

# NEWS FROM NINE

## REGION 9 SERVICE DELIVERY TEAM

Serving PTAs in the Auburn, Federal Way, Highline, Kent, Renton, Tahoma, and Tukwila School Districts

### REGION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As February begins I reflect on the two women Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst that founded the National Congress of Mothers 113 years ago on February 17, 1897. They were expecting maybe 50 women to come to that first meeting but had over 2,000 attend. It truly is a great organization that we all belong to now 150,000 plus members in Washington State alone. What a difference PTA has made for the children in the last 113 years!



I had the opportunity to attend Focus Day in Olympia on January 18, 2010 what a wonderful day as the Columbia Room and hallway outside was filled to standing room only of adults and children that came to have their voices heard that "Cuts hurt Kids". It was a wonderful sight to see the capital steps full of blue scarves as we chanted, listened to speakers and applauded both adults and children as they shared stories from their districts on how cuts have affected them. Thanks to the 1000 people that showed up to help make a difference that day and for those that sent e-mails and called their legislators from home- you did make a difference! We can't stop with just that day we need to continue to e-mail and call our legislators to get the message across "Cuts hurt Kids".

If you haven't attended PTA and the Law this year Region 9 has one more opportunity for you to attend it will be held on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> in Maple Valley. Registration will be from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and the class will be from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Location will be announced soon! Keep a look out for more information including registration form on the Region 9 website and in your inbox. Scott Allen, WSPTA

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#### WINTER 2010

##### Special points of interest:

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- \* Service Delivery Team Directory
- \* Spring Conference Classes
- \* PTA Ready for the Future

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President and Novella Fraser, WSPTA PTA Secretary and past Region 9 Director will be the presenters. This proves to be a fun evening indeed.

I hope to see many of you at the Region 9 Spring Conference on Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at Meeker Middle School in Renton. The registration form is included in this newsletter. We have several classes that will be taught with a couple of presentations that you won't want to miss!

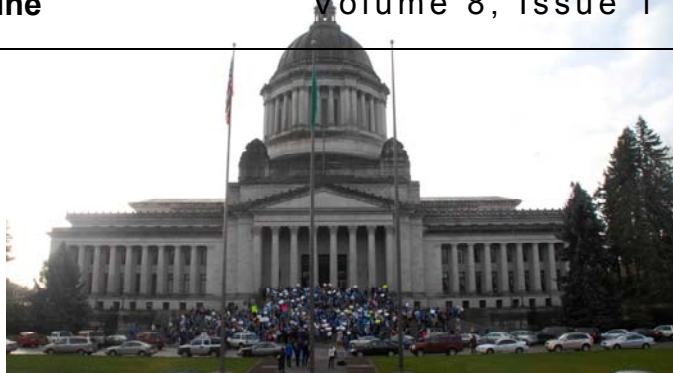
Washington State PTA Convention is right around the corner on April 30<sup>th</sup>- May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at the Double Tree in Sea-Tac. Consider sending as many people as you can to have a voice, receive training and network with PTA members all over the state. More information will be mailed to PTA Presidents by the end of February.

As always please contact me or a member of the Service Delivery Team if you have a question or just want to bounce an idea off on us. For those within councils your council is also a great place to go to get answers and ideas. Hoping the next few months are good ones in your local units and councils!

Smile,  
Allyson Johnson, Region 9 Director

## Focus Day

Approximately 1000 parents and children came to rally on the steps of the capitol on January 18th. Focus day Co-Chairs were John Stokes and Corrine Patten.



### The Mission of the PTA is Three-Fold:

- To support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children;
- To assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children;
- To encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

### STAY CONNECTED

The Washington State PTA is the largest child advocacy organization in the State. To keep connected to the advocacy topics, subscribing to the listservs is a great way. Some listservs are informational, some ask you to take action and others are used as communication tools.

**Grassroots Connection Listserv** (weekly when the Legislature is in session) This is an electronic update of legislative matters, including hearing schedule and bill updates.

**Action Alert Listserv (periodic)** These emails alert you to fast-breaking happenings in Olympia and request you to contact your legislator on specific issues that relate to the WSPTA legislative

platform.

**Legislation listserv (real time)** Two way communication between members on topics impacting Children and Youth. This listserv can be very busy at times.

**Legislation listserv Digest (daily)** The digested version of the Leg listserv delivered with all posts once daily.

Participation is a valuable tool for all members in your PTA. Be sure to share this information in your newsletters. To subscribe go to the Advocacy page on the WSPTA website and under Legislative Basics click the Online listserv signup form or use the link below.



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**A Coalition  
working for a fair,  
humane and sensible  
budget in  
Washington State**

A coalition with WSPTA will hold a rally on Monday Feb 15th at noon on the steps of the Capitol Building in Olympia to protect Our Education, Our Health Care, Our Clean Air and Water, and Resources for our kids, the elderly, disabled, and working families.

## Calendar of Events

### Region 9 Service Delivery Team & WSPTA Dates

March 11 Mid-Winter Training Conference

Apr 30-May2, 2010 WSPTA Convention

## WSPTA Seeking Nominees for Outstanding Service Award

The Outstanding Service Award is the highest volunteer award given by the Washington State PTA Board of Directors, and it is awarded to an individual who has given dedicated volunteer service to children beyond the specific school community, job or PTA. This person is concerned with every child across the state, and has worked to help them achieve their potential. This is your opportunity to nominate an individual for statewide recognition who will be presented this award at convention.

Please attach a separate page of specific information about why you feel the your nominee's achievements qualify for the Washington State PTA Outstanding Service Award, based on the criteria below. Information should relate to volunteer activities, not activities for which the nominee would receive remuneration. This information must not exceed one page for each of the following criteria:

1. PTA Involvement--Statewide and/or Region
2. PTA Involvement--Within School Community (local unit and council involvement)
3. Other Involvement Relating to Service to Children (community and statewide)
4. Why This individual is Deserving of Statewide Recognition as a Child Advocate
5. Personal Data (ie., family, hobbies, etc.)

Download a nomination form and mail to:  
Washington State PTA  
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**Postmark Deadline: March 1, 2010**

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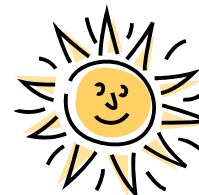
**Region 9 – Spring Conference**

March 11, 2010 5:15 – 9:00 PM

Meeker Middle School (12600 S.E. 192<sup>nd</sup> St – Renton, WA)

**Schedule**

Registration/Dinner	5:15 – 5:45 PM
Welcome and Presentation	5:45 – 6:15 PM
Presentation – Convention	6:15 – 6:30 PM
Class Session 1	6:35 – 7:45 PM
Class Session 2	7:50 – 9:00 PM



Registration Form – **Please Print**

Local Unit Name & Number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name – Please Print	Session 1 Class #	Session 2 Class #	Dinner \$3.00 Yes or No

**Class Materials:** For planning purposes and materials, please indicate the approximate number of attendees. Register early to ensure there are enough handouts for all your participants

**Conference Fees:** \$40.00 per local unit (unlimited attendees), postmarked on or before March 4, 2010.  
 \$65.00 per local unit (unlimited attendees), postmarked after March 4, 2010.  
 Make checks payable to WSPTA and include your local unit name & number on the check. **Remember, PTA checks must have two signatures.**

**Dinner:** Pizza, salad, dessert and drink = \$3.00 per person  
 Dinner must be **preordered** on or before **March 4, 2010 – no orders at the door.**

Mail this registration form and a check (made payable to WSPTA) to  
 Toni Troutner at 22825-96<sup>th</sup> Place S., Kent Washington 98031

OR e-mail the information to Toni Troutner on or before March 4, 2010 and pay \$40.00 at the door.  
 Email: [btkktrout@yahoo.com](mailto:btkktrout@yahoo.com)

**Questions: 253/854-1268 or Email: [btkktrout@yahoo.com](mailto:btkktrout@yahoo.com)**



### Class Session 1 (6:35– 7:45 PM)

#### **101. Magic of Conflict – Kari Wilkinson (WSPTA Leadership Director) and Ray Kusumi (Service Delivery Team)**

Passion and love for the work we do in PTA often lead to conflict. Learn new ways

#### **204. Attracting, Retaining and Rewarding Volunteers - Felecia Corbin (Service Delivery Team) and Karen Carpenter (Service Delivery Team)**

to be proactive before conflict rears its head and how to handle it once it does. Conflict truly can create magic. This class is a must for all boards with conflicts.

#### **102. Budgets and Financial Reviews- Laura Theimer (Service Delivery Team) and Karen Carpenter (Service Delivery Team)**

Building a budget on goals, is key to success of all PTA's, Learn how to assess the financial management practices your PTA is currently using, and how to build, develop and amend budgets. Discuss who, what, when, where and why of financial reviews. (Please note topics in this class are not covered in the convention class Money Matters.)

#### **103. Membership Roundtable – Michelle Baker (Region 9 Membership Chair) and Hallie Knudson (Service Delivery Team and Kent Area Council Membership Chair)**

Roundtable to discuss PTA Membership- ideas on promoting membership all year round and other membership questions.

#### **104. Developing Community Advocates - Brooke Valentine (Region 9 Legislation Chair ) and Lisa Wilkinson (Service Delivery Team)**

Hear about the importance of local advocacy. Learn advocacy tools for using your voice and engaging others in addressing local issues and concerns. Strategies will be discussed around identifying issues, who has a stake in the problem, and how to affect real change. Recommended for all members.

#### **105. Smooth Transitions – Charlotte Kemble (Service Delivery Team) and Grace Rawthorne (Service Delivery Team)**

Having a good transition between the outgoing and the incoming leadership is crucial to the health of a PTA. Discuss communication, procedure, notebooks, transition meetings, and how to help everyone feel valued in the process. Recommended for all board members.

### Class Session 2 (7:50 – 9:00 PM)

#### **201. Board Development Strategies – Kari Wilkinson (WSPTA Leadership Director) and Grace Rawthorne (Service Delivery Team)**

PTAs, school principals, superintendents, and school boards need to build successful partnerships to reach our common goal – success for every child. Learn valuable techniques for communicating and understanding the similarities and differences of each partner, and discuss how to make the most of these pivotal relationships. Recommended for all board members.

#### **202. Secondary Programs – Ray Kusumi (Service Delivery Team) and Maria Santiago (Region 9 Outreach Chair)**

Time to jump start your secondary programs? This presentation will give you ideas on how to involve your community and engage your youth. We will cover obstacles, outcome and the benefits to your community.

#### **203. Leadership Roundtable – Michelle Baker (Region 9 Membership Chair) and Laura Theimer (Service Delivery Team)**

A roundtable to share ideas for local unit, council and region leaders.

Volunteers are the heart and soul of the PTA organization. Who to reach out to as volunteers, how to move past the obstacles seen as reasons not to volunteer, and how to engage and honor your volunteers

#### **205. Committee Books and Legal Documents –Hallie Knudson (Service Delivery Team) and Lisa Wilkinson (Service Delivery Team)**

This class will help you know what needs to be in your committee books and what legal documents must be retained and how long.

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**Save the Date: April 30-May 2, 2010**

**WSPTA Convention**

***Doubletree Hotel, SeaTac***

***“We were treated to a wide variety of PTA opportunities!”***

***— Convention delegate***

***“We will review the information we gathered to uplift our PTA”***

***— Convention delegate***

***“Nonstop information was flowing and absorbed!”***

***— Convention delegate***

***“I loved it! I can’t wait to come back next year!”***

***— Convention delegate***

***Join us for leadership training and to build your local unit leadership team for the upcoming year!***



The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee met January 22-23, 2010 to consider individuals for eight member representatives to the National PTA Board of Directors, each for a two-year term and three members to the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee, each for a three-year term.

The committee reports the following nominees for election at the 2010 national convention:

**Member Representatives (8)  
Board of Directors**

Vito Borrello – New York  
C. Andre’ Daniels – New Jersey  
Jo Ann Ota Fujioka - Colorado  
Jean Tokuda Irwin – Utah  
Lupe Morales – Texas  
Melissa Nehrbass – Virginia  
Denise Sultz – Kansas  
Sophia Waugh - California

**Member (3)  
Nominating and Leadership Development Committee**

Sue Bellows – Michigan  
Tibby Milne – Utah  
Charles Scott - Tennessee

**Calendar of Events**

February 17<sup>th</sup> - National PTA [Founders Day](#)  
March 1<sup>st</sup> - Deadline for applications for [WSPTA’s Scholarship Program](#)  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – Deadline for applications for [WSPTA’s Local Unit & Council Recognition Awards and Leadership Academy](#)  
March 15<sup>th</sup> - Deadline for candidates for [WSPTA Officers, State Directors and At Large Positions on the 2010-11 Nominating Committee](#) to self-declare  
March 23- Auburn Council Awards Night  
March 29- Renton Council Founders Day  
April 16- Kent Area Council Founders Day  
April 29<sup>th</sup> – WSPTA Board of Directors Pre-Convention meeting  
April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup> – WSPTA Annual Convention

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## **PTA: More Than Ready for the Future!**

As we enter a brand new decade this year, I can't help but think about how we have the awesome responsibility of setting the tone for PTA® the next 10 years – and what good shape we're in to do it. With more than 5 million motivated members, savvy leaders such as yourself, and an abundance of free resources for parents and teachers, we have the ability to make 2010 and beyond some of the best years the PTA has ever experienced.

For this reason, I encourage you to approach the events and celebrations this year with revitalized gusto. With Take Your Family to School Week approaching (February 7-13), we have a great opportunity to ramp up involvement, recruit new members and re-engage families in our communities. As always, our Take Your Family to School Week pays tribute to PTA's Founding Mothers, providing veteran members, new members and non-members with a passionate reminder of the principles that launched our association. What perfect timing for an inspiring look to the past to help guide us through our future!

Of course, this isn't the only thing we're honoring this year. This year we're also celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the merger between the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers—today's National PTA. We're also excited about the celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PTA Reflections program, dedicated to allowing children to express themselves through the arts. Thanks to these efforts, diversity in both membership and academic endeavors, have enriched the lives of countless children across the country – something we must continue to develop as an association. In March, which we claim “National PTA Legislative Month,” we'll take stock of these and other advocacy efforts to ensure our association is doing absolutely everything possible to take action on behalf of our children's education, health, and well-being.

So, as we move forward this year, let's use our impressive legacy to re-inspire ourselves and push through the next decade with passion, integrity, ambition and clarity. I could not be prouder of your efforts up to this point, and I thank you for all that you've done and will continue to do as a leader in PTA. Here's to another successful decade!



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