

12th District PTA

# POINSETTIA

March/April 2018

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](http://www.12thdistrictpta.org) for more information.



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## Auditor

If you need assistance, please email [Laura Ann Hawk-Loya](mailto:LauraAnnHawk-Loya), our 12th District Auditor, and she will be happy to help you!

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## Birthdays

Let's wish everyone below a very happy birthday!

*March*

*< 5 years*

Cypress Elementary School PTA 3/06/2014

*5+ Years*

Acacia Elementary PTA 3/09/2010

*10+ Years*

Rio Del Mar Elementary PTA 3/29/2007

*15+ Years*

Arroyo Elementary PTA 3/06/2002  
Walnut Canyon PTA 3/02/1999

*30+ Years*

Sheridan Way Elementary PTA 3/17/1987

*50+ Years*

Berylwood Elementary PTA 3/28/1966  
Ladera Elementary PTA 3/09/1961  
Oxnard Council of PTAs 3/11/1959

*60+ Years*

Parkview Elementary PTA 3/25/1958  
Dennis McKinna Elementary PTA 3/30/1955

*80+ Years*

Oxnard High PTSA 3/30/1937  
Sunset School PTA 3/05/1935

*90+ Years*

Montalvo Elementary PTA 3/18/1927  
12<sup>th</sup> District PTA 3/16/1920

## *April*

### *5+ Years*

Rio Real School PTA	4/22/2009
Harrington PTA	4/20/2006

### *20+ Years*

Wood Ranch PTA	4/08/1998
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### *30+ Years*

Simi Valley High School PTSA	4/17/1985
Royal High School PTSA	4/11/1984

### *40+ Years*

Richard Bard Elementary PTA	4/24/1973
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### *50+ Years*

Crestview Elementary PTA	4/20/1966
Juanamaria Elementary PTA	4/09/1962
E.O. Green Jr. High PTSA	4/20/1960

### *60+ Years*

Bernice Curren K-8 PTA	4/12/1955
Meiners Oaks Elementary PTA	4/22/1949

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## **Health/Community Concerns**

Did you know that April has been designated as National Child Abuse Prevention month dedicated to raising awareness and preventing child abuse since 1983? As volunteers, we are not required to report suspected signs of child abuse, however, we are in a unique position to see the possible signs. The State of California has guidelines for both professionals who are required to report and for concerned citizens who want to report signs of abuse. [Click here](#) for a link to those guidelines. Keep in mind that by reporting suspected child abuse, you could be saving a life.

And don't miss out on **The Pulse: California State PTA's Health & Community Concerns Newsletter** for more information on these and other important health and community concerns topics! You can also **sign up** on the mailing list to have it sent directly to you.

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## Historian

It's that time of year again!

A SurveyMonkey link was recently sent out to the Council Historians (with a cc: to the Council Presidents) to forward to their units and will be due no later than Friday, May 18th. The Council Historians will want to give their units a due date that gives them the appropriate amount of time to compile the unit responses and add their Council hours to the total and submit.

### FAQs

**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.

If you have any questions please contact the 12<sup>th</sup> District Historian, **Joanne Davidson**.

## Honorary Service Awards (HSA)

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?

While you were working on HSA Awards for your school or your council did you come across an individual, business or organization who goes above and beyond for the children of our community ..... that's exactly who we, at 12<sup>th</sup> District, are looking for!

Nominate a person or Business today!

**HSA Nomination Form**  
(scroll to bottom of the website page)

Please submit nominations to [jillbelkin@verizon.net](mailto:jillbelkin@verizon.net) or by mail to 12th District PTA c/o Jill Belkin 208 Calle Amorosa, Camarillo, CA 93012 by May 11<sup>th</sup>.

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## Reflections

Congratulations!

The winners have been announced by California State PTA for the Reflections Program. Giant CONGRATULATIONS go out to Dilly Gold from Agoura High School. Her photograph has been awarded the Award of Excellence and is now with National PTA for their judging. We have our fingers crossed for the next part of her journey.

In addition, the following students were given Awards of Merit!

**Photography:**

Middle School Division - Anneliese Wong - Las Colinas

Special Artist Division - Avalon Nathan - Thousand Oaks High School

**Literature:**

Special Artist Division: Maxwell Diamond - Agoura High School

**Musical Composition:**

Intermediate Division - Harrison Forman - Brookside Elementary

Special Artist - Grace Welti - Colina Middle School

**Dance Choreography:**

Primary Division - Eden West - Lang Ranch

Middle School Division - Keiana Griggs - Hillside Middle School

High School Division - Taylor Bolger - Westlake High

**Film Productions:**

Intermediate Division - Elena McFadden - Brookside Elementary

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## Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!

### *California State PTA Annual Convention*

**April 27-29, 2018**

**Ontario, CA**

Do you believe in children? Do you believe in the power of PTA? Then join thousands of PTA parent-volunteer advocates and leaders along with educators and community leaders in Ontario on April 27-29, 2018, to address education, health and community issues affecting our state's kids and families. On-site registration will be available April 26-29 - full time \$339 / one day \$219.

For more information about the 2018 California State PTA Convention, please email our 12th District VP Programs Melissa Kish at [melissakish01@gmail.com](mailto:melissakish01@gmail.com) or visit the [CAPTA website](#).

### *Screening of "Not Alone"*

**Monday, May 14, 2018**  
**Roxy Stadium 11 Theaters**  
**Verdugo Way, Camarillo, California 93012**  
**6:30pm**

Camarillo Council PTA is hosting a screening of the film "Not Alone", a film which addresses teen depression and suicide (the second leading cause of death of teenagers). Tickets are \$5 each and seating is limited (small popcorn is included in the price). We encourage parents, school staff, and community members to attend as well as high school and middle school students accompanied by a parent. The film is recommended for age 14 and up, so parents need to use their judgement to decide if their student should attend the screening. The film will be followed by a discussion panel featuring a local family therapist, Interface, and other community organizations. More information is available at [www.camarillopta.org](http://www.camarillopta.org).

### *12<sup>th</sup> District Leadership Conference*

**Saturday, June 9, 2018**  
**Ventura County Office of Education**  
**5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo, California 93012**  
**Save the Date!**

Leadership Conference is our annual training event and vendor fair. More information on classes and registration will be coming soon!