



# OUEA Newsletter

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## Election Victories!

We are proud to announce that many union endorsed candidates won their elections at the local, state, and federal level. Here in Orange, OUEA endorsed School Board candidates Andrea Yamasaki, Kathryn Moffat, and Kris Erickson were elected! We congratulate them and thank all of our members who supported them. At the state level, California elected CTA endorsed Gavin Newsom for Governor and Tony Thurmond for Superintendent of Public Instruction. As an association, we look forward to working with everyone elected to continue improve great public education for all children and communities while advocating for our members.

## Benefits of Membership- Scholarships

As a member of CTA and OUEA, you and your dependents are eligible to apply for many scholarships that award excellence and support continued education. CTA offers the **César E. Chávez Memorial Education Awards Program**. Entries are for written essays or visual artwork that honor César Chávez. Additionally, there is the **CTA Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Scholarship** for ethnic minorities who are dependents or members and continuing their education. Also, you may be eligible for the **CTA Scholarship Program** for dependent children and members. Information and application forms for all CTA scholarships at: [cta.org/scholarships](http://cta.org/scholarships).

Finally, we want to highlight the **OUEA Retiree Scholarship**- a program to support current OUEA members who are continuing their education to advance their salary. Details about this opportunity will be given at the January OUEA Representative Council.

## OUEA Open House- December

Your association will host an open house at your association's office on Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-5. This is a great opportunity to meet with other members, enjoy good food, win some raffle prizes, and help bring in the holiday season.

## Weingarten Rights

As a union member, you should be aware of your Weingarten Rights. You may stop any meeting with an administrator if you feel she or he is leading the conversation to a disciplinary or accusatory situation. You can politely make the statement below, leave the discussion, and contact a union representative.

"If this discussion could in any way lead to my being disciplined or terminated, or affect my personal working conditions, I respectfully request that my union representative, officer, or steward be present at this meeting. Until my representative arrives, I choose not to participate in this discussion."

## OUEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-2019

### President:

Whitney Amsbary, Nohl Canyon

### Vice President:

Greg Goodlander, Orange HS

### Secretary:

Karin Barone, La Veta

### Treasurer:

Jennifer Pettey, Canyon HS

### Elementary Segment

#### Directors:

Linda Horist, Nohl Canyon

Debbie Reback, Esplanade

Mary Ann Ballestero, Handy

### Secondary Segment

#### Directors:

Heather Chapman, El Modena HS

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### Special Segment Director:

Tracy Morillo, Speech and

Language Pathologist

### CTA State Delegates:

Karin Barone, La Veta

Greg Goodlander, Orange HS

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### OUEA Executive Director:

Roger Urroz, Jr. [rurroz@cta.org](mailto:rurroz@cta.org)

### OUEA Office Coordinator:

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## OUEA In Our Community

For three years OUEA has been a supporter of the Women's Transitional Living Center (WTLC) through donations from our members. This organization helps struggling women who are survivors of domestic violence, human traffic, substance abuse and mental illness. Many of these women are housed with their young or infant children. WTLC serves northern OC including our Orange and surrounding communities. Donations vary from food and toiletries to bedding, clothing, gift cards and school supplies. Please consider donating new or gently used items or non-perishable foods supplies at the OUEA office M-F from 9-5. For a comprehensive list of how you can make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate, visit [www.wtlc.org](http://www.wtlc.org)

## Association Elections 2019

In the spring of 2019, you will elect or re-elect members to serve in OUEA leadership positions. Open positions include: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors for Elementary, Middle School, and High School. The official election calendar was approved at the November Representative Council and will be posted at your site's OUEA bulletin board. Nominations forms are due February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 by 4:00pm. There are also openings for members to represent OUEA as a Delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly in Houston this July. If interested in any of these positions, see your site representative or call the OUEA office. Additional information and position descriptions can be found in our Bylaws and Standing Rules which are located at [www.ouea.org](http://www.ouea.org) under Member Resources.

## October Rep Council

We would like to thank the following sites for having representation at our October 15<sup>th</sup> Rep Council: Anaheim Hills, California, Chapman Hills, Crescent, Cambridge, Esplanade, Fairhaven, Fletcher, Handy, Imperial, Jordan, Lampson, La Veta, McPherson, Nohl Canyon, Olive, Panorama, Prospect, Taft, El Rancho MS, Portola MS, Yorba MS, Canyon HS, El Modena HS, Orange HS, Richland HS, Villa Park HS, Canyon Hills, Alternative Education, Nurses, and Speech & Language.

We missed Site Representatives from the following: Canyon Rim, Linda Vista, Palmyra, Running Springs, Serrano, Sycamore, West Orange, Villa Park ES, Cerro Villa MS, Santiago MS, Orange HS, District Office, Counselors, Pre-K, Psychologists, and Special Education.

If you are interested in becoming a Site Representative, do not hesitate to contact OUEA leadership regarding the opportunity.

## Raffle Ticket Winners!

Winners from our site visits so far this year include Fairhaven- Karen Rizza, Ashley Felton; Jordan- Sandy Anthony, Chris Rocco; Serrano- Aura Covington, Ling-Ka Brown; Villa Park HS- Makram Gerges, Melanie Espinoza, Ingred Shine; Nohl Canyon- Pam Kouri, Pam Velez; Palmyra- Michelle Lovitt, Mary Hinton; RHS- Andrew Gomez and David Willsey. Congratulations!

## Upcoming dates

Nov. 29	Curriculum Compacting meeting at 3:30 pm; OUEA Office
Dec. 3	OUEA Board of Directors at 3:30 pm; OUEA Office
Dec. 6	OUSD School Board meeting at 7:00 pm; OUSD District Office, Building H
Dec. 7	OUEA Ducks Game at 7:00pm; Honda Center
Dec. 10	OUEA Open House at 3:30 pm; OUEA Office
Dec. 11	OUEA Special Education Issues meeting at 3:30 pm; OUEA Office
Jan. 8	OUEA Special Education Issues meeting at 3:30 pm; OUEA Office
Jan. 9	OUEA Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee at 3:30 pm; OUEA Office
Jan. 14	OUEA Board of Directors at 3:30 pm; OUEA Office
Jan. 25-27	CTA State Council on Education, Los Angeles
<b>Jan. 28</b>	<b>OUEA Representative Council at 3:30 pm; OUEA Office</b>
Feb. 4	OUEA Board of Directors at 3:30 pm; OUEA Office