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#### SAUNDERS REMINDS US THAT CASCWA MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR CHILDREN.. AND FOR YOU!



KAREN SAUNDERS State President CASCWA

Welcome! to all of you, continuing CASCWA members and new members. As Child Welfare and Attendance professionals, I know that you have been busy during the summer and fall assisting with enrollment at traditional / year round schools. investigating and granting permits, conducting expulsion proceedings, helping with enrollment documentation, reviewing new laws, writing and

implementing policy and procedure and meeting.. meeting... meeting.

The summer and fall are always a time of new beginnings and the CASCWA State Executive Board and Sections are awaiting our membership drive. CASCWA has always been an organization of Fellowship, Leadership and Children. We are always continually working to improve the lives of children and their families through an educational program which assists students in the completion of their education. To achieve this goal a great many families receive a great deal of assistance and support from CASCWA personnel. We spend much of our time working to train school personnel to assist students and families in crisis and also many KITADA SEEKS REVITALIZATION FOR hours working directly with families. I believe that DELTA SIERRA SECTION creativity and success in CWA go hand in hand. Creative solutions in placement, programming, community service referrals, alternative education programs, tutoring, social service connections, child care, gang prevention, probation involvement, adopt a student programs, and successful community partnerships are all the every day work of CWA. This is truly a job in which you have the opportunity to make a difference, and you do every day.

We are hoping this year to make a difference for you. The State Board is continuing its efforts to influence legislation effecting children and is working to expand our influence in Sacramento. Two state conferences have been scheduled this year, San Francisco in the fall and Palm Springs in

COVER PICTURES

UPPER LEFT: Newly installed CASCWA President Karen Saunders thanks outgoing leader Bob Burgess for a successful year LOWER LEFT; San Joaquin leaders Gil Awalt and Joe Brucia congratulate themselves on winning the attendance award LOWER RIGHT: New officers are installed UPPER RIGHT: Chris Mizani accepts State Outstanding Service Award, now to be called the "Lee Lundberg Award" in Honor of Lee (CENTER) whose presence was felt throughout the conference

the spring. We know that these conferences provide our membership with vital information and a chance to meet with and to share ideas with other CASCWA members. Both conferences are well planned and will offer some beneficial workshops, and two great locations for you to rest and relax while you learn. We also have some fun events planned for the evenings.

I hope that many of you will get a chance to attend a conference; this is the time to meet with you and to listen to your concerns. We are also hoping to improve our membership and many of the sections are offering excellent local workshops. Watch for the information and contact the section presidents for workshop dates. Plan on attending one event this year and bring along a potential new member. Thank you for your continued organizational support and.... see you in San Francisco.

The California Association of Supervisors of Child Welfare and Attendance is a community of unique school professionals and staff who have joined for the common purpose of:

Creating a network of mutual support and professional growth Working to impact legislatiuon and policies relating to minors; and Advocating for children



TAD KITADA President Delta Sierra Section

Delta Sierra is gearing up for another year after a successful 95-96. Some of our highlights include a fabulous fall conference at beautiful Granlibakken, Lake Tahoe. We conducted three outreach workshops for public relations and education, These workshops were held in Red Bluff, Sacramento and South Lake Tahoe. Attendance was high and so was the interest to join CASCWA

Ted Hobbs, South Lake Tahoe High School, was selected as our region's outstanding service

recipient. His energy and passion For our organization has helped to revitalize Delta Sierra. Good job Ted!

The Richard Davis Scholarship was awarded to Beth Jones. Richard received a wonderful thank you letter from the recipient. Everyone should feel proud.

A major goal is revitalization of membership. We found a warm welcome in the north state and found a good number of CWA and probation people who encourage us to continue our outreach.

#### PRESIDENT OF SAN JOAQUIN SECTION CALLS ON STALWARTS TO ORGANIZE **FALL SECTION CONFERENCE**



J. GALEN WRIGHT President San Joaquin Section

Many stalwarts of CASCWA assured me not to worry, they would help whenever and however needed. True! Al Baum, Daryl Mehrten, Ruben Rodriguez and Sam Vaughn have been prime movers in setting up our regional Bass Lake kickoff conference, scheduled for September 27 and 28. The agenda, presenters, facilities.

All promise to be professionally and personally rewarding. Be there in a real and existential sort of way!

In another arena, thanks for your help, Gil Awalt, in presenting the region report at the first Executive Board meeting of the year -- and for handing over

such a complete binder (35 lbs. worth)

The map I inherited shows the San Joaquin Section to be comprised of 13 counties, including Monterey and San Luis Obispo on the Pacific Coast and Inyo on the other side of the Sierras; so, announcements of the Bass Lake conference were sent out far and wide to over 370 persons/districts encouraging new or renewal of membership in CASCWA. If this constitutes an invasion into someone else's territory, I apologize. I'm far more receptive to correction than Saddam.

Class size reduction adds a little spice, doesn't it? Here's to you... may this school year renew your hope and provide you with satisfying experiences.

#### KAUBLE AND SOUTHERN SECTION FINALIZE PLANS FOR SPRING PALM SPRINGS CONFERENCE



PHIL KAUBLE President Southern Section

Well, it's that time of the year again, when all good CASCWA members start revving up their engines for the start of another school year. And, for the members of the various CASCWA Executive Boards, it's time to begin planning section activities. The new season for the southern section officially begins on Friday, September 13, because that's the date for our Annual planning meeting.

This year's meeting will be held in the Marquis Hotel in Palm Springs. In case the location sounds familiar, it should. The Marquis was the site of the

State CASCWA Spring Conference and it will be again the site for this year's spring conference scheduled for April 30 through May 2, 1996. Look for additional information about the conference in future editions of an official CASCWA publication.

Before I get too carried away, let me introduce you to this year's Southern Section Executive Board. Since this is the second year of my two year term, the position of immediate past president will remain vacant for one more year; however, by the powers vested in me, I have appointed Agnes Moss as my special assistant. The other positions would unfold as follows: President Elect, Mark Michaels; Vice President, Frank Boehler; Secretary Bette Folsom, and taking care of the money will be Cecil Muncey.

Program activities for the year will again highlight our ongoing series of legal forums, a theme we started in 1995-1996 and hope to continue right through the spring conference. On November 1, 1996 Southern Section will host this year's first legal forum in San Diego and feature a panel of legal experts who will focus on the latest tool in the CASCWA arsenal, the daytime anti-loitering, antitruancy ordinance.

On December 1, 1996, we will move up the coast to Orange County and address the issue of 'school uniforms". This topic continues to generate

Following the December meeting we will focus our energy on the spring conference; that alone should be enough to keep us out of trouble.

That's it for starters. We hope to see you all at the Fall State Conference in San Francisco!

#### **BAY SECTION FALL** CONFERENCE READY TO GO!



SHIRLEY KERSTERKE President

Bay Section

We have been busy this summer working on the Fall Conference in San Francisco on November 6, 7 and 8, 1996. Bob Brazil has been working full time on the conference and he is supposed to be retired! We have some exciting keynote speakers, a variety of workshops and an improvement fair. Plan to come early and stay through Friday night. The flyers have been mixed with the

registration packet. We only have 30 seats reserved for Beach Blanket Babylon, so get your reservation in early. We look forward to seeing everyone in November.

We are planning our fall kickoff meeting on October 4, 1996. We will enjoy appetizers while socializing with our colleagues and finalizing job assignments for the conference. In the next newsletter I will have a schedule of all of our

meeting dates for this year.

I am looking forward to this year as President of Bay Section. So much needs to be done to really help the students and their families that we work with. We need to continue working with the legislators, law enforcement, probation and the juvenile justice system to effect change. I have been working on a prevention program for 601's, which you will be hearing about as the year goes on. My proposal is being reviewed by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in Washington D.C. More on that later.

I hope you all have a good year and we will see

you in November.

### JOHN BURTON TELLS SPRING CONFERENCE THAT INTERNET IS HERE AND WE HAD BETTER BE WITH IT!



Ever heard of **Sybil Liberty**? You probably will, and pretty soon: this is the ACLU's Internet character who gives all types of information to students to assure that their rights are maintained under the law. We can't fault the concept, but it means we had better be aware of what Sybil

has to say, because your students very well might. John no longer uses a text in his school law class... the legal resources available are awesome and difficult to do justice to in a short newsletter. The material below might get you started.

#### CASCWA STATE OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD RENAMED LEE LUNDBERG RECOGNITION AWARD IN MEMORY OF LEE



Those of you who might think CASCWA and the Board are making too much of the passing of Lee Lundberg simply don't know the magnitude of his contribution to CASCWA, kids, schools and to anyone who works in the general area. Few other tragedies could make the CASCWA Board look at one another and ask, "What Now?" We will survive, but it is difficult to assess how much

CASCWA depended on Lee and his seemingly tireless input. The Legislature of the State of California felt the same, as it adjourned in Lee's honor on the day of his passing. The State Executive Board has renamed the Annual State Outstanding Service Award in his honor. It will now be known as the Lee Lundberg Recognition Award in Memory of Lee Lundberg. In addition a one time scholarship has been established and is now accepting contributions. Forward to Frank Boehler, CASCWA Treasurer. Orange Unified School District 1401 No. Handy St., Orange CA, 92677.

Goodbye, Good Friend.

Our new web site location for cyberspace bookmarks allows you "one stop shopping" just by entering in the cyberspace bookmark web page address and then adding it to your "bookmarks or favorite locations." You may bring up the categories listed below at any time by using one address. We will continue to add bookmarks as new sites are found.

## http://www.rims.k12.ca.us/INFO/SST/burton/

#### John Burton's Cyberspace Bookmarks

John R. Burton Student Support Team San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (909) 387-3139 irburton@sbcss.k12.c a.us.

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MARINES MEMORIAL CLUB. Sutter and mason Streets.. 1(800) 562-7463.

Reservation Code CSWA \$85.00 per night (through Friday, If you desire)

#### **CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

A **must** Conference for CWA Service Providers, Social Workers, Teachers, School Nurses, Probation Officers, Psychologists.... All Student Service Providers.

## A partial list of workshop Topics:

STRS and PERS Long Term Care
Attendance Improvement
Missing and Abducted Children
Alternative Programs for Incorrigibles
Personal Planning and Investing
Truancy Court
SARB Hearings
SB 922 - Community Day Schools
Handling the media
Legislative Symposium

Plus: The L.A. County Office of Education Publication "Truancy Toolbox" to all registrants.

Plus: Theater: Register to attend Beach Blanket Babylon (Weds.) or evening activities on your own

Questions, registration for Consulting Fair, or more Information?

Call Bob Brazil 1-510-651-3515



CA—WA FALL '96 CONFERENCE
"Putting It All Together"

November 6, 7, 8, 1996

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SHARI LAWSON Chairperson Legislative Committee

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You may call the Sacramento Bill Room at (916) 445-2323 for a copy of the bills you want to review. These bills are in process and may not be enacted as of this date.

Bills listed are (were) bills being considered by the CASCWA Legislative Committee at the end of the legislative session. Bills with strike through (SB 111) are dead since this was the second year of a two year session. Bills marked \* were bills of particular concern to CASCWA; Bills marked (G) have been placed on the Governor's desk for signature or veto. (9-4-96) Chaptered Bills are so noted

Bill #

Author

Position

AD 164

Knight

Support

Driver's License Suspension

This bill would make the suspension or delay of a driver's license mandatory, with a specified exception, for a habitual truant.

Member

Tom Black,

Bob Burgess.

John Gilroy,

Don Smith,

Shari Lawson,

Oppose

Suspension/Expulsion Suspension/Expulsion
This bill would require expelled pupils to enroll
in either a county community Juvenile Court School
or, if operative, a community day school. It would
require that the expulsion hearing for a pupil incarcerated be held within 30 school days of the
date the pupil notifies the principal or
superintendent of schools of his or her release.

AB 692 Approve

Expulsion - Sexual Assault This bill would mandate the expulsion of a pupil found to have committed or attempted to commit specified acts of sexual assault at school or at a school activity or harasses a witness in a school disciplinary proceeding.

AB 966 Ducheny Support

Marijuana

This bill enhances the penalty of unlawful transactions relating to marijuana if the offense occurs within 1,000 feet of a school or other specified public sites.

Firestone Watch

High School Equivalency Certificate
This bill would require CDE to document that 8 person is a USA citizen or legal permanent resident before issuing a California high school equivalency certificate and an official score report.

Chapter 15

AB 1489 Hawkins-Gallegos
Pupil Expulsion
This law an urgency statute - requires the one year expulsion for firearms at school or at a school activity as listed in AB 922 (Chapter 974, Statutes of 1995) to be effective immediately

\* (G) AB 1721 Ducheny

Watch

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Student Records

This bill would provide that information concerning a pupil be furnished in compliance with a court order or subpoena upon the condition that the school district makes a reasonable effort to notify the parent or legal guardian and the pupil.

R. Murray

Cocaine At School
This bill would add to the Juvenile Drug Trafficand Schoolyard Act of 1988 cocaine, LSD, & PCP.

\* G AB 2295

AB 2295 Sweeney Graffiti
In any Jurisdiction that has a graffiti abatement program, this bill would authorize the court to order the minor and parent or guardian to keep the damage property or another property graffiti free for a specified period of time and to also undergo courseling counseling.

AB 2336

Middle College High School This bill would allow select at-risk high school students who are performing below their academic potential an alternative high school placement on a community college campus. The instruction program would be broad-based, comprehensive and include support and motivational activities.

AD 2531 Goldsmith Minors

This bill would provide that a minor taken into custody or adjudged a ward of the Juvenile court as a statue offender may be held in any Juvenile hall, lockup, camp, or other secure Juvenile county facility for not more than 6 months.

AB 2617 Baca Approve Disclosure of Pupil Records

This bill would authorize school districts to participate in an interagency data information system that permits access to a computerized data base system within and between governmental agencies or districts

(G) AB 2720

Sweeney

Expulsion - Adult Assault

This bill would add assault or battery upon any school employee as a recommendation for expulsion.

Bordonaro

AFDC School Attendance This bill would reduce AFDC payments to a recipient whose child is not attending school by \$100 per month with a maximum of \$300 per family. Payments would resume when school records show no unexcused absences for a 3 month period.

AB 2829 Watch Escutia

School Safety Plan This bill would develop a school safety clearinghouse for current literature and data on school safety issues.

AB 2834 Friedman Watch/STA Expulsion Alternative Placement This bill would prohibit a community day school be placed on a comprehensive or continuation school site. It also changes the guidelines for being able to offer Independent Study to expelled students.

\* (G) AB 3077 Baldwin Community School Apportionments This bill would delete a provision in existing law which currently allows community school apportionments to be claimed for pupil enrolled in grades K6, who have been expelled from a school district, and for pupils in grades 7 through 12.

\* (G) AB 3222 Brown

Loitering: Schools
This bill would change the 72-hour condition of any person who loiters about any school to 12

Machado Support

Attendance - Drivers Licenses This bill would require that in order for a pupil to obtain a driver-s license a certification by the pupil's school of enrollment must be submitted and does not have more than 10 days consecutive, or 15 total days of unexcused absences in a single semester, and has not been expelled from school.

Watch/STA House

AFDC - School Attendance This bill would require the State Dept. of Social Services to develop a demonstration project proposal for the purpose of improving AFDC children's attendance.

Chapter 298

School Attendance
This bill revises how ADA is computed for those
pupils who are also enrolled in classes at an University or Community College.

Chapter 17 Haydon \* SB 691

Employee Assault Notification This law will increase the fine to not more than \$1000 for failure to report to appropriate law enenforcement authorities incidents in which an employee has been assaulted, menaced, attacked, or had physical threats done to them.

Lockyer

Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Act This bill would create a Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Council which would be responsible for conducting a media campaign on teenage pregnancy.

Watch SB 1534 Calderon

AFDC School Volunteers This bill would require AFDC recipients with at least one child who attends public school to participate in two specified school activities per year per child in public school.

SB 1683 Hughes

Disruptive & Violent Pupils
This bill would state legislative intent that schools accommodate disruptive or violent pupils by providing special programs and curricula to assist them in developing more responsible behavior patterns, to help them meet curriculum and graduation requirements, and teach all employees how to cope with disruptive or violent pupils, emergencies, and crises on school campuses.

Marks

Crimes - Switchblade knives
This bill would prohibit the possession and sale, on school property, of a switchblade knife having a blade or 2 or more inches in length.

SB 1938 Mountjoy

Notification Violent Offenses This bill would add specified sex offenses that a minor has been found to have committed to the list that the court must give written notice to the superintendent the school district of attendance.

\* (G) SB 1985 Dills

School Crimes Report
This bill would include each county sheriff as a recipient of the county's school district crime report.

SB 2141 Watson

Suspension & Expulsion
This bill would include among the grounds for suspension or expulsion, conduct by which the pupil has intentionally engaged in harassment, threats, or intimidation, directed against a pupil or group of pupils, because of their sexual orientation.





#### SPRING CONFERENCE PICTURES:

1) Greg Bass is now permanent CASCWA ticket seller 2) Gil Awalt and the <u>real</u> workers. 3) Agnes Moss receives Southern Section Outstanding Service Award 4) Frank Boehler, new CASCWA Treasurer and friends celebrate his Boenier, new CASCWA Treasurer and friends celebrate his new position. 5) John Burton preaches a sermon about Internet 6) Darrel Mehrten receives San Joaquin Section Outstanding Service Award 7) Life Membership plaque goes to Harold Wall 8) Lillie Wilson gives the word with enthusiasm 9) Fran Williams minds the store 10) Tom Russell Tells us what works in Clovis 11) Our newly inaugurated President socializes with friends 12) Bob Brazil takes Bay Section's Outstanding Service Award







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## CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS OF CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE

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