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CVFO Member Recognition Awards

On Friday, April 29, 2022, the Costa y Valles Field Office held the annual CSEA Member Recognition Event for Area I. Our Chapter 310 had two members receive awards.

Scott Berns and Kathy Birdt (both on the E-Board as "Member at Large") were recognized. Scott won the "Rising Star" award to thank him for his contributions to Chapter 310 including assistance with member issues, shadowing the LRR, assisting with recruitment and events related to Chapter meetings, CSEW and other CSEA activities. Thank you, Scott, for your continued support of Classified staff and CSEA.

Kathy Birdt was recognized as a CSEA "Political Activist" for her assistance this past year helping Paraeducators find a voice on issues and helping our LRR with site visits regarding member issues and recruitment. Kathy has worked with our LRR on many occasions offering assistance to members and helping to secure Victory Club memberships for CSEA.

Scott and Kathy are also Union Stewards and provide insight at Chapter meetings and other member events that help provide assistance to Chapter 310 members.

Thank you, Scott and Kathy, for your dedication and help to our members. Your hard work is appreciated!

Chapter 310 Scholarship Deadline

The 2022 CSEA Chapter 310 Scholarship deadline is May 2, 2022. Make sure all applications are submitted by 3:00pm.

Fortunately, we have some applications being processed but there is still time to submit if you hurry! Please visit a Counseling Center at any high-school or download the application at www.chapter310.com.

We have one \$500 scholarship for each high-school!

2022 CSEA Conference Delegates

This year's CSEA Conference will be held in Las Vegas at Caesars, July 24-28, 2022. Our chapter is allowed up to 6 Delegates. Our Regional Representative (Jeanne Foster) will also be at the event.

At our last Chapter Meeting, we had 3 members stating they would be interested in attending Conference. Our next Chapter Meeting (May 9th) will finalize Delegates as we need to make reservations. Jeanne Foster will also be doing an orientation meeting on June 15th to prepare our representatives for Conference.

Please come to the May 9th meeting if you would like to learn more or want to volunteer to be a Delegate.

Only 2 resolutions are being voted on this year and it is the first Conference in person for 2 years, so it will be "light work" and rewarding for members to see each in person once again! It is very rewarding working on union business with representatives from all over the State.

All expenses are covered by Chapter 310 but Delegates must attend all sessions and events and report back to membership at the September Chapter meeting. We will discuss more details at the May 9th Chapter meeting.

Juneteenth MOU Update

Negotiations between SVUSD and CSEA regarding the "Juneteenth" Federal holiday have continued and an MOU is being drafted for approval by the school board.

If approved, language in the contract under "Holidays" would be changed and the floating holiday taken the day before Thanksgiving would now recognize "Juneteenth". This would allow all Classified employees to have the day off unlike recognizing the holiday in June.

A single "floating" day off to recognize "Juneteenth" missed in 2021 would also be available to all Classified employees. Details will be in the MOU if approved.

2022 CSEW Celebration

This year's Classified School Employees Week (CSEW) is May 15 - 21. We will be having a "pre" celebration event during our May 9th Chapter meeting.



In order to participate in our CSEW event during the Chapter meeting, you **MUST** be a CSEA union member in good standing and you will have to register before the event in

order to be admitted. An email will be going out to all email addresses that are on file for members. Please respond to that email for registration.

During the meeting, please have your registered name on the screen or you will not be able to participate.

All Chapter 310 members will receive a "CSEW" pin and custom Chapter 310 pen prior to CSEW. You can proudly wear your pin and use your pen to show your affiliation with CSEA and your local chapter!

Our Labor Relations Representative (Diane Wilkinson) is also coordinating a "Member Benefits Wagon" event at several school sites to greet members and help others join CSEA so they can earn every benefit they deserve working as a Classified employee. The dates, times and locations during CSEW for this event will be announced soon.

Thanks again to all of you for helping our students, staff, teachers and the community. You really do "Bring it Every Day" and that dedication reflects the strength and reputation of Simi Unified School District.

SVEF Lew Roth Award Dinner

The 2022 "Lew Roth Award's Dinner" will be held May 23rd at 5:00pm at Strathearn Historical Park.

This annual event is sponsored by the Simi Valley Education Foundation and recognizes district employees and community members who support our schools and students.

There will be awards for the following categories (winners announced soon): Management, Certificated, Classified, Volunteer, Special Education and Lifetime Achievement awards.

For tickets and more information on this wonderful organization and this event visit: www.svef.org.

CalPERS Signature Campaign



The CSEA signature campaign to get candidate Kevin Palkki on the ballot for CalPERS Board of Directors was a huge SUCCESS thanks to CSEA members!

A BIG thank you to everyone who signed the petitions. It is very important for this position on the CalPERS board to remain filled by someone representing the interests of Classified employees. The current member (Rob Fekner) has held the position for 20 years. He has been a huge help for Classified employees coming from CSEA himself. Now, Kevin is ready (and endorsed by CSEA) to watchdog board activities that will benefit Classified employees.

Remember, the members on the CalPERS board directly influence your retirement funds. It is important to have voices on the board who are looking out for the interests of Classified employees. The next step will be to VOTE for Kevin during the next election.

2022 Chapter 310 Meeting Dates

Until further notice, all meetings will be "virtual" via ZOOM. *Links will be emailed. Meetings will start at 5:00 pm

May 9th, June 6th

(No Meetings in July and August)

*Please send your personal email to the email at the bottom of the news letter to secure Zoom links to these meetings, newsletters and other important information.

Chapter 310 Executive Board 2022

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Diane Wilkinson - dwilkinson@csea.com

