

**President's Message:**



As a past or current member of Santa Clara Valley PTA you are helping us help other PTAs, particularly low-wealth PTAs, in this area. Thank you so much for your support! We welcome you at our meetings and events, and at Sixth District PTA's events that you may be interested in. Together we are working to make a positive difference in the lives of all children.

- Elena Shea, President

**SCVPTA Membership:**

Please join our PTA if you have not yet joined SCVPTA for this year! A membership form is available online at [http://www.scvpta6.org/scvpta\\_membership\\_form.pdf](http://www.scvpta6.org/scvpta_membership_form.pdf). Unlike most PTAs, SCVPTA is not associated with a particular school, but we work to strengthen other PTAs in the local area through financial support and mentoring. Our goal this year is 130 members. If you have already joined, thank you!

**Association Meeting September 21 – Highlights:**

At our fall association meeting members reviewed financial information and accepted the budget for 2017-18, our annual financial report for 2016-17, and the audit report for January through June 2017. Because our officers for the 2018-19 year will be elected at our next association meeting to be held in March, the nominating committee for next year's officers was elected at this meeting and will include Wanna Kapoor, Dinah Showman, and Peggy Switchenko, with alternates Wendy Akers-Ghose and Diane Foote. Goals for the year include partnering with low-wealth schools to present a parent education program or family night and assisting Sixth District PTA in supporting PTA leaders.

**Sixth District PTA Legislative Round Table November 16:**

Three topics will be considered at this year's round table: Adequate funding for schools, raising teacher status, and early childhood education. The event will be held at the Fremont Union High School District Professional Learning Center at the FUHSD Office in Sunnyvale. Meet and greet, 6:30 to 7:00, discussion 7:00 to 8:30 pm. See [www.capta6.org](http://www.capta6.org) for more detail.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- November 7, 2017: Sixth District PTA Tax Help, How to Audit PTA Books, and Parliamentary-Nominations and Elections, 6:30-8:00 pm, SCUSD Office, 1889 Lawrence Rd., Santa Clara
- November 16, 2017: Sixth District PTA Legislative Round Table, 7:00-8:30 pm, Fremont Union High School District Professional Learning Center (behind board room), 589 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale (meet and greet, 6:30-7:00)
- March 2, 2018: Sixth District PTA Annual Luncheon at David's Restaurant in Santa Clara, 11:30 am.
- March 20, 2018: SCVPTA Association Meeting, more information later.

**SCVPTA Leaders Prepare for the PTA Year:**

Several SCVPTA officers were able to attend this year’s California State PTA Convention in April in San Jose. The convention is a great way to pick up some ideas on how to get things done and help PTAs be more effective.

Executive Vice President Naomi Higaki said the convention “was large and energetic. It was amazing to be among so many dedicated and passionate people. ... The keynote speaker was excellent and, true to his word, I now have a clear picture of the difference between ‘equality’ and ‘equity’. It affirmed our unit’s mission of providing equity for units in Santa Clara Valley through our fundraising efforts.”

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See SCVPTA’s web page at [www.scvpta6.org](http://www.scvpta6.org) for more information about our PTA.



SCVPTA EVP Naomi Higaki (left, in yellow glasses) with a friend at the California State PTA Convention in San Jose in April 2017.

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