

Speak Out Now! At Alta Bates 4-22-19

Subcontracted Society

People may have noticed the classified garbage bins weren't emptied for a couple weeks. Alta Bates just changed companies and a new company is responsible for emptying the bins... and not doing a good job of it. But we know the deal, the workers at that company probably have too many bins in too many buildings to empty. Subcontracting has always been a way to do more for less. All those tasks – laundry, garbage, etc. used to be done in-house. Sometimes subcontracting leads to tragedy – look at the recent fires. PG&E subcontracted to a company for power-line maintenance, and the company did about as good a job as our garbage collectors. We're a subcontracted society being squeezed from all sides.

Stressed and Depressed

Hospital workers are on the front lines in this society. We see everything that happens to people's health. Now we're seeing hypertension and other stress-related disorders in younger and younger people. This society is destroying the future and the younger generation is feeling it – lower living standards, less opportunity, and crippling debt. If you want to know how capitalism makes you sick, ask a health care worker.

Did You Know

Undocumented do the hardest and lowest paid jobs in this country – agriculture, cleaning, restaurants, construction, E.V.S., you name it and they're doing it. These undocumented immigrants pay \$10.6 billion dollars in taxes – payroll taxes withdrawn from employers who are using them for cheap labor. These workers receive NOTHING back.

Support the Newsletter!

This newsletter comes out once every two weeks with information from the hospital workers' point of view. It is supported in many ways by workers from Alta Bates, one of which is donations. This newsletter is for the workers, by the workers, and is supported by donations from workers. Give a contribution this week!

We will be at Alta Bates Hospital
Wednesdays, 6:30am - 8:00am
& 3:00pm - 4:30pm

Just Another Day...

- We're understaffed because people got sent home when it was slow.... Just another day.
- I worked through my break... just another day.
- I got called in early....just another day.
- I don't know who's gonna pick up my kids...just another day.
- My paycheck doesn't keep up with the cost of living... just another day.
- WHY IS THIS NORMAL?

What Are We? Mushrooms?

Sometimes we workers feel like mushrooms – kept in the dark and fed... Of course Summit wants to keep us in the dark – When do we move? What's coming down the pipe before we move? What kind of issues are in store and what should we prepare for? We're human beings. Not mushrooms and we deserve an answer – what the !@# \$ is going on?

May Day Celebration

Come join friends and co-workers to celebrate International Workers Day with drinks, snacks, presentations and videos about the yellow vests movement in France and the Oakland teachers strike!

When: Saturday, May 4 at 7pm (doors open @6:30) Tickets \$5

Come get a ticket from us!

