

CHAPTER NEWS

A Message From The CSEA President:

We have a few things I want you all to be aware or reminded of. It was voted on at the April 22nd chapter meeting who our second delegate and alternate will be to attend the CSEA Annual Conference with me at the end of July. Toni McCall is the second delegate and Glen Harvey is the alternate (in case one of us is unable to go for some reason).

We are seeking input on the resolutions that were sent out in March and again in April. If anyone has any feedback please send me an email. The delegates will be voting on the resolutions based on member feedback. We want to hear from YOU!

Do not forget CSEA will be having the ratification vote on Article 24 during the regular chapter meeting on Wednesday, May 20th from 12-1 p.m. in SU-137. The voting time will also be extended for an additional hour from 1-2 p.m. with release time requested. I look forward to seeing you at this months meeting!

Kristi Wolf
CSEA President

CSEA Members Rally for Retirement Security

SACRAMENTO--CSEA joined firefighters, teachers and other school staff in Sacramento to protest an expected ballot measure that would eliminate retirement security for millions of Californians. The demonstration took place outside a meeting hosted for proponents of the effort by the right-wing Reason Foundation, featuring former San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed and former San Diego City Council member Carl DeMaio.

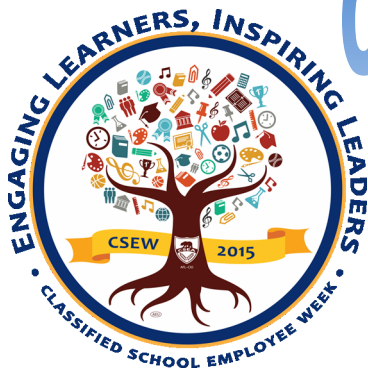


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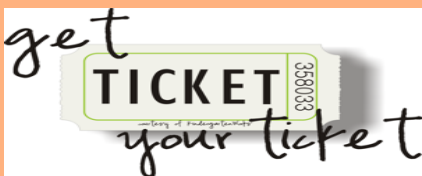
Classified School Employee Week May 17-23, 2015

"Engaging learners, inspiring leaders" will be celebrated throughout the week. The celebration will kick off with a breakfast on Monday, May 18th. New this year, we will incorporate a hot breakfast burrito bar! **During the week join in on the CSEA fun.** Each day there will be a chance for you participate in a drawing. The week will conclude with a barbeque lunch on Thursday, May 21st from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Aggie Park on the Merced campus. The Los Baños campus will be having a catered lunch on Friday, May 22nd. Come on out for great food and a chance to win one of the many prizes that will be raffled during the lunch. CSEA classified employees and invited guests ONLY, therefore no students, work-study or short-term hourly workers, faculty, or management (unless explicitly invited by the committee co-chairs) are welcome to join the festivities.

CSEA Chapter Meetings

Come on out to a CSEA Chapter Meeting! You will receive current information regarding Chapter activities and involvement. Lunch is provided at the chapter meeting and those who attend the meeting are also entered into a raffle to win a \$10 gift card. Please attend and encourage others to do so. Must be present to be entered into the raffle.

Last Month's Winner



Toni McCall

Next Chapter Meeting

May 20, 2015
12 p.m.

Breakfast Burrito Bar

Monday, May 18th
9:30am—10:45 am
Merced Campus— Grassy area between Vocational and Industrial Tech. Buildings

CSEA Week Superlatives

Don't forget to vote for the classified person you think best deserves each of the following fun "awards". All votes are due by May 19th @ 12pm

Busy Bee Award - The person who is involved in everything and is always bussing around the campus

Entertainment Tonight Award—The person who knows all the latest gossip

Mother Teresa Award—Most caring and helpful person

School Spirit Award—The person always prepared for special events

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Carefree Gum Award—The person who is always laid back and goes with the flow

Kool and the Gang Award— Excellence in group work

The Gumby Award—The most flexible person in any situation

Simon Cowell Award—The most brutally honest person

Best Kept Secret Award—This person stands out, but doesn't receive the recognition that is deserved

CSEA Spirit Daily Drawing

Monday: Show your school spirit. Wear Merced College attire or school colors.

Tuesday: Put your artistic crafty side on display. Design your own CSEA shirt and wear it proudly.

Wednesday: Wear a CSEA button

Thursday: Show off your CSEA shirt. Wear your CSEA shirt proudly.

For each of these please be sure to check in with one of the following people to be entered into the daily drawing. Check in by 3 p.m. each day.

Nora Martinez or Freddie Loera —Leshler Building

Corina Jimenez—Vocational Building

Toni McCall— Administration Building

Jason Handforth— Ag Department

Wilma Prine — Purchasing

Delia Regalado—LB Student Services Building

MEMBER

BENEFITS

California Academy of Sciences

Explore an aquarium, a planetarium, rain forest and natural history museum in the heart of San Francisco's Gold Gate Park. [Buy tickets online](#) (use sales code: csea)

Six Flags Discovery Kingdom

America's original combination wildlife park, oceanarium and theme park, features all the new Dare Devil Chaos Coaster. Season Passes available at a great discount! \$60 (regularly \$114.99). Call CSEA Member Benefits at 866-ITS-CSEA(866-487-2732).

Great America open tickets on sale now

Now in its 40th season, California's Great America has expanded its Planet Snoopy kids area with three new rides to go along with dozens of "big-kid" thrill rides. Call CSEA Member Benefits for tickets at 866-ITS-CSEA (866-487-2732).

Private party at Universal Studios

CSEA members are invited to a private party at Universal Studios on Saturday, May 9th. Visit the park on a Saturday at the incredible price of \$66 per person (reg. \$95) that includes FREE parking (reg. \$17) and enjoy little to no lines at your favorite attractions! ... [More](#)

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CSEA members rally for retirement security

Californians for Retirement Security, a coalition of more than 1.2 million public employees and retirees, organized the protest. The rally spotlighted the true intentions of the ballot measure: to dismantle the promised retirement benefits for millions of public employees that teach our children, protect our communities and provide vital public services. CSEA Area A Director Martha Penry spoke at the rally, explaining that these two politicians, grasping to remain relevant, are targeting people who have dedicated their lives to public service.

"Their ballot measure would destroy my careful retirement planning," Penry said. "I have worked hard all my life and have earned my pension. I don't think it's fair for them to pull the rug out from under me at this point in my career."

Reed and DeMaio announced plans for the new ballot measure in mid-March but have not released details. In 2014, Reed failed to put a measure on the statewide ballot; DeMaio, backed by the Tea Party, lost a hotly-contested Congressional race in San Diego last year.

Their new effort is expected to be financed by Texas billionaire [John Arnold](#), a former Enron executive who has bankrolled previous efforts in California to slash promised retirement benefits to California public employees, including more than \$200,000 in 2014. An Arnold-funded measure to undermine retirement security was thrown off the ballot last year in Ventura County by a judge, who ruled it was illegal.

According to a report by Reuters, the new Reed/DeMaio measure "will take aim at CalPERS." It is unclear whether the proposed ballot measure will be drafted as a statute, which requires 365,880 valid signatures, or a constitutional amendment, which requires 585,407 valid signatures.

"This new effort is likely to eliminate retirement security for millions of more Californians, worsen economic inequality in our state, and undermine the ability to attract and retain quality firefighters, teachers, police and other public servants," said Dave Low, CSEA Executive Director and Chairman of Californians for Retirement Security. "We are confident we can defeat it."

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