

Chapter Officers Attend CSEA Members in Unity Training



Chapter President Roxie Allen, Vice President Melody Marshall, Secretary Jamie Tsang, and Webmaster Lori Fransen all attended CSEA Members in Unity Training January 5-7, 2007. The purpose of this training was to examine and identify issues and concerns within CSEA chapters and to implement a plan to address them. You, as our members, will be hearing much more about this in our own Chapter 608 newsletter very soon. Your involvement is vital to the success of making our chapter a strong and unified entity. We are here for you! Watch for more information in this newsletter and on the website: chapter608.csea.com about upcoming events and for ways you can help and be involved.

CSEA/Chapter 608 Calendar February 2007

African-American History Month

National Children's Dental Health Month

- 2/1/07 National Freedom Day
- 2/2/07 Groundhog Day
- 2/6/07 **Chapter 608 Meeting**
- 2/12/07 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday—*CSEA offices closed*
- 2/14/07 St. Valentine's Day
- 2/17/07 CSEA Board meeting, San Jose
- 2/19/07 President's Day—*CSEA/SCOE offices closed*
- 2/22/07 Washington's Birthday
- 2/28/07 Mardi Gras

Chapter 608 Meeting Reminder



When: Tuesday, February 6, 2007, 5:15 p.m.
Where: Larsen Center
1707 California Dr, Vacaville

Contact Your Officers

Here is a list of your CSEA Chapter 608 Officers

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President's Message



I appreciate all of you!

Valuable is all the work you do
Outstanding is how you always come through
Loyal, sincere and full of good cheer
Untiring in your efforts throughout the year....
Notable are the contributions you make
Trustworthy in every project you take
Eager to reach your every goal
Effective in the way you fulfill your role
Ready with a smile like a shining star
Special and wonderful—that's what you are.
Roxie Allen, President,
CSEA Solano County Chapter 608

We need your favorite recipes!



We're still looking to publish a community cookbook for our fundraising project, and we need your recipes! We would like 3 to 4 of your favorite recipes. It would help us immensely if you could send them to Roxie Allen (452-0296) or Jamie Tsang (448-1615) at Irene Larsen Center. You may just drop them in the SCOE mail. Submission forms can be found on the chapter website under publications.

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Come shine a light on your workplace rights and attend Basic Job Steward Training!



Basic Job Steward Training

Foundational training designed to empower union members to take an active role in representation within **in** their chapter.

Presented by Labor Relations Representatives of CSEA's North Bay Field Office

Address: 1707 California Dr, Vacaville (Larsen Center)

Dates/Time:

Session I-February 27, 2007 (5:30 pm to 8:15 pm)

Session II - March 1, 2007 (5:30 pm to 8:15 pm)

Session III- March 3, 2007 (8:30 am to 5:00 pm)

Satisfactory completion of this program qualifies members to serve as Stewards in their Chapters.

This program is open to all members – it offers a lot of information useful to all classified employees and CSEA leaders. Members interested in employee rights, problem solving, the resolution of grievances, discipline and due process issues will appreciate this program.

Completion of Basic Steward Training is a prerequisite for attending Advanced Steward Training, held each year at Walker Creek Ranch in Marin County. If you are interested in earning CSEA certification as a Steward, and receiving an attractive Steward jacket courtesy of CSEA, the first step in the process is completion of Basic Steward training. All training materials, refreshments and lunch are provided. All you need do is suit up and show up. We promise you three sessions of quality training.

Deadline to register is Friday, February 23, 2007.

Contact Shawna Hawkins, Secretary II, at the North Bay Field Office to assure your place at this training.

Phone: 1-800-464-7717 x 1143

Email: northbay@csea.com

Member Benefits

How to get CSEA discounts

Ticket sales are offered at the Fresno and Rancho Cucamonga field offices Wednesdays-Fridays and through Member Benefits at CSEA Headquarters in San Jose. They accept CSEA members' personal checks up to \$150. They require a money order or cashier's check for orders exceeding \$150. Visa and MasterCard are accepted at all locations. No cash is accepted. All transactions are subject to a \$1 handling fee. Unless otherwise noted, tickets must be purchased from a CSEA office. Tickets cannot be purchased at the parks for the advertised discount prices. Please note: Ticket prices are subject to change.

Looking for something sweet to get your valentine?



Purchase a See's gift certificate for \$10, good for a one-pound box of candy from CSEA Member Benefits. Certificate must be purchased in advance. Regular price for a one-pound box is \$14.40.

CSEA Member Benefits Headquarters

CSEA Member Benefits is open Monday through Friday, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. You may purchase tickets in person or by phone with your Visa or MasterCard at (866) ITS-CSEA (487-2732) or by mail (allow 10 days for delivery).

CSEA Days at Disneyland or Disney California Adventure

Tickets entitle you to one day at Disneyland and one day at Disney California Adventure. Tickets are valid Jan. 3-April 27, 2007 and cost \$63 for

adults, \$53 for children ages 3-9. Regular one day one park admission prices are \$63 for adults and \$53 for children. The 2nd day must be used within 30 days of the first day the ticket is used. This is for members that live in zip codes 90000-93599. CSEA also offers a one day hopper for \$65 for adults and \$57 ages 3-9. This ticket entitles the member to go into Disneyland and Disney California Adventure the same day. The regular one day park admission price for each park is \$63 adult and \$53 for children. This ticket is valid Jan. 3-Dec. 13, 2007. Please be sure to check the Disney Web site before you purchase tickets from CSEA to be sure they aren't offering a specially priced ticket for your area.

Scholarship Applications Available Now



CSEA members believe in the value of education and back that belief by making scholarships available to 30 first-year college students, 10 returning college students, 4 college/vocational students and to community college students. Criteria for awarding scholarships include scholastic achievement, financial need, leadership, goals and objectives, and citizenship. *Scholarship applications are available now and the deadline to submit applications is March 31.* Applicants can call (866) ITS-CSEA (487-2732), go online at csea.com or write to:

California School Employees Assn.
Scholarship Awards
2045 Lundy Ave.
San Jose, CA 95131

Separate program from our chapter scholarships.

****10th Annual California
Paraeducator Conference****

Decades of Excellence

April 12–14, 2007

*Sacramento Convention Center
and Sheraton Grand Hotel*

This conference provides skill development training for instructional assistants/paraeducators working in general, special and bilingual education, grades pre-school through high school.

Conference Registration

Early registration postmarked through January 31, 2007 is only \$99 for all participants.

Beginning February 1, registration will cost \$125.

Take advantage of a 10 percent discount for district teams of six or more people, including at least one administrator, teacher or school board member in addition to paraeducators. ***Conference attendance is limited so don't delay.***

For more information and registration forms see your union web page:

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Partial List of Workshop Offerings:

- ① Anger Management: Practical School-Based Intervention Strategies
- ① Attention Deficit Disorders (Parts I and II)
- ① Behavior Intervention for the Challenging Student (newly expanded version)
- ① Bullying Prevention
- ① Child Abuse Identification and Reporting: Mandated Reporter Training
- ① Full Time Benefits for Part Time Paraeducators!
- ① Key Concepts in Understanding Behavior
- ① Magic of Water
- ① Paraeducator to Teacher: Climbing the Career Ladder
- ① Teaching Students with Moderate to Severe Cognitive Impairment
- ① Songs, Games and Rhymes for the Multicultural Classroom
- ① Understanding and Supporting the Needs of Students with Autism
- ① You Can Become a Credentialed Special Educator