

Standing Room Only CSEA Chapter 579, RSCCD



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Presidents Message

Here we are again! The semester is off the starting blocks, students are getting to class, the faculty are engaging and challenging our students, and the classified are keeping the doors open, the records straight, and the classrooms safe and clean. I'm proud to be a part of the Classified service.

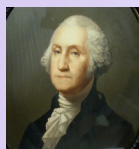
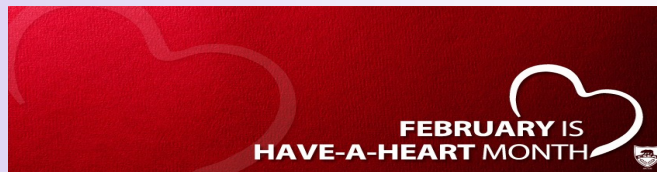
We are also a great value, dollar for dollar, because we continue to give time above and beyond our paid hours. There is always some student in need of your help after your shift has ended or while you are on break or lunch. This will always be the case because Classified employees always go the extra distance to serve our students.

How often have you heard how important we and our jobs are? In these times of budget constraints, there are many ways the District can show us how truly important we are. We ask for respect and parity with all constituent groups. And while the 'kudos' and 'atta boys' are nice to hear, the old saying that "actions speak louder than words" is truly appropriate this year.

Brothers and Sisters, you have an outstanding group of leaders working for you. Please support us this year by participating often, attending Chapter meetings, and getting involved in a way that helps our members, our students, and our community.

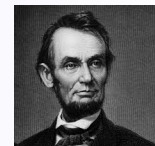
Tom Andrews

President, CSEA Chapter 579



Happy Washington's Day?

In February we honor the birth of our presidents by observing the Presidents Holiday on Friday, 2/13 and Monday 2/16. This is to honor the birth date of Washington (2/22) and Lincoln (2/12). First we honored George Washington's birthday but later (in 1970's) it was decided that Lincoln's birthday should be included and Presidents Day was born. People in marketing liked this idea and soon "Presidents Day Sales" were born. President's Day never falls on the actual birthday of any American president. Three chief executives—George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Ronald Reagan were born in February, but their birthdays all come either too early or late to coincide with Presidents' Day, which is always celebrated on the third Monday of the month.



CSEA Mission

To improve the lives of our members, students and community.



We are family

Dorothy Bjork, Association President from 1984 to 1986, adopted the theme “We are Family.” Bjork led the union’s first disaster relief effort, which helped scores of members recover from devastating floods in Northern California. Today, her legacy lives on, as CSEA members’

Donations and volunteer efforts help hundreds of other members recover from natural disasters and personal crises.

Chapter Donations

Each February CSEA members make an effort to replenish the Assistance Fund. Some chapter members vote to take a certain amount out of their general fund. Others hold fundraisers like bake sales or bingo tournaments. Even passing a hat at chapter meetings can help the fund. And you can always make an individual donation.

Here’s how you can you help?

Donate by check

Please send your donation to:
Dorothy Bjork Assistance Fund
2045 Lundy Avenue
San Jose, CA 95131

Donate by credit card

Call CSEA Member Benefits
866-ITS-CSEA (866-487-2732)

Donate by payroll deduction

[Download Assistance Fund Payroll Deduction Form](#) (PDF 152KB)

The March 1st deadline for CSEA Scholarships is right around the corner. Don’t miss this opportunity.

- CSEA offers a total of 53 scholarships in three different categories:
- First Year Scholarships (43 awarded)
- Community College Scholarship (5 awarded)
- College/Vocational Scholarship (5 awarded)



Your Union Power. Every Day! Special Services Announcement

CSEA MEMBER BENEFITS

**LOS ANGELES ANGELS OF ANAHEIM VS LOS ANGELES DODGERS GAME
THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2015 – 7:05PM ANGEL STADIUM OF ANAHEIM**



Tickets can be purchased in two ways:

- CALL CSEA Member Benefits Service Center at (866) 487-2732
- ONLINE by visiting our e-store at www.csea.com/store



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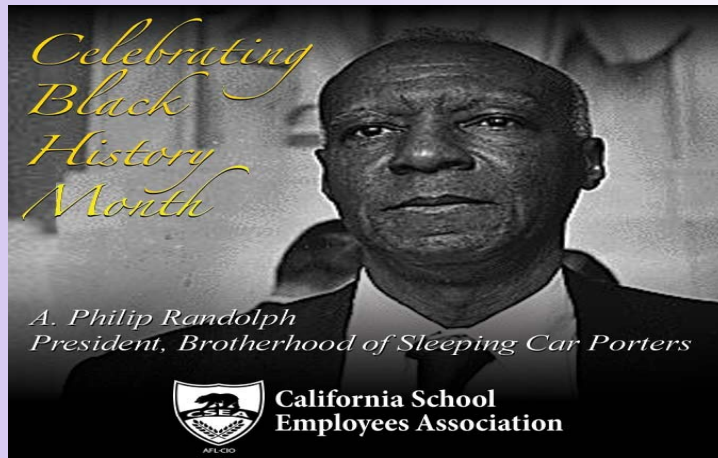
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February is Black History Month

In February we learn, honor, and celebrate the achievements of black women and men throughout history. Black History Month, or National African American History Month, is an annual celebration of achievements by black Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of African Americans in U.S. history. The event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. It was observed the second week of February right between the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating black history. (africanamericanhistorymonth.gov)

Did you know?

The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.



Future Chapter Meetings
Mark your calendars! Attend a meeting and
stay informed, get involved,
be empowered

Date & Time	Location & Room
March 17, 2015 - 12:00-1:00pm	SCC E-206
April 21, 2015 - 12:00-1:00pm	SAC - TBA
May 19, 2015 - 12:00-1:00pm	Orange Field Office (OFO) - Conference Room
June 16, 2015 - 12:00- 1:00pm	OEC - 105
September 15, 2015 - 12:00 -1:00pm	CEC - TBA
October 20, 2015 - 12:00-1:00pm	SCC E - 206
November 17, 2015 - 12:00-1:00pm	SAC - TBA
December 15, 2015 - 12:00-1:00pm	District Office - Santa Ana Room

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The African-American experience is one of the most important threads in the American Tapestry. Bill Frist

Review the Current CSEA Contract

For assistance call one of the following Union Stewards:

Name & Location	Phone	Name & Location	Phone
Tom Andrews (SAC)	714-561-6503	Dave Tucker (OEC)	714-625-5976
Sean Small (SAC)	714-564-5667	Felipe Lopez (SAC)	714-564-6310
Victoria Williams (SCC)	714-628-4719	Alfonso Roman (SAC)	714-564-6310
Abel Arredondo (SAC)	714-564-6970	Leslie Wood-Rogers SAC)	714-564-6621
Sylvia Gordon (SAC)	714-564-6052	Zina Edwards (SCC)	714-628-4800
Lithia Williams (SAC)	714-564-6596	Maia Garcia (DO)	714-480-7483

A Piece of CSEA History

Classified Employee Rights

CSEA Wrote the Book on Classified Employee Rights!

- 2001 - Classified school employee unions can bargain to refer discipline to a neutral third party.
- 2001 - Classified employees who fail to make a promotion may return to their former classifications.
- 2001 - Classified school employees unions have the right to appoint a representative to a district task force or committee.



We Need You!!

There are several committees and task force that do not have a classified representative. If all the committees are run by administrators and faculty will the classified employees have a voice? Will we be heard? Please contact Sarah Salas, 1st VP, Lithia Williams, Site Coordinator, or Zina Edwards, Communications Officer if you would like to serve on a committee. The phone number and site information is listed above.

**To Know More
[About CSEA](#),
Visit the CSEA Mem-
ber Site.**

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