



President’s Message:



As a past or current member of Santa Clara Valley PTA you are helping us help other PTAs, especially low-wealth PTAs. Thank you so much for your support. We welcome you at our meetings and at Sixth District PTA’s events that you may be interested in. Spring is a busy time for all PTAs. Some of the biggest events of the year are finally happening and at the same time, planning for the next school year is beginning. For Santa Clara Valley, we have our association meeting with training/assistance to PTA leaders along with the election of next year’s officers coming up. This meeting is an important way to further our work making a positive difference in the lives of all children.

- Elena Shea, President

SCVPTA Association Meeting March 25, 2019 – Everything But the Kitchen Sink:

Please join us for our annual election meeting on Monday, March 25 at 12:00 at the Santa Clara County Office of Education, 1290 Ridder Park Drive, San Jose 95131 in the Cupertino room (check for signage near the front desk at the door for location of the room). Our nominating committee has proposed the following slate of officers for the 2019-20 year:

- PresidentMarcie Brown
- Executive VPDiane Foote
- Membership VPClaire Quesnel-Oueini
- Communications VPNaomi Higaki
- SecretaryTami Borba
- TreasurerNeelima Vinnakota
- AuditorLaura Raimondi
- Historian.....Wendy Akers-Ghose

And what about the kitchen sink? Between 11:00 and 2:00 our board members will also be available to offer individual assistance to local PTA leaders who drop in with any questions related to their PTA work. We hope to see you for the meeting, and if you wish, for any PTA questions you may have.

Convention Scholarships

Santa Clara Valley PTA is offering scholarships to PTA leaders to attend the California State PTA Convention in Monterey May 16-18. The convention offers training for various PTA roles, inspiration, and information and resources to PTA leaders. In awarding scholarships, SCVPTA gives priority to PTA leaders from low-wealth schools. The application is available at our website (scv.capta6.org), and the deadline for applying is March 22. This year a resolution from Sixth District PTA (with much preparation done by Erwin Morton, our SCVPTA webmaster and Sixth District PTA VP of Education/Parent Education) will be considered for adoption by the California State PTA at convention. The resolution is entitled Early Care and Education for All of California’s Children.

Grants to PTAs

SCVPTA has offered grants to three PTA councils to assist them in strengthening PTA leadership in their areas. To receive grants, North Valley Council and Evergreen Council are each planning programs in the spring to build leadership.

Reflections

Reflections is a National PTA program to encourage students to participate in the arts. Each year students may submit art work in categories including visual arts, music composition, dance choreography, literature, photography, and film production. Judging takes place at the local, regional, state, and national PTA levels. This year's theme is "Heroes Around Me". Santa Clara Valley PTA board members were pleased to assist Sixth District PTA with the logistics of handling the entries that reached Sixth District. A Sixth District reception to honor the entrants was well attended and successful. Finalists' work will be displayed at the California State PTA Convention in May, and the state winners will be announced there as well.

SCVPTA Leaders at Work in February:



See SCVPTA's web page at www.scvpta6.org for more information about our PTA.

Please email President Elena Shea at president@scvpta6.org or VP for Communications Dinah Showman at communications@scvpta6.org if you have questions, comments or concerns. ###