



12th District PTA

POINSETTIA

April 2017

The mission of the Board of Managers of the 12th District PTA is to serve, train, strengthen and empower its councils and units.

You can check out our website at www.12thdistrictpta.org for more information.

What's in **this** month's edition?

**REFLECTIONS / HISTORIAN / CONVENTION / TRAINING / AUDITS /
HONORARY SERVICE AWARDS / MEMBERSHIP**

Reflections



Special Announcement: due to an oversight in our last newsletter, we mistakenly forgot to add a student to our recognition list. Our deepest apologies for this mistake.

Congratulations are due to Britney Walton - Award of Merit Dance, High School - Oxnard High

So the corrected list is as follows:

- Avalon Nathan - Award of Excellence Film, Special Artist - Thousand Oaks High
- Wyatt Jackson - Award of Excellence Visual Arts, Special Artist - Agoura High
- Carson Eith - Award of Merit Visual Arts, Primary - Sycamore Canyon
- Daniel Gluckman - Award of Merit Film, Intermediate - Walnut Canyon
- Tesla Miranda - Award of Merit Music, Primary - Big Springs
- Cecilia Bellissimo - Award of Merit Music, High School - Agoura High
- Alita Kneeland - Award of Merit, Dance Intermediate - Rancho Rosal
- Britney Walton - Award of Merit, Dance, High School - Oxnard High

Now, to get ready for next year - it's never too early to start. The theme for next year's Reflections Program is **"Within Reach"**. Get the kids motivated now!

WHO'S WHO on the new Board - ok,

elections are done, what else? Don't forget to update PTA-EZ with your new Roster of Officers for **2017-2018**. The incoming slate should be included with phone numbers and email addresses for easy communication.



Historian

It's almost that time of year again! A surveymonkey link will be sent out to the Council Historians at the end of the month to forward to their units and will be due no later than Friday, May 19th. The Council Historians will want to give their units a due date of no later than May 12th in order to collect and add their Council hours to their total and submit.



FAQ:

Q. What hours should be included?

A. Please include all hours from 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2017 (project ahead and estimate as closely as possible the number of hours that will be spent on PTA activities through June 30)

Q. Why do historians collect volunteer hours for a PTA?

A. Volunteer hours are collected and reported to maintain PTA's federal tax exemption status. As a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, PTA must receive 1/3 (one-third) of its support from the general public. The recorded hours from volunteers are proof of this. They are also used in advocating on behalf of children and as information in grant writing.

[JR Washburn](#), 12th District Historian

Convention

- if you are planning on attending State PTA Convention in San Jose, please note that the early registration pricing ends on March 31st.

Sherry is sending out emails all registrants so look for that in your inbox. Let her know if you haven't heard anything.

There will be a delegates orientation meeting at Ameci's Pizza (on Avenida de los Arboles in Thousand Oaks) on Monday **April 17th** at 6:30pm. Bring your delegate form with money for the delegate fee and 12th District dinner - pick up your t-shirt and get all the latest updates.

There will be a Hospitality Suite at Convention - at the Fairmont Hotel. The 12th District dinner will be at Rookie's Sports Lodge 6:30-9:30 on Saturday April 29th. The cost is \$35.00.

For more details contact [Sherry Waldman](#), 12th District VP Programs

TRAINING

April 6th is our training "I'm on the Board, Now What?". Registration begins at 6:30 pm at the Ventura County Community Foundation in Camarillo; the meeting starts at 7pm promptly. Training is free but we do request reservations so that we can have enough materials. You can register on line here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084fa9aa2da0ff2-imonthe/>



Full details are available here: [2017 - Spring 12th District Training Flyer](#)

Ventura County Community Foundation
4001 Mission Oaks Blvd., Camarillo, CA 93012

Questions? Contact [Maria Steck](#), 12th District VP Leadership

Auditor

Mid-year audits are now **past** due. They should cover the dates July 1, 2016-December 31, 2016. Forward your audit to your council auditor and they will forward them to 12th District. For Out-of-Council units, please forward your audits directly to me. If you have any questions, please contact your council auditor or me at the email address [here](#).

[Vicki Leung](#) / **12th District Auditor**



Honorary Service awards

12th District is now accepting nominations for Honorary Service Awards. If you know of an organization or individual who gives of their time and talents in service to children and youth throughout Ventura County, who go above and beyond and serve in an outstanding manner, please consider nominating them for this prestigious award.

This nomination would be for an individual, business or organization who serves the youth beyond just your school site or your city, but whose impact and work spreads across multiple cities or the entire county. Do you know of such a person/group?

Nominate a person or Business today!

Click here to download the [*HSA Nomination form*](#)

[Jill Belkin](#), 12th District HSA Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to those units who have increased their membership.

Conejo Council of PTAs increased overall
Cypress Elementary School
Ladera Elementary PTA

Oxnard Council Units
Harrington PTA

Simi Council Units
Madera PTA

Simi Valley PTA/PTSA Council increased overall
Atherwood Elementary PTA
Hollow Hills Fundamental PTA
Santa Susana Elementary PTA
White Oak Elementary PTA

Ventura Council of PTAs increased overall

Out-of-Council Units
E.O. Green Jr High PTSA



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