



ACTION NEWS

President's Perspective

by Brenda Walker



Together we are ACT!

We witnessed power at the polls this past election season. Thanks goes out to every member who participated in the state and school board election campaigns by canvassing, spreading the word to family and friends and most importantly, voting. Out of the two school board candidates ACT recommended, Joe Schaeffer was elected! And even though Don Bridge was not, we are happy that he will remain involved with the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee and other activities. Congratulations to Christina Gagnier as well. I for one look forward to positive change.

ACT and the district submitted sunshine proposals to the school board. Now our bargaining team is getting ready to sit across the table from the district this month to start negotiating for a successor collective bargaining agreement for 2019-2020. Updates will be coming to you by emails, on the ACT website, through the ContACT newsletter, and your site reps.

Our union brothers and sisters to the west and north have been battling their districts for a fair contract. It's not just about salary, but also smaller class sizes, and increasing staff, so let's show our support for United Teachers Los Angeles and Oakland Educators Association. Their outcomes will have far reaching effects for locals throughout the state.

We've had attacks from non-union campaigns come at us through our district emails, and even snail mail. They are trying to divide and weaken us. But it's never been clearer to me that our collective voices are strong and united. Sticking with the union gives you all the benefits. We are strong because so many of you speak up at board meetings, step up to join committees, do site visits, represent each other at your school sites and represent ACT at community and state events. And there is always room for more, so let us know how you want to get involved.

Our school district gets recognized in many areas and that's because you give 110% to your students and schools. Whatever your resolutions are for 2019, I

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hope you include time to rest and recharge. You deserve it! Best wishes for a happy and healthy new year, and I'll be seeing you soon.



ACT President, Brenda Walker, pictured with CTA Director for District K, Sergio Martinez, supporting UTLA at the December march.

CTA Support: Scholarship and More



by Liz Pinkava

CTA offers a variety of educational scholarships, grants, and awards to members and their dependents throughout the academic year. Visit www.cta.org/scholarships to learn about available opportunities. Below are some upcoming scholarships and some brief descriptions of them:

CTA César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program

This awards program provides recognition for educators and their students who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles by which César Chávez lived his life. The recipients, both students and sponsoring CTA members, will receive up to \$550 (exact amount will be determined by the Awards committee). Their work will be recognized by posting visual art and written essays online and in various CTA publications.

Deadline: March 15, 2019 | **Award Amount:** up to \$550

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program encourages ethnic minority students to become educators, school nurses, school counselors or school therapists and to promote professional growth for ethnic minority teachers and ESP members.

Deadline: February 15, 2019 | **Award Amount:** up to \$6,000

CTA Scholarships

- The **CTA Scholarship for Dependent Children** offers a maximum of 35 scholarships of up to \$5,000 each.
- The **CTA Scholarship in Honor of Del A. Weber** offers one scholarship of up to \$5,000 to a dependent child of an active member of CTA, CTA/NEA-Retired or deceased CTA member who is attending or attended a continuation high school or an alternative education program.
- The **CTA Scholarship for Members** offers a maximum of five scholarships of up to \$3,000 each.
- The **Student CTA (SCTA) Scholarship in Honor of L. Gordon Bittle** offers a maximum of three scholarships of up to \$5,000 each.

Deadline: February 1, 2019 | **Award Amount:** up to \$5,000

New Teacher Reception



We'll be having another new teacher get-together in February!

Contract Corner



Article 12.18 Supports a unit member's right to expect professional treatment from all District personnel. Conversely, unit members shall be expected to conduct themselves in the same manner.

Featured ACT Member: Meet Kristen Woods–The Star Behind PAC



by Bonni Gallegos

Kristen Woods is a special education teacher at Boys Republic and she also has many roles within our union. Currently, she is the Political Action Committee (PAC) chair, a member of the Member Engagement Committee, and she's responsible for our roadside adoption.

Kristen began working for CVUSD in 2000 as an aide and began teaching in 2005. She decided to become more involved with the union because she has seen the need to have a school board that is willing to work with the teachers. She has seen some of the issues within our district and wanted to become more involved in getting better-qualified people delegating what happens to our students and teachers.

More recently, Kristen was the person behind leading Joe Schaffer and Don Bridge during



the latest school board election. As PAC chair, she was responsible for fundraisers, canvassing, and anything involved in getting them elected. With her hard work and dedication, and the support from our members, we were able to get Joe Schaffer a seat on the board.



Kristen believes that it is important for everyone to get involved with the union because we truly are stronger together. She believes that together we have the ability to bring positive change within our district.



Upcoming Events




**5K Fun Run/Walk
RUN FOR RUSS MILLER 5K**

WALKING/RUNNING EVENT
ALL LEVELS OF FITNESS WELCOME



DATE: Saturday, February 2, 2019
TIME: 8:00 AM
CHINO CIVIC CENTER, 13220 CENTRAL AVE., CHINO, CA 91710
COST: \$20 PER PERSON + \$2.25 FEE

- Remembering a fallen policeman
- Pancake breakfast provided
- Friends & Family members invited
- Team Name: ACT Chino Teachers**
- Online registration is available at: <https://racewire.com/register.php?id=9929>

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Come spend an evening painting a spring time scene led by our own CVUSD Art Teachers. You get to keep your masterpiece.

Where: ACT Office 5951 Sycamore Ct, Chino
When: Friday, Feb. 1st
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Cost: \$20. per person – materials fee

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT, please fill out the bottom portion, send with your payment to the ACT Office, **no later than January 28th.**

Snacks and Drinks will not be available for purchase; however, feel free to bring your own snacks & drinks.
This is an adult only event.

Paint Nite – Feb. 1, 2019

NAME(s) _____
SCHOOL: _____
PERSONAL Email(s): _____

Amount Included \$20 per person: _____ cash _____ check

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School Board Meetings
Meetings begin at 7:00 PM

February 7
February 21
March 7
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April 4
April 18
May 2
May 16
June 6
June 20

Wear your school spirit wear!

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