

President's Message:



Santa Clara Valley PTA was formed to support units and councils in order to help them better serve their communities, especially PTAs in low wealth communities. SCVPTA officers provide advice and training to unit officers at our association meetings, which feature a drop-in help component. Santa Clara Valley PTA also actively seeks out councils and units to offer financial assistance.

This year I am pleased to report that we awarded two scholarships for officers to attend the California PTA convention and two council grants for volunteer celebrations. I hope these grants will spur continued involvement in PTA.

Of course, you are part of this support! Thank you for joining SCVPTA - your membership allows us to offer these grants and help local units. And for next year, please don't be a stranger! If you have the inclination to get involved, please let us know. We would love to hear from you. Marcie Brown is our incoming president for 2019-2020. She is a woman with great compassion for PTA and its mission "to positively impact the lives of all children and families". I am honored to have served as SCVPTA president these previous two years and know that with your ongoing support Marcie will continue SCVPTA's proud tradition of helping our area's most vulnerable PTA communities.

- Elena Shea, President

SCVPTA Website Has Moved

Santa Clara Valley PTA's website has moved! It is now located at www.scvpta6.org. Our website has forms for renewing membership, information about PTA in our area and upcoming PTA events, and past newsletters. Check it out! Our membership form can be found at www.scvpta6.org/scvpta_membership_form.pdf. We hope you will join again for the 2019-2020 year.

Convention Scholarships

Santa Clara Valley PTA was pleased to award two convention scholarships for officers of other PTAs to attend the California State PTA Convention in Monterey in May. The attendees reported on the value the convention had for them to carry forward their PTA work.

Convention Resolution

This year's resolution from Sixth District PTA, entitled Early Care and Education for All of California's Children, was approved by delegates at the California State PTA convention. Much work to prepare it was done by Erwin Morton, our SCVPTA webmaster and Sixth District PTA VP of Education. SCVPTA leaders Diane Foote, Wendy Akers-Ghose, and Elena Shea also made significant contributions to its preparation. The resolution helps to form the basis for California State PTA's positions on proposed legislation relating to this topic. You can find it at www.scvpta6.org/docs/EarlyCareAndEducation.pdf.

Grants to PTAs

SCVPTA was pleased to award two grants recently, to Evergreen PTA Council and Milpitas PTA Council, to support their events to thank council and unit volunteers and to welcome new PTA officers.

2019-2020 Officers Elected

At our annual election meeting in March, the nominees to serve on the 2019-20 SCVPTA board were elected. Welcome to those elected, and we appreciate their willingness to help our PTA.

Diane Foote Honored

An Honorary Service Award was presented in May to Diane Foote, current Membership VP and incoming Executive Vice President for Santa Clara Valley PTA. Diane has volunteered over many years for PTA and is also currently Leadership Services VP for Sixth District PTA. We thank Diane for all her work on behalf of children!



Diane Foote, left, receives an Honorary Service Award from President Elena Shea, right.

Funds received by California State PTA for Honorary Service Awards are used to provide scholarships for students, teachers, school nurses, PTA volunteers, and for grants to local PTAs for parent education, cultural arts, and leadership development.

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. ###