



Bay Section News

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A message from Debbie Norgaard, CCAE Bay Section President



Hello CCAE Members and Friends,
 It is my pleasure to be your CCAE Bay Section President. I have worked in Adult Education for over 20 years in many capacities from classified, credentialed teacher, and presently administration. Adult Education is truly a rewarding profession. We all know it

has been a roller coaster ride the last couple of years and the future looks equally challenging. Even though we are in an uncertain state, it is refreshing to see support and enthusiasm from all of our members. Last year Bay Section had 476 members. Please renew your CCAE membership or join now to keep our membership strong. We hope to reach out and get everyone involved that has not been in the past.

Bay Section co-sponsored the National Conference, with CO-BAE, last April, which was very successful. There were over 1300 attendees. Bay Section earned over \$12,000. A big "Thank You" goes out to all of you for your time and hard work that made this conference such a great success.

Please check out the newly revamped CCAE State Website. You can now sign-up to become a CCAE member on-line. All the sections will have a link on the website. Please check it out www.ccaestate.org.

Please read about all the great activities/events that will be coming your way soon, including the annual Bay Section Winter Conference and Awards in March at our section website, www.ccaebaysection.org.

Make your calendars!

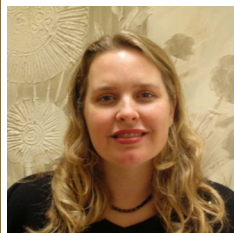
CCAЕ Bay Section Winter Conference & Excellence Awards

When:
March 10, 2012

Where:
Berkeley Adult School

This will be a don't miss event! Check our website for updates on registration, conference workshops and activities:

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Shawna Tronconi CCAE Bay Section President Elect

Hello CCAE Bay Section Members! I am Shawna Tronconi, your President Elect. I have worked in Adult Education now for over 8 years- both in Florence, Italy and in Napa Valley, California. I am currently a Supervisor of Programs for Napa Valley Adult Education in the Community Interest, Older Adults, and Adults with Disabilities Departments. I am also an instructor in Italian Language, History, and Culture. I may be a newer member of the Bay Section Board, but I am honored to be a part of this organization. This year I look forward to serving you by chairing our Winter Conference. We have a very exciting line-up of presenters and vendors for your professional development, as well as our annual Award Ceremony, which is a truly inspirational experience. I look forward to seeing all of you on March 10, 2012. Save the date!

Don't forget to renew your CCAE Membership



Bob Harper, Vice President—Membership Report

Hi, I am Bob Harper the Vice President for CCAE Bay Section. I have more than 30 years of expertise in adult and career education, policy, strategic planning, finance, curricula and instruction, workforce development and community outreach. Beginning as an ESL Teacher and Curriculum Specialist, I previously held leadership positions with school districts in Los Angeles, Salinas, Pacific Grove, Watsonville-Aptos and San Mateo.

I want to continue to build the CCAE membership numbers. I would certainly like to find ways to bring back those former CCAE members, but also reach those who, for whatever reason, never joined. In an era when the very survival of public adult schools in California is threatened it is critical that our one historic voice of advocacy, the Council for Adult Education, be stronger than ever. In numbers is power and we adult educators clearly need to increase our power and presence in California.

Why Join CCAE??

1. CCAE is a voice for Adult Education. We employ a Lobbyist who monitors every piece of legislation that involves either directly or indirectly, the adult education community. Our lobbyist and elected CCAE leaders meet with other adult education groups to provide a united front regarding legislation.
2. CCAE members have access to medical, dental, and vision plans plus various insurance programs through Vantage Insurance. See below for more details
3. CCAE offers professional development opportunities to expand and update knowledge, by providing local and state conferences.
4. CCAE is the only organization that recognizes and honors adult educators for their excellence.

Please join CCAE

Co - Past Presidents

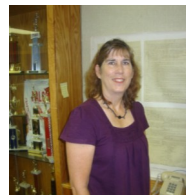
Christine Berdiansky



I have been a program supervisor at Santa Clara Adult Education since 1991. I have spent my entire career in adult education, working as an ESL aide, office clerk, teacher and program supervisor.

I have been a member of CCAE for 16 years. I have served as the Mid-Peninsula Legislative Representative and with Becky Pestarino, a colleague from Santa Clara Adult Education; I have been part of the CCAE Bay Section leadership for 4 years.

Becky Pestarino



In my leadership position I have been particularly interested in legislation, such as AB 189, that recognizes the value of adult education and the critical role it plays in California's future.



Since 2006, Vantage Business Support & Insurance Services and California Council for Adult Education have teamed up to provide an association benefit program for its members. We appreciate the important role you play in the development of productive citizens for our communities.

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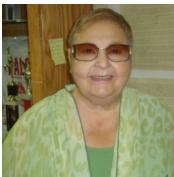
Rob Lawrence , Treasurer

I am Rob Lawrence, an adult education instructor and administrator for Martinez Adult Education. I received the "Excellence in Teaching Award" at the state level from the California Council for Education in 2008. I have been a member of CCAE for over 13 years and was the president of the Contra Costa Chapter of CCAE from July 2009 to June 2011. In April 2011, I successfully created commercial quality programs, marketing, and signage for the 2011 CCAE/COABE National Conference in San Francisco receiving hundreds of accolades and compliments on my work.

I am now enjoying the best of both worlds of education and design by continuing to teach a popular career class, coordinating a busy Career Technical Education program, serving as the treasurer for the CCAE Bay Section, and managing the website for California Council for Adult Education.

Kathy Farwell, Secretary

I am Kathy Farwell, the Director of Martinez Adult Education. I have been involved in adult education since 2002, when I was hired to be Chris Nelson's replacement as assistant director at Martinez Adult Education (although no one could ever replace Chris). When Margaret Kirkpatrick served as president of Bay Section in 2005, I started as the board's secretary and have continued to take minutes since then. CCAE provides excellent professional development options, and through the annual Leg Day in March, opportunities to get up close and personal with our state legislators who need to hear our voices in support of adult education.



Alma Cipriani, Awards Chair

Greetings to all. My name is Alma Cipriani, I have been entrusted with the task of being your Bay Section Awards Chairperson. My background in Adult Education started in 1975, a mere 36 years ago. I have taught Italian, Cooking, High School Diploma, ESL, and Citizenship classes. My professional associations include; ACSA, CCAE, WASC Committee Member, CTA Adult Education Caucus, CTA State Council Member, San Lorenzo Education Association Treasurer/Membership Chair/Site Rep. CSUEB awarded me a BA in Italian Studies and a MS in Education with emphasis in Educational Leadership. The Bay Section Winter Conference is just around the corner, March 10, 2012 at Berkeley Adult School. One of the highlights of the conference will be honoring recipients for Excellence in Adult Education. Please don't miss it!

Excellence Awards

To remind everyone, here is the recipient selection process:

Each school has the opportunity to honor one certificated and one classified staff member for their outstanding contributions to adult education and to submit those individuals for recognition at the chapter level.

The chapters each separately honor all those individuals submitted from their chapter. The chapter then forwards a selection of those individuals to the section where they are again honored.

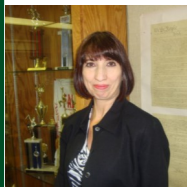
From the group, one classified and two certificated members are sent to the state level for further recognition representing Bay Section.

Mark your calendars!

2012 CCAE State Conference, May 4–5 in Fresno

This annual event will be hosted by the Central Section at the Radisson Hotel in Fresno, so plan now to hitch a ride to the conference. Expect a conference, full of educational information and fun times.

Vittoria Abbate-Maghsoudi, Legislative Chair



It is my hope that as a result of my background and experience, I will bring a broad perspective and approach to serving adult education in Northern California through my new CCAE Bay Section leadership role, spearheading legislative advocacy on behalf of adult education in California. Since state-wide cuts have been made to California's adult education programs and services as a result of the "flexibility" budgeting initiative started in 2009, adult education budgets in California have been reduced by an estimated 65% as its funds were swept for other purposes, district by district across California. Over 30 adult schools in California have been shuttered as a result of these sweeping changes to our state funding system during the past two years. To be sure, California's adult education ranks have pulled-together and led a successful rally in its defense, particularly through the 2011 introduction of Assembly Bill 189 currently on Governor Brown's desk awaiting his signature of approval. Now more than ever before, California's adult education professional organizations must work ever-more collaboratively to support this new life-giving and life-sustaining legislative effort.

Now is a particularly critical moment for *all* local and state-level California adult education professional associations to "drive" and inform local and state-level discussions on the role and place of adult education in California.

In serving the CCAE Bay Section membership in 2011-2012, it is my hope I can help plan, guide and support the organization's adult education legislative advocacy on all fronts. I look forward to seeing all my colleagues in the CCAE Bay Section members and the students we serve come out in force to once again interface with our state legislators at CCAE's Annual Legislative Day in Sacramento on March 5th, 2012. See you *each and all* there!

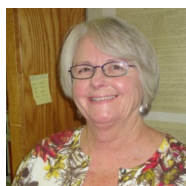


Burr Guthrie, Alternate Legislative Chair

CCAЕ works with legislators to keep us informed about current issues that Adult Education is facing. Your membership helps protect funding for our adult learners. I urge you to renew your annual CCAE membership.

Bay Section Chapter Presidents

Susie Stanley, Contra Costa Chapter President



I am Susie Stanley the new Contra Costa Chapter President and I have been an active member of CCAE for most of my Adult Education career which spans 35 years. I have been on the Chapter Board for 12 years. I have been active at Bay Section and State conferences, both as a presenter and working behind the scenes on various committees. Originally hired to teach active older adults, I was part time for many years with Mt. Diablo Adult Ed, Hayward Adult Ed and West Contra Costa Adult Ed. I became a full time Mt. Diablo Program Coordinator in 1999 and am currently in charge of the Lifelong Education Program (active Older Adults, Home Economics and Health & Safety Programs) as well as Consumer Fee classes.

My goals are for CCAE to provide quality professional development, raise awareness and participation in our Health Insurance Program, increase involvement of all county adult schools on our Board of Directors and committees, and to raise community understanding of the value of adult education. I am grateful to work with a dynamic, fun and dedicated Board and look forward to a successful year.

The Contra Costa CCAE Chapter is busy planning our 2nd **Annual Fall Yard Sale** to raise money to help present our **Awards of Excellence Event**, this year held on **February 9, 2012**. Excellence Awards nomination packets are going out soon to each adult school in the county and we look forward to another beautiful and festive event, co-chaired by Charlene Giffin and Cindy Milina. We welcome 2 new Board members, Lissa Miller, Secretary and Katie Fuchs, Fundraising Chair. Check out our chapter website at <http://contracostaccaee.weebly.com/> maintained by Rob Lawrence.

Dawn Luyendyk and Loralin Cave, North Coast Chapter Co-Presidents



Loralin and Dawn will share the Presidency for the North Coast Chapter for this school year, 2011- 2012. They are esteemed and dedicated teachers, and leaders in the Adult Education Community at Napa Valley Adult Education. Both ladies won awards at the COABE/ CCAE Conference in May. We have both been members of CCAE for about 15 years. We look forward to this year and are happy to be on board. We had a very successful Wine

Auction in September and invite more Bay Section and State members to attend next year. We hope to see you all in Berkeley for Bay Section Winter Conference in March, and at the State Conference in Fresno. We wish everyone a successful year. Thanks Again

Not pictured : Janine Sahn, Med—Peninsula Chapter President

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