch

benefiting the 2019 Employee Recognition Banquet

11:30 AM on Wednesday, July 17

Old Revenue Building, Labor Building,
& Lake Boone Trail



*Each order will
receive a coupon for a
free menu item to use
on a future purchase!*

PRICING:

- *Combo*: chicken sandwich, chips, drink, and dessert: \$7.00
- *Double Combo*: 2 sandwiches, chips, drink and dessert: \$11.00
- *Single sandwich*: \$4.50

** Please indicate pickles or no pickles on your sandwich*

Place your order with a committee member by July 12:

*Carter Grimes, Jennifer Haigwood, Tammy Higgins, Adriana Jordan, Eursula Joyner,
Crystal Moss, Mary Katherine Revels, Lisa Culbreth, Dawn Eason, Judyth Niconienko,
John Luckado*

What's New @ Your Library

By NICK VINCELLI, LIBRARIAN

New Print Titles

- *7 Insights Into Safety Leadership* (T 55.2 .K73 2015) Safety Leadership Institute, 2015.
- *Governing* (June 2019) eRepublic, 2019.
- *Health Hazard Evaluation Program: 2018 Annual Report* (T 55 .A1 H43) CDC-NIOSH, 2019. Donated by Kevin Beauregard, OSH Admin.
- *Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder* (RC 568 .O45 M43 2019) CDC-NIOSH, 2019.
- *Prevent Construction Falls from Roofs, Ladders, and Scaffolds* (T 55.3 .F35 P74 2019) CDC-NIOSH, 2019.
- *Trenching and Excavation Safety* (TA 730 .E93 2015) USDOL-OSHA, 2015.
- *Safety+Health* (June 2019) National Safety Council, 2019. Donated by Wanda Lagoe, ETTA.



Online FYIs

- *2018 OSHSPA Grassroots Worker Protection Report* (OSHSPA)
- *Are Public Employees Safe at Work?* (Governing)
- *Be Safe in the Sun* (American Cancer Society)
- *ESFI Workplace Safety Videos*
- *NEC Changes for Electrical Safety in Swimming Pools* (NFPA article)
- *NPFA Journal* (May-June 2019)
- *Occupational Safety and Health in Public Health Emergencies: A Manual for Protecting Health Workers and Responders* (ILO)
- *Preventing Trenching Fatalities* (NIOSH Science Blog)
- *Women and Safety in the Modern Workplace...* (ASSP)