



UNITY JANUARY-FEBRUARY 2015

UNION CALENDAR:

2/2-2/13: Nomination Period for SVFT General Election

2/10: SUHSD Board of Trustees

2/16: President's Day Holiday

2/18: SVFT Executive Board Meeting

2/24: SUHSD Board of Trustees

3/6: General Membership Meeting and Social @ LPMS Multipurpose Room

3/10: SUHSD Board of Trustees

IN MEMORY of PAT YOUNG:

On Jan. 28th, the staff at AHS dedicated the AHS trophy case to the memory of member Pat Young who passed away last year. The case was actually built by Pat and his students. Speakers included member Richmond Woodson (who coordinated the event), Ernesto Garcia (principal), and member Albert Mazzuca. Pat's family was on hand to unveil the placard. Class act, gents!



(L-R: Mason Young, Matt Young, Susan Young, Sarah Young, & Mallory Young)

SUBSTITUTE'S CORNER:

Substitute Membership Unit Meetings are scheduled for March 9th (AUSD), March 10th (SCESD), and March 11th (SUHSD). The November meetings were poorly attended. Please attend to be heard.

...AND "THE HAMMER" GOES TO...



...TOM LAWSON (December) and ROBIN PUTNEY (January)!

The Federation leadership recognizes both Tom and Robin as leaders who have worked at building capacity for both SAS and ESMS. Congrats to both!

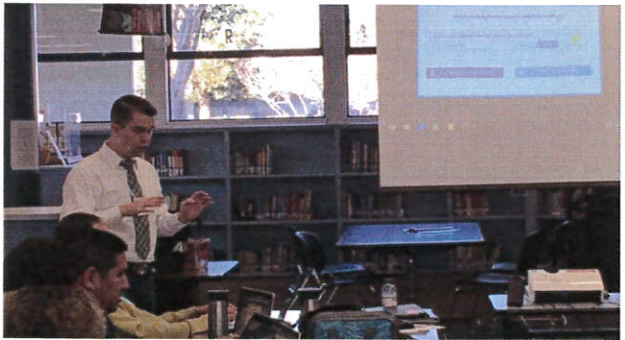


AFT LOAN FORGIVENESS:

Did you know that our national affiliate, AFT, has a website that can connect members with opportunities for loan forgiveness and other funding opportunities? Check this link out!
<http://www.aft.org/funding-database>

SUHSD TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE:

During the last week of the Holiday Break, over 300 members signed up and attended the Ed Tech showcase at HMS. Members worked on putting together cutting edge, interactive workshops on integrating tech into classrooms.



(Member David Fisher from ESMS led a 3-day workshop on "building a digital classroom".)



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FOCUSING on a FEDERATION LEADER:



JAMES NICHOLS

Born & Raised: MICHIGAN, GA, FL, CA, IL, & WI

Colleges: College of Lake County (IL) (A.A.), Eastern Illinois U. (B.A.), Jones Int'l. U. (M.A.)

Worksite: SHS/ROP

Position: Industrial Drafting, Graphic Design

SVFT Member Since: 2005

Union Leadership: Site Representative

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CONTRACT:

Did you know that for the contracted members working in the SUHSD, the employer makes a monthly contribution (pro-rated over 10 months) to each member's health and welfare benefits?

Family Status	SUSHD Monthly Contribution	SUSHD Annual Contribution
Single Employee	\$795.46	\$7,954.60
Employee plus one dependent	\$1,091.46	\$1,914.60
Families	\$1,493.46	\$14,934.60

This counts as non-taxable compensation.

Read it. Know it. Use it.

It's your Contract, folks!

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CLUTTERED DESK:



- I hope that your all had a restful Holiday vacation. For those of you that came back

early to attend the Tech Showcase at HMS... Awesome! The feedback has been wonderful. Here's to looking forward for more training by and for ourselves in the near future!

- Over 100 members and guests attended the "rescheduled" social on Jan. 23rd at the Hacienda Grill. Member Allan Rosenberg (EAHS) recognized President Steve McDougall for his efforts on both the Measure B and Tom Torlakson for SPI campaigns with a ceramic plaque. Thanks, Allan!



(L-R: "Mack" and Allan Rosenberg)

NEW DELEGATES TO MBCLC:

On January 7th, members David Doris (NSHS) and Tina Forster (LPMS) joined Pat Egan (AHS), Phil Moore (SHS), and Steve McDougall as delegate representatives of the Federation to the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council. Also, Guadalupe Ruiz-Gilpas (HMS) of the California School Employees Association joined them.



(L-R: "Lupe", Tina, and Dave are being sworn in.)

The **Monterey Bay Central Labor Council (MBCLC)** is the local body of the AFL-CIO. It is a membership organization serving as a coalition of the Labor Community in Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. Over 60 unions are affiliated with the MBCLC, representing more than 30,000 union members and their families.