

Speak Out Now! at Alta Bates 12/03/2018

What We Want for Christmas

What do the workers at Alta Bates want for Christmas? The answer is obvious and it's not a bunch of new iphones or gift certificates. The list would go something like this:

1. Better staffing.
2. Time to take a break.
3. Paychecks that meet the cost of living.
4. Scheduling that accounts for people's lives and families.
5. Some news about when the hospital will move to Summit.

Still Getting Paid

Sutter's former CEO, Patrick Fry, retired in 2016. But he's still getting paid due to the enormous retirement package he and his friends decided on for him when he left Sutter. This year Patrick Fry received \$6,354,697 dollars, and he doesn't even work here anymore! Nothing but an insane society would allow someone to make so much money off of work that other people did, and are still doing!

Family Feud

It's going to be harder to go home for the holidays this year. Some of us have relatives who believe every word Trump says and every line coming out of Fox News. They'll believe Trump even if he's on the way to jail. He turns lies into truth and people actually believe what he says... and we're related to some of them.

It's important not to write off our friends and family but also to say what we think and remember that people will listen with their own ears and see with their own eyes, we can't do it for them. But we can point to what's really going on.

Come Talk to Us

6:30AM-8:00AM and 2:30PM-4:00PM

Wednesdays

If Trump Were a Doctor

Trump's attitude towards the recent environmental study released by his own administration is ridiculous! Trump says that he doesn't believe the science because he is very smart and his gut instincts tell him that the science is wrong. Imagine if a doctor acted this way! They would say, "I don't need to see this patient's charts, I don't care if it says cancer, I know appendicitis when I see it!" He would say he doesn't need a degree because his uncle was a doctor and he's met lots of doctors, and he's more successful than them anyway. And then when the patient dies he would blame someone else. We wouldn't tolerate that kind of health care in a hospital so why would we tolerate it in taking care of the whole planet!

History Corner – Woody Guthrie

Woody Guthrie was a songwriter and activist who stood up for the working class. He wrote many political songs which he would sing and perform at rallies of striking workers during the Great Depression of the 1930s. He was a socialist and believed that the working class could take control of the wealth of society and run things in the interest of everyone. Many of his songs became famous and are so well known that almost everyone knows the tune. But not everyone knows all the lyrics. In the famous song, "This Land is Your Land" he sings

*"Nobody living can ever stop me,
As I go walking that freedom highway;
Nobody living can ever make me turn back
This land was made for you and me."*

It's a song about the society he wanted, and was fighting for – a society where the wealth was for you, for me, and for everyone.

