

IDEAS FOR GETTING CO-WORKERS INVOLVED/FUNDRAISERS

Appreciation/Congratulations Grams: Design notes of thanks or congratulations for co-workers to buy and send to each other.

Paper Airplane Flying Contest: Employees buy a specified sized/weight piece of paper and make/decorate an airplane. Have a set time for the contest. Set winner categories for plane that flies the farthest, straightest, most loops, best decorated, etc.

Spare Change Jars: Place empty jars near vending machines or gathering places. Ask employees to deposit spare change throughout the campaign. This can be a competition between departments.

Dress Down Day/Casual for a Cause: Employees pay a “fee” to wear casual clothing to work.

Guess the number: Fill a clear jar with candies or some other small items. Employees pay to guess the number. Winner wins the candy or other small prize.

Penny Wars: Divide the office by departments and have a money jar assigned to each. Members of each department deposit pennies, nickels, and dimes into their own department’s jar and quarters and “green/bills” into the jars of other departments. The department with the “least” amount in their jar at the end of the competition wins a treat (ice cream, cupcakes, fruit tray, etc.).

Bingo: Employees pay for bingo cards (search printable bingo cards on Google). Every day email/post a Bingo number to participants. The first to get BINGO wins a prize. Prizes can be donated by employees (new/used-your choice). Play continues until prizes have been distributed.

Guess the Baby Picture: Employees bring their baby pictures to work a few days prior to the event and are posted. Employees pay to match employees to photos. The winner is the one with the most correct matches.

Lunch Box Auction: Employees create gourmet lunches to be auctioned off.

Bake Sale: Employees buy employee-donated baked goods.

Build Your Own Sundae: Have a variety of sundae toppings available to employees to pay to “build their own.”

Tailgate Party: Hold a pay-per-plate cookout during lunch. Decorate with UWA banners, pom poms, sports items, etc.

Peanuts, Get Your Peanuts: Decorate a push cart with a sports or circus theme. Stock the cart with individual baggies of nuts, popcorn, chips, drinks, other snacks. Visit cubicles or offices to sell the snacks.

Chili Cook Off (or Soup/Stew/Wings/Ribs, etc): Participants pay a small fee to enter the contest. Judges determine 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize winners. After judging, employees can pay to sample the submissions.

Soup Line: Employees sign up to bring their favorite soup, salad, bread, or dessert. At lunch time, employees can pay for a bottomless bowl to try one or all!

Basket Raffles: Departments donate items to fill a themed basket. Then all baskets are put on display for a determined amount of time. Tickets are sold to employees who put their tickets in buckets belonging to the basket they’d like to win.

Flower Sales: Sell carnations to employees to give to other employees/family members. Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day (green, of course... “I’m lucky to work with you...”)

Front Row/Special Parking: Employees buy raffle tickets to win a month (or year) of front row/special parking. See reverse side for more suggestions.

Incentives for Employees to participate in weekly payroll deduction

All employees who participate in weekly payroll deduction get their names put into a basket.

Designate a deadline to participate in the raffle.

The following are suggestions for prizes:

- Around the world dining (gift cards/certificates for local restaurants of different cuisines)
- Car started, and window scraped every snow day in January.
- Lunch with the CEO, CEO's treat!
- Company promo items
- "Flee at 3:00" or other early departure coupon
- Gift certificates
- Pack of lottery tickets
- Movie tickets and restaurant gift card
- Tickets to sporting or concert event
- Extra day of vacation

All of these are just suggestions and can/should be adapted to fit your organization's needs. Please share any new ideas you tried that were successful for you!