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Sue Felt
FTA President

Welcome Back!

I'd like to welcome back all returning FTA members and the 100 plus new teachers who came onboard this year. I hope your school year is off to a terrific start! I am delighted to serve as your President and look forward to working hard for you this year. For those of you who don't know me, I have been part of the Fontana education family since 1962 when I began Kindergarten at Jurupa Hills Elementary School. We moved mid-year and I spent the rest of elementary school at Palmetto, followed by Fontana Junior High, and graduated from Fohi in 1975. I began my teaching career at Redwood Elementary in Feb. of 1986 followed by six years at Oleander and twenty at Hemlock before becoming FTA President. My association work began in 1988 when I became a building rep at Oleander. The following year I was elected as an Elementary Director, a position I held until becoming Vice President and then eventually President of this great association.

I'd like to encourage you to get involved this year. You are FTA! We cannot do the work alone. We value your input for negotiations and encourage you to come to the negotiations committee meetings on the Mondays before Rep Council, see the list of dates, at 3:30. All members are welcome. Watch for information coming to your sites or in future Fontanans about the activities of the Community Outreach Committee, Social Committee, Human Rights Committee, and the Organizing committees. Another way to get involved is to attend conferences. You will find a list of these conferences in this issue of the Fontanan.

During the weekend of Aug. 14, your executive board met and developed our plan for the coming year. We will be working diligently to increase member participation, communication and community outreach. Our most valuable resource is you, our members. If you have ideas you'd like to have considered please feel free to contact the office or your director.

Here's to another great year!

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Conferences

The following is a list of available conferences. Space is limited and preference will be given to new participants. We are currently creating an interest list. Please email the office at ftaoffice@fontanateachers.org if you would like to attend any of these conferences. In order to get as many members to conferences as possible we will only be approving one conference per member. So if interested in more than one, please let us know first and second choices.

December 09-11, 2015 GLBT Issues Conference

Location: TBD, Southern California

CTA's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues Advisory Committee (GLBTIAC) is proud to present the annual CTA conference addressing issues involving GLBT educators, students and community. This conference is open to all CTA members and will serve as a forum to discuss a variety of subjects affecting the entire membership and California's youth. Participants will have a variety of workshops to choose from, organized into three strands addressing the needs of the CTA Membership, the Students and the Community.

January 15-17, 2016 Issues Conference

Rio All-Suite Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

This conference provides an opportunity for educators from rural, urban, and ESP local areas, throughout the state, to learn, share, strategize and unite together to determine the future of public education. As members with diverse interests and multiple perspectives, don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with fellow educators, reenergize your skillset and help strategize solutions to confront the challenges we are facing together.

February 19-20, 2016 Ethnic Minority Leadership Development Riverside Mission Inn

The focus of this event is to attend workshops to develop leadership skills and to explore opportunities to step into leadership. It also provides an opportunity to network with other local minority leaders.

February 26-28, 2016

Good Teaching Conference South Hyatt Regency Orange County, Garden Grove

The CTA Good Teaching Conferences are designed to support excellent teaching and learning practices for classroom teachers. Offering a variety of diverse workshops in curriculum content areas for K-12 teachers, the conferences provide opportunities for professional development and offer time to network and share ideas with colleagues and experts in the field.

March 04-06, 2016

Equity and Human Rights Conference Location: TBD, Torrance, CA

The 2016 Equity and Human Rights Conference captures the essence in CTA's Mission Statement: to ensure that the dignity and civil rights of all children and youth are protected, and to secure a more equitable and democratic society. The conference combines speakers and workshops to provide all CTA members with a greater understanding of the issues of diversity and equity.

May 13-15, 2016

Political Academy – open to members wishing to join the Political Action Committee

Location: TBD, Los Angeles County

Prepares chapter members to recruit viable candidates, organize and develop chapter and community resources, and successfully execute local school and college board campaigns. Location and additional information coming soon.

July 03-08, 2016

NEA Representative Assembly

This is an elected position. Elections are held at the first of the year. Watch for information in your mailboxes after January. Washington, D.C.

The NEA Representative Assembly is the largest democratic deliberative assembly in the world. California sends more than 1,000 delegates to the NEA RA each summer. During this annual meeting, CTA members help set policy and chart the direction of NEA business through participation on various committees, constituencies, caucuses, and leadership groups.



CrossFit Fontana welcomes FUSD employees

Two months of CrossFit for only \$125, savings of 67%!!! You must begin before Sept. 30th and your two months begins on your first workout date.

To sign up, go to crossfitfontana.frontdeskhq.com and select the "Back to School" plan. Classes are subject to size and availability.



Stay in the Loop!
Check out what's going on
with FTA at
fontanateachers.org

**15-16 Rep Council
Meeting Dates**

- August 19
- September 9
- October 14
- Nov. 18
- Dec. 9
- January 20
- February 10
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11

Fontana Social Events

TGIF at Pancho Villa's
9/9/15 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Disneyland Tickets
1 Day 1 Park

\$95.00 Adult (ages 10 and up)
\$86.50 Kids (ages 3 - 9)

Tickets Expire December 31, 2016
1 Day Park Hopper

\$138.00 Adult (ages 10 and up)
\$132.50 Kids (ages 3 - 9)

No Block Out Days

Tickets Expire December 31, 2016
Cash Only

(prices subject to change)

**AMC & Regal
Movie Tickets**
\$8.50

No Restrictions
Extra Charge for 3D
Cash Only

**Knott's
Berry Farm
Tickets**

Adults (12-61)
\$37

Kids(3-11)/
Seniors (62 and
up) \$30

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