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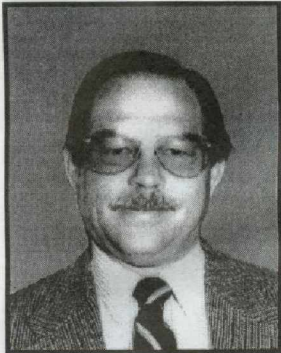
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**CASCWA PRESIDENT AWALT OUTLINES PLANS FOR THE YEAR**



**CASCWA State President Gil Awalt**

Let me bring you up to date on a few events. On a personal note, my father passed away in June and we married off my oldest daughter in August. Boy, talk about some major stress!! I am happy to report that all went as well as one could expect.

On the CASCWA front things are moving at lightning speed. Since Palm Springs the following has occurred:

We have submitted our application for our web site domain name (CASCWA) and should receive word shortly as to our web site address

Once CASCWA's web site has been established our communication and marketing for CASCWA will improve greatly. We will put the membership application, conference information, legislative updates and other important information on the net. This is a major step in advancing our organization into the 21st century and cyberspace.

Phil Kauble, from the Southern Section, has accepted my request to serve as the CASCWA Legislative Liaison to ACSA and will be working closely with Tom Bancroft regarding CASCWA's input and positions on legislation.

Jean Stovall has accepted a one year appointment to serve as the State Legislative Chairperson to facilitate the development of a new legislative reorganization plan and to implement that plan this year. Each Section president has been contacted and has appointed a Section Legislative Chairperson to develop their respective section legislative committee which will track and monitor bills and legislation. Information regarding bills and their current status will be provided by Phil Kauble. Each section legislative chairperson will meet with Phil and Jean at State Executive Board meeting to discuss legislation and provide input to the Board for positions on current legislation. This process was utilized by CASCWA in previous years.

The State Executive Board met August 15th in Sacramento and we appear to be financially sound for this coming academic year. The sections report that a number of section workshops are in the planning stages. We are sure this year will make a difference for you. The State Board has committed itself to improving the communication network members will be able to stay in touch with each other, not only at conferences, but during the entire year as well.

Two state conferences are being planned for this year. Please mark off October 8, 9 & 10 so you will be able to attend the fall conference hosted by the Delta Sierra Section at the Embassy Suites in South Lake Tahoe. Contact Ted Hobbs at (916) 541 4111 if you need information regarding the fall conference. The Spring conference will be held at the Ramada Inn in Fresno on April 29, 30 and May 1, 1998. Both conferences will have outstanding workshops, seminars, guest speakers, panels, discussion groups and information for each of you to take back to your respective areas. Both conferences are a MUST for all individuals working with Child Welfare and Attendance, school attendance, SARB, truancy, law

enforcement, probation, psychologist, school site principals, deputy principals, learning directors and deans.

This promises to be and will be a great year for the growth of CASCWA, in technology, communication, training and the way we do business. Communicate, assimilate and participate as we march into the 21st century.

**KAREN SAUNDERS PASSES THE CASCWA GAVEL TO GIL AWALT**



Both Bob Burgess, past CASCWA President, and Gil Awalt, the incoming leader present a token of appreciation to Karen Saunders, the outgoing CASCWA President. We are all appreciative of her efforts and wish her well, as "kibitzer" to the Board of Directors.. Karen will remain on the Board, as is the tradition in CASCWA, for the coming year to add her experience.. The Board, in addition, this coming year will

have as a member, Vivian Lindfors, who will serve as a regular representative of the State Department of Education.

**PRESIDENTIAL SEQUENCE DISCUSSED**

The question is sometimes asked, "How does CASCWA select its leader for the coming year?" The President is elected, of course, but CASCWA has been sensitive to the fact that we cover a lot of territory, and each section is important and must be included in the organization's all over planning. As a result the CASCWA Bylaws provide for an alternating system of succession to the Presidency which requires that each section provide a President, unless it declines to do so, each four years, ensuring a balanced opportunity for even the smallest of the sections. The Present line of rotation is :

SAN JOAQUIN SECTION	1997-1998	2001-2002
BAY SECTION	1998-1999	2002-2003
DELTA SIERRA SECTION	1999-2000	2003-2004
SOUTHERN SECTION	2000- 2001	2004-2005

Each section at the proper time, presents its candidate or candidates for election. The only requirement, other than CASCWA membership is that the candidate must have served on the CASCWA Executive Board.

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**The Cover Story :** Phil Kauble is honored for his contributions to CASCWA with the Lee Lundberg Outstanding Service Award. Presentation was made by his long time friend Lillie Wilson. **Smaller pictures top to bottom.:** Recipient of Service Award for the Bay Section: Shirley Kesterke. For the Southern Section: Juanice Thomas. For the Delta Sierra Section Tad Kitada, and for the San Joaquin Section : Galen Wright.



## SAN JOAQUIN SECTION INVITES ALL TO ITS ANNUAL BASS LAKE RETREAT

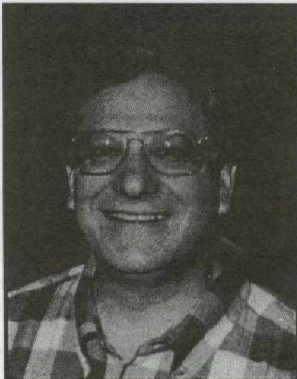


**Galen Wright, President  
San Joaquin Section**

School Year 1997-98 is here! The San Joaquin Section will start the year with its annual Bass Lake retreat. Anyone wishing to join us on September 26 and 27 is more than welcome! a mid-afternoon session on "Reauthorization of Special Education and Implications Regarding Student Discipline" (Mike Smith, Esq.) will be followed by snacks and refreshments in Gil Awalt's Chalet. Save room for dinner "on the deck" at the Pines Resort. The following morning

features resource sharing and a legislative update. Call Sam Vaughn at (209) 883-2741 for more details. Speaking of retirees... Attendees at Palm Springs last Spring ( thanks for a great conference! ) know that Jean Stovall ( Clovis Unified ) retired this year. There is now a list reading like a "Who's Who" for San Joaquin Section retirees this year. Al Baum ( Fresno Co. ) and Daryl Merhtens ( Fresno Unified ) have joined Jean. Jean Stovall will serve on the State Board along with Phil Kauble to affect the legislative process... "grace & guns" - what a promising pair! Have a great year.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PREPARES FOR AN EXCITING YEAR



**Mark Michels, President  
Southern Section**

The memories of the fabulous CASCWA SPRING CONFERENCE are still fresh. This was CASCWA at its best! Colleagues from all over the state enjoyed fellowship and fun while networking with top experts in the field. Congratulations to Phil Kauble and to the Southern Section Conference Committee for a job well done! In addition, Phil Kauble was recognized by CASCWA for his contributions to our profession as he received the Lee Lundberg Outstanding Service Award at the conference. Similarly, Juanice Thomas was recognized by her peers for her dedication to CASCWA as the recipient of the Southern Section Outstanding Service Award. Phil and Juanice, we're proud of you!

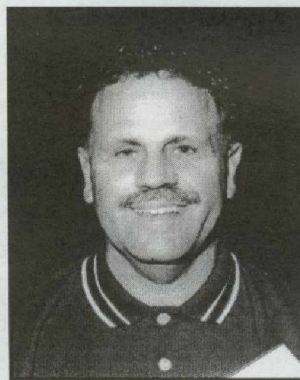
The newly installed Southern Section Executive Board is meeting in Ventura to plan for the exciting year ahead. Our focus will be to continue to bring our members tangible benefits for their investment in CASCWA. For two years, Southern Section members have participated in a highly successful series of legal forums which have explored pupil services issues with leading legal experts. In 1997- 98, Southern Section will host four additional

forums, thus enabling our members to benefit from and to interact with recognized leaders in the field of Child Welfare and Attendance. Another highlight is our first class newsletter, CASCWA Connection. Southern Section. This quarterly publication provides members with feature articles, legislative updates, book reviews, news about CASCWA members, and much, much more. We are indebted to Fern Zahlen and to Barbara Causee for their tireless efforts to publish our Pulitzer Prize caliber newsletter.

As Southern Section President, I am grateful to be surrounded by so many outstanding individuals on our executive board. President Elect Frank Boehler from Orange Unified School District brings remarkable enthusiasm and expertise to the board. Vice President Betty Folsom from the Riverside County Office of Education can work miracles after all, look what she did with "Officer Krupke's delinquents" in Palm Springs Our Secretary, Dr. James Shaw from the L.A. County Office of Education, brings multiple talents and fresh new ideas. Cecil Munsey from the San Diego County Office of Education is returning as Treasurer to keep us "fiscally fit." Phil Kauble is now our Elder statesman" serving as Past President. Southern Section also has numerous committee chairpersons who are actively promoting service to students through CASCWA. For example, Dr. Lorraine Kobett from the L.A. County Office of Education is serving as chairperson of the Legislative Committee.

It is a privilege and an honor to be able to serve Southern Section CASCWA members with this team of distinguished colleagues. Working together, I anticipate a productive and exciting year!

## DELTA SIERRA IS READINGY FALL CONFERENCE



**Rob Gerig, President  
Delta Sierra Section**

Delta Sierra is rapidly preparing for the State Fall conference to be held October 8, 9, & 10th at Embassy Suites in beautiful South Lake Tahoe. The theme of the conference is "Youth Out of the Education Mainstream and Beyond". State SARB will be on hand to conduct a "mini SARB Institute which will include SARB facilitator training and a certificate of completion.

Workshop sessions scheduled promise to be on the cutting edge of Child Welfare and

Attendance issues facing us on a daily basis. The Keynote address will focus on Welfare Reform and the monumental effects that it will have on many of the families we work with. Just a few tidbits include: John Burton's highly requested internet workshop, Sacramento City Unified School District's highly successful comprehensive Truancy Reduction and Dropout Prevention Program. There will also be sessions addressing Immigration Reform, Crisis Response Teams, Peer Courts, Mentor Programs, K 6 alternative program's and much more. There are few places on the planet that serve as a better place to mix business with pleasure than South Lake Tahoe See you there.. October 8, 9, 10.!!!



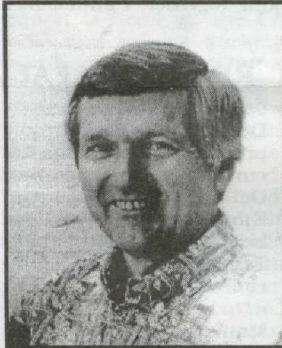


# LEGISLATION

## LEGISLATION COMMITTEE PRESENTS GOOD NEWS!!



Jean Stovall, Chairman  
Legislation



Phil Kauble CASCWA  
Liaison to ACSA

The CASCWA Executive Board during its August 15, approved the appointment of Phil Kauble as liaison to ACSA. Phil will be working closely with Tom Bancroft in furthering common goals of ACSA and CASCWA. Phil is Director of Attendance and Administrative Services for the Division of Educational Support Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Phil reports that during the remainder of August the legislature is focusing on floor work and there is little actual work in terms of influencing legislation for this year. CASCWA as an organization needs to work on narrowing its focus and be selective of the legislation we choose to support.

Phil will meet with the ACSA legislative committee in November. Likely, there will be interesting times this legislative year.

The Executive Board in defining the role of the Legislative Committee expressed the desire for an energetic Legislative Committee which provides

the opportunity for Section membership to participate actively in the legislative process through the CASCWA Executive Board and by direct communications with their local representatives.

### Purpose ;

The Legislative Committee of the Association is responsible for informing the membership about new and proposed legislation affecting welfare and attendance. The Committee shall serve the Association by initiating legislation, providing legislative liaison with other professional organizations, and representing the Association in communications with the Legislature and its committees.

### Composition:

The State Legislative Committee will be composed the Legislative Chairpersons of each Section.

The State Legislative Committee will be co chaired by a board appointed Chairperson, and the CASWA Liaison to ACSA.

### Responsibilities:

The Committee will be responsible for reviewing bills

introduced in the Assembly and Senate and submitting summaries of such legislation to the CASCWA Executive Board.

Such summaries will include an analysis of the positive and negative impact of the legislation on students, members of the association, and school districts.

The Committee will recommend position statements to the CASCWA Executive Board. Such position statements will be based on the recommendations of the Section Legislative Committees. A minority recommendation will be presented to the CASCWA Executive Board when the Committee has disagreement on a particular bill.

The CASCWA Executive Board will receive and review the Committee's bill analysis and recommendations for action.

The CASCWA Executive Board will then adopt positions of support, opposition, or watch on each bill reviewed.

The President of CASCWA will then send to the author of the Legislation, the Assembly and Senate Chairpersons letters signifying CASCWA's position on the bill. Such letter will offer to speak in behalf or in opposition to the bill .

When the Executive Board has voted to oppose a bill, when appropriate, the President of CASCWA will send a letter to the author of the bill in support of the concept or intent of the legislation and recommending amendments whereby CASCWA could support the bill.

The Section Legislative Committees will then contact the members of the legislature from their section soliciting their support or opposition to identified bills.

The CASCWA Legislative Chairperson designated as the liaison with ACSA will insure ACSA is aware of CASCWA's legislative positions and will insure the CASCWA Legislative Committee is knowledgeable of ACSA's legislative positions.

The CASCWA Legislative Liaison will report ACSA's legislative positions directly to the CASCWA President and Executive Board.

Ellen Thompson, Bay Section President, appointed Bob Brazil as Bay Section Legislative Chairperson.

Rob Gerig, Delta Sierra Section President, appointed Marie A Gutierrez as Delta Sierra Section Legislative Chairperson.

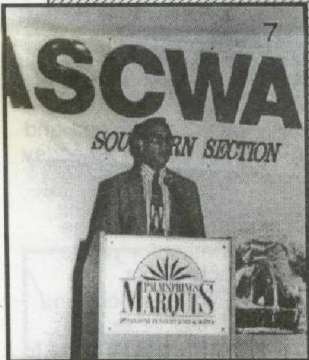
Galen Wright, San Joaquin Section President, appointed Joe Brucia as San Joaquin Section Legislative Chairperson.

Mark Michels, Southern Section President, appointed Dr. Lorraine Kobett as Southern Section Chairperson.

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Scene at Palm Springs : 1) Retiring Pres Saunders 2) Party animals 3) Lillian Lee Port 3) More party animals 5) More P.A.'s 6) Ticket Scalper Greg Bass 7) New Pres. Awalt holds forth 8) Registration workers.. where the real work is done. 9) Tom Bancroft 10) Supt. Dietrich from Palm Springs 11) Jean Retires 12) The last of the P.A.'s





*On the scene at  
Palm Springs*



## BAY SECTION STRESSES COMMUNICATING WITH YOUTH AND OTHER IMPORTANT PEOPLE



Ellen Thompson,  
President Bay Section

The Bay Section will kick off the new school year with their 3rd annual Fall Conference and membership drive on September 26, 1997. The conference will be held in Pleasant Hill, California at the Embassy Suites located on Treat Boulevard near the Pleasant Hill Bart Station.

Geraldine Flaherty, internationally known trainer and speaker, will conduct a workshop on how to talk to children and hear what they are saying. Detective Lucy Harmon, Vacaville Police Department, is an experienced investigator recognized as an

authority on domestic violence. Lucy will provide us with a workshop on recognizing the signs of domestic violence in children and what to do about it. As a bonus all registered conference participants will receive a personal copy of the latest Domestic Violence video out of the Attorney General's office and more.

Rounding off the conference will be Assistant Chief Randy Rossi, from the California Department of Justice. He will present comprehensive information regarding Megan's Law. Participants will have an opportunity to see what data is recorded in the files, the format it is in and the various ways of accessing the information. Further, they will be informed as to which agencies can obtain what data and who it may be exchanged with.

Additional presentations will include a review of the status of pertinent legislation, showcasing of programs, materials, agencies and other assets you will be able to draw on to assist you in your jobs. You will have an opportunity to network with some of the providers of these assets. Please contact me at (510) 682 8000 ext. 4060 for more information or call Bob Brazil, Phone/Fax (510) 651 3515, or e mail BbColonel@AOL.Com to confirm your reservation.

There will be a general membership meeting at the Conference to set our annual goals and to share the reorganization of the legislative review process that is currently underway at the state CASCWA level. I am especially looking for members to serve on Bay Section Legislative Committee. Working to input legislation and policies related to minors remains a strong need in our organization and is one we must all attend to.

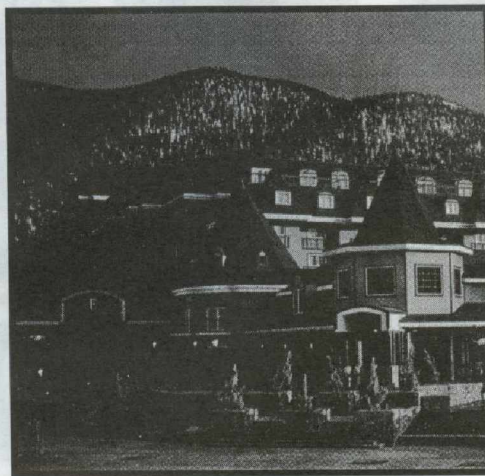
I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to seeing everyone at the conference and expanding the membership in Bay Section CASCWA. In particular I would like to extend a personal invitation to those PPS/CWA folks in the Santa Clara/San Jose area to register for the conference and get more active in our chapter.



## CASCWA DELTA SIERRA HOSTS FALL 1997 CONFERENCE

# "YOUTH OUT OF THE EDUCATION MAINSTREAM AND BEYOND"

OCTOBER 8,9,10, 1997



We'll be seeing you at South Lake Tahoe's beautiful Embassy Suites Hotel (California side of the stateline), next to Harrah's Tahoe. Loads of interesting timely workshops planned and Dynamic speakers for both lunches on Wednesday the 8th and again on Thursday the 9th.

The general sessions being offered each of the three conference days will be a must for you to attend. You'll hear interesting facts about CASCWA, plus much more. It's your association!

The Mini-SARB institute, a vitally important piece to your SARB puzzle and a must for SARB Members will be presented in two parts. Shirley Abrams and Shari Lawson are our presenters for Part 1 on Wednesday, wrapping up with part 2 on Thursday, which will end with the SARB member certification

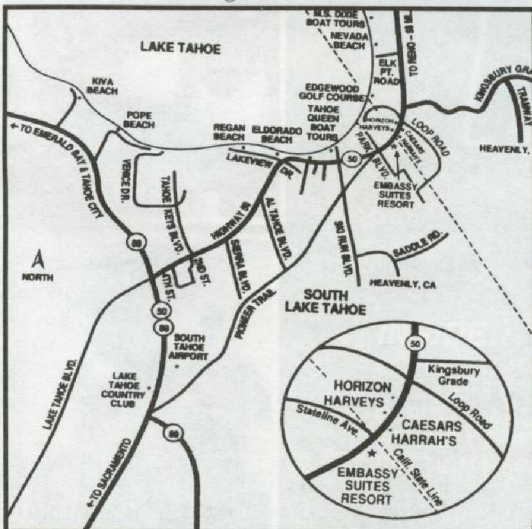
The suite accommodations at the Embassy Suites offer the potential of groups of up to six in each suite. A chance to confer with co-workers

**Three General Sessions  
Six Breakout sessions  
Over Twenty Four workshops !**



**PLANNED WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:**

- \* **Truancy Reduction And Dropout Prevention**  
Rob Gerig
  - \* **M.A.R.C. Team Project (Making a Right Choice)**  
Pam Gilyard
  - \* **Legal Resources on the Internet ...** John Burton
  - \* **Certifying Your SARB Members**  
Shirley Abrams, Shari Lawson
  - \* **Welfare Reform.. Multiple**
  - \* **Crossroads Program...** Walker Munson
  - \* **Caring About Kids, a County Mentoring Initiative**  
Bud Bautista
  - \* **Looking at the Family Holistically**  
Placer COE "Smart " Program
  - \* **Safe School Violence Prevention Grants**  
Mary Weaver
  - \* **Financial Planning ...** Steve Carter
  - \* **Immigration Reform and the New Law**  
Esther Perez
  - \* **Teen Peer Court, A Model Program...** Karl Renfro
  - \* **S.M.I.L.E. ...Students Making it a Little Easier**  
Michelle Reilly & Students
  - \* **Youth Out of the Education Mainstream**  
Shirley Abrams and Jeri Cohen
  - \* **S.A.R.B. Failure to Follow Directives**  
Ted Hobbs
  - \* **Crisis Response Teams : State mandates, Fiscal Implications ..** Mary Schoenfeldt
  - \* **S.A.R.B. Avoiding the Process...** Ted Hobbs
  - \* **Impacting Youth Suicide...** Mary Schoenfeldt
  - \* **Successful Arguing, A Strong Basis for Strong Relationships...** Psychological. Systems
- Some of the above workshops will be repeated during the Conference



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**REGISTRATION FORM  
CASCWA STATE CONFERENCE  
EMBASSY SUITES, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE  
OCTOBER 8,9,10, 1997**

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- 3 Day Conference
- \$160.00 CASCWA Members** \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- \$180.00 Non Members** \_\_\_\_\_
- \$75.00 Retirees** \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Day Conference (Day of Choice)
- \$100.00 All** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes two lunches, one dinner dance, and "attendee surprise package"

Please make payment to: CASCWA Deltsa Sierra'  
 Sorry, no Purchase Orders  
 Please indicate your workshop preference from the list provided:  
 Mini SARB Institute  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to:  
 Ted Hobbs  
 CASCWA Conference Coordinator  
 c/o Lake Tahoe Unified School District  
 1021 Al Tahoe Blvd  
 South Lake Tahoe CA 96150

Registration Deadline Friday September 26, 1997  
 (Limited registrations accepted on space available basis on Oct 8 and 9 '97)

**CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS OF CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE**  
**199\_\_ - 199\_\_ MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**  
**MEMBERSHIP YEAR FROM JULY 1 to JUNE 30**

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