

sdta HOTLINE

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Message from the President

November was a busy month. For me, it began bittersweetly as I struggled to balance the joy of my children's Halloween celebrations with the anguish of yet another mass shooting in our country – this time targeting a synagogue not that much different from the ones I have attended with them. This was quickly followed by an election day that saw historic voter turnout nation-wide. In California turnout is being reported at 61.4% - nearly 20% higher than in the 2014 midterm elections – with figures in the 65% - 80% range for Bay Area counties. Much of this was fueled by young people, voting for the first time – the same young people who we work daily to encourage and empower to become informed and active citizens. As the month came to a close and I had the chance to spend time with my family and reflect on the year, this was one of the things I was most thankful for – to be part of a community that is working toward an inclusive and just future where the voices of our students will join ours to shape the world and opportunities we leave for our children and theirs.

-Edith Salvatore

SUPPORT FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

As we are all aware, California has been devastated this year by recent fires in Butte County and Santa Monica - Malibu. SDTA has made a \$1,000 donation to CTA's Disaster Relief Fund, which makes grants available to affected members and their families whenever disaster strikes. If you would like to contribute, there are a variety of ways you can chip in – check the back of this Hotline for more information.

NEW TO THE DISTRICT?

If you are new to the District and haven't yet applied for Disability Insurance through The Standard, the time is now. During the first 120 days of your employment, you qualify for disability insurance coverage without a medical exam.

For more information, check out <https://www.ctamemberbenefits.org/Insurance/Disability-Insurance>

TONY THURMOND WINS!

Despite being outspent by more than 2-to-1 by billionaires backing former Wall Street banker Marshall Tuck and his scheme to privatize our public schools, Tony Thurmond prevailed thanks to the work of thousands of educators, parents, and public education supporters – including you! Thank you for stepping up for your students, your profession, and public education.

SAVE THE DATE: HOUSING

TOWN HALL –SDTA is partnering with SupportTeacherHousing.com to hold a town hall on the need for affordable housing for teachers and school employees in San Mateo County. Please reserve February 13 after school to join us for the conversation.

NEA MEMBER BENEFITS

Your NEA membership entitles you to up to complimentary Life Insurance Benefits (\$1,000 group term life insurance, up to \$5,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance, \$50,000 accidental death & dismemberment insurance for any covered accident that occurs while on the job or serving as an Association leader, and \$150,000 life insurance for unlawful homicide while on the job). For more information, visit <https://www.ctamemberbenefits.org/Insurance/Complimentary-Life-Insurance>

As an NEA member you are also eligible for Long Term Care insurance. By the time you turn 65 there's a 70% chance you'll need long-term care at some point, and this care is not covered by health insurance or Medicare. For more, visit <https://www.ctamemberbenefits.org/Insurance/Long-Term-Care-Insurance>

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

Communities in Northern and Southern California have been ravaged by wildfires, burning schools to the ground and leaving members and students homeless.

MANY HAVE ASKED HOW THEY CAN HELP! **HERE'S HOW:**

The Chico Unified Teachers Association set up a Camp Fire GoFundMe account for educators and students in the Paradise/Chico area.

www.gofundme.com/camp-fire-paradise-teachers

Butte College Education Association set up two GoFundMe accounts.

Faculty: www.gofundme.com/butte-college-facultystaff-relief
Students: www.gofundme.com/butte-college-student-relief-fund

The CTA Chico RRC is also accepting donations of cash and practical gift cards for groceries or essentials. If you can provide housing, for those needing a place to stay, please call the RRC at **(530) 345-9743**.

GoFundMe account for Santa Monica-Malibu educators.
www.gofundme.com/smmcta-fire-victims

If you want to donate to the CTA Disaster Relief Fund,
(www.CTAMemberBenefits.org/drf)
you can sign up for automatic payroll deduction or you can send a check made out to:
CTA Disaster Relief Fund, 1705 Murchison Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010

American Red Cross – select “California Wildfires” in the dropdown menu.
www.redcross.org/donate



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