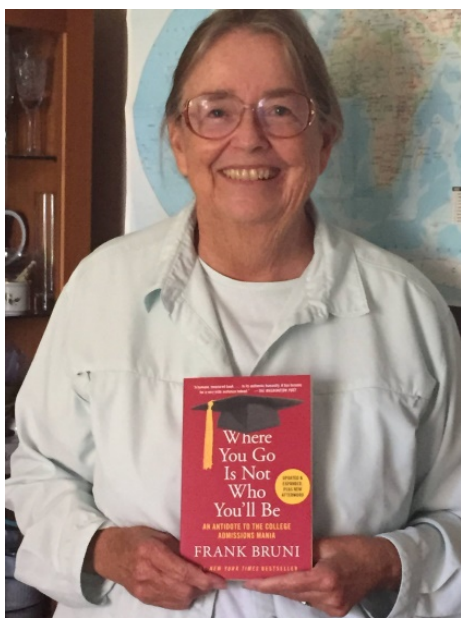


## SANTA CLARA VALLEY PTA WINTER 2017 NEWSLETTER

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE FROM DINAH SHOWMAN

*It has been a tumultuous time for our children with a new U.S. president about to be sworn in. While some are happy and some aren't, we advise that everyone maintain a positive attitude and encourage family members to live their best lives possible, promoting diversity and giving back to communities by volunteering! Speaking of volunteering, we're looking for new SCVPTA board members to start July 1. Contact our "NomCom" Chair Susan Canty if you are interested! **What's next?** You're invited to our book club discussion about the crazy and confusing college admissions system on Jan. 24th which will be coupled with our association meeting. On a sad note, we'll miss SCVPTA's Barbara Emerich, who was a PTA member for 75 years and sadly passed recently. A former State and District PTA executive, she was best known for her successful legislative work helping foster kids.*



### BOOK CLUB AND PTA TOGETHER ON TUESDAY, JAN. 24? YES!

WHAT: Book Discussion, Association Meeting and "Everything but the Kitchen Sink" Help Session

**11:30 AM-12:30PM, BOOK CLUB & MEETING:** Please join us for a discussion of issues raised in Frank Bruni's book, "Where You Go is Not Who You'll Be: An Antidote to the College Admissions Mania" followed by a brief association meeting to include budget adjustments. Everyone is welcome.

**11:30-1:30 p.m., Everything but the Kitchen Sink:** Experienced PTA officers will be on hand to help with finances, bylaws, nominating committee issues, and so on. Hay ayuda en español. WHERE: Santa Clara County Office of Education, 1290 Ridder Park Dr., San Jose. RSVPs appreciated. Questions/RSVPs: [scvpresident@capta6.org](mailto:scvpresident@capta6.org), 408-255-0297.

### TELL A FRIEND! "SUPER PARENTING" WORKSHOPS ON SAT., JAN. 21

Sixth District PTA has put together an amazing line up of A-list expert speakers, including PhDs, in a set of free workshops for all parents. It's Sat., Jan. 21 at Peterson Middle School in Sunnyvale, and topics include "The Pitfalls of Social Media," "How to Work with Principals and Superintendents" and "Mastering an Emotionally-Intense Conversation." Speakers include Mary Perry, member, Board of Managers, California State PTA and former Trustee of the Campbell Union School District, and Will Ector (pictured), the Superintendent of the Berryessa School District. Register at [capta6.org](http://capta6.org).



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**LOOKING FOR WORTHY HONOREES!** Has someone helped children and inspired you? SCVPTA invites you to suggest that person as the recipient of an HSA (Honorary Service Award). The Honorary Service Awards are given to recognize individuals and organizations for outstanding community service to children and youth. SCVPTA may award the Very Special Person Award (service to our PTA), Honorary Service Award (for outstanding service to children and youth in our community that goes beyond expectations), Continuing Service Award (for ongoing or long-time service to children and youth), and Golden Oak Service Award (most prestigious recognition of significant contribution). Please submit your suggestions to Naomi Higaki by Fri., Feb. 10. Thanks!

**JOIN A DYNAMIC EXPERIENCED TEAM!** Our SCVPTA Nominating Committee is looking for qualified experienced people to join our board. The new term starts July 1 and lasts a year. Our NomCom Chair is also our SCVPTA secretary. She's former Sixth District PTA President Susan Canty. Positions include president, vp of membership, vp of communications, secretary, historian, treasurer and so on. Contact Susan to throw your name in the hat. We've enjoyed companionship, book club, sharing of ideas and potluck lunches at our meetings this year. We think you would enjoy this unusual board experience! Why is it unusual? We don't have a school! (And we're trying to help other PTAs.)

**LOW ON FUNDS BUT WANT TO GO TO CONVENTION?** Want to attend the California PTA Convention in San Jose this Spring? You can network with peers, learn how to do your PTA job or do it better, advocate for kids and keep on top of valuable programs and legislative issues. SCVPTA, together with Sixth District PTA, will offer scholarships to PTA leaders to attend the PTA convention in San Jose! Check [capta6.org](http://capta6.org) or email our president for details.

## CALENDAR

Jan. 21: Sixth District PTA Parent Conference, Sunnyvale

Jan. 24: SCVPTA Book Club, Association Meeting & Everything but the Kitchen Sink" Help, SJ

Feb. 14: SCVPTA Board Meeting

March 3: Sixth District PTA Annual Luncheon, place TBD

March 28: SCVPTA Association Meeting and Annual Election, SJ

Our website is Santa Clara Valley PTA, at [www.scvpta6.org](http://www.scvpta6.org). Our hashtag for Twitter and Facebook is #PTA4Kids.

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