

Training Opportunities

- 1) CTA is offering a grant for minorities that have never attended the Region IV Leadership conference in Irvine. This is to improve involvement of minorities in their local Union, in our case, that would be the BTA. The conference will be held from April 24th -April 26th at the Irvine Marriott. Grant recipients will have their conference registration paid by the CTA and BTA will cover hotel and transportation costs of the recipient.
 - a. Guidelines-You must be of Asian, African-American, Hispanic or American Indian descent be nominated for this grant.
 - b. The deadline for submitting the application is January 30, 2009.
 - c. If you are interested in attending and learning more about Leadership, please notify Trina Brown via email and let me know who you are and why you would like to attend. Please notify me by January 20, 2009.
 - d. Our Executive Board will review list of interested applicants and will choose a nominee. Paperwork will be submitted on nominee's behalf by the BTA and nominee will be notified if grant is approved.

- 2) President's Conference in La Quinta on Saturday, January 10th. This is a quarterly conference sponsored by the San Gorgonio Service Center Council and is free to all interested BTA members. Registration and breakfast begins at 8:30. Trainings are scheduled from 9:00-10:30 on Saturday morning and will include the following topics:
 - a. CTA's Endorsement Procedures for Political Candidates
 - b. Super Fast Explanations of PI, RTI, PLC, CECHCR, 403b Changes, Mid-Year Cuts, QEIA, NCLB ESEA and anything else that comes up.
 - c. Requirements for Bylaws and Election Standing Rules
 - d. Stop It! Bullying Prevention and Intervention.
 - e. Women's Leadership

There will be a business meeting following these workshops.

All members are encouraged to attend. You will need to RSVP to Trina Brown @ tbrown@beaumontteachers.org with your name and which workshop you would like to attend. I will then forward your name to the event planners in order to reserve your spot.

- 3) Good Teaching Conference on March 13-15 at the Hyatt Regency in Orange County. This is a conference that allows expert teacher-to-teacher instruction with the primary intention of allowing participants to immediately incorporate excellent teaching and learning practices directly in their classrooms. Though BTA has not budgeted for this conference, if we can budget and save money in other areas we may have room to send 1 or 2 teachers from our membership. This will have to go by the REP council for approval. It would involve an application process and a selection committee for fully paid attendees. More on this after our next rep council meeting on January 8th.

- 4) As due paying members of BTA, CTA and NEA, members have access to a variety of trainings through our San Gorgonio Service Center Council all at no additional cost to our membership. These trainings include but are not limited to:
 - a. Grievance Process
 - b. Effective Leadership Skills
 - c. Team Building
 - d. Community Outreach
 - e. Website Development
 - f. Chapter Communications

This is by no means an exhaustive list. Our SGSCC representative is available with a simple phone call and scheduled date if members have topics they would like to explore. Typically, our representative, Donna Jefferson, prefers the participation of 10 or more individuals when providing training for our members. Members who would like training in a specific area should attempt to recruit colleagues that would like the same training and organize a group. Then, a phone call will be made and training will be scheduled. Just know this is available as one of your many member benefits.