

2013-14

CTA STATEWIDE CONFERENCES

GLBT CONFERENCE

GOOD TEACHING CONFERENCE
NORTH AND SOUTH

ISSUES CONFERENCE

CTA/NEA-RETIRED CONFERENCE

**EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS
CONFERENCE**





2013-14 CTA Statewide Conferences

GLBT CONFERENCE

November 15-17, 2013
Riviera Hotel
Palm Springs, CA

GOOD TEACHING CONFERENCE - NORTH

January 10-12, 2014
Fairmont Hotel
San Jose, CA

ISSUES CONFERENCE

January 17-19, 2014
Rio All-Suite Hotel
Las Vegas, NV

CTA/NEA-RETIRED CONFERENCE

February 27-28, 2014
Marriott Hotel
Irvine, CA

EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

February 28-March 2, 2014
Marriott Hotel
Irvine, CA

GOOD TEACHING CONFERENCE - SOUTH

March 14-16, 2014
Hilton Hotel
Anaheim, CA



WELCOME

The California Teachers Association hosts statewide conferences designed to provide knowledge and skills for members as they go about doing the work of the Organization. Over the years, CTA has been recognized for its excellent leadership and professional development training programs. When you attend a CTA conference, you receive vital information and perspective from some of the best content experts and thought leaders in public education in the state that you can immediately apply to your role as an educator and local leader.



In this brochure you will find descriptions and registration information for upcoming CTA conferences including: GLBT Conference, Good Teaching Conference-North, Issues Conference, CTA-NEA/Retired Conference, Equity and Human Rights Conference and Good Teaching Conference-South. Also included is a section highlighting the many Incentive Grants available to assist members and chapters with financial assistance to attend these conferences. While each conference has its own agenda and its own focus, you will find some similarities among the offerings:

- **Keynote Speakers**
- **Educational Workshops and Professional Development**
- **Leadership Training**
- **Extensive Networking Opportunities**

Make your plans now to join your fellow CTA members for these outstanding learning and professional development opportunities.

EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE

"I gained a better understanding of what I can do to ensure that our rights are respected in the workplace and in the classroom. All the sessions were wonderful!"

GOOD TEACHING CONFERENCES

"The most important things I learned were new strategies and techniques that I can apply in my classroom starting Monday."

"The sessions that I attended really helped remind me of the kind of teacher that I wanted to be. I felt inspired and energized again about teaching and about the profession!"

ISSUES CONFERENCE

"The information and discussions at the conference helped me to realize the importance of teachers working together for the benefit of all. I was inspired to meet people from different parts of California, all with a positive attitude about working for a better future not only for kids, but for teachers too."

GLBT CONFERENCE

"After the conference, I feel better equipped to answer any questions that our members may have with regard to GLBT issues either with staff members or students."

Important Conference Info

CONFERENCE & HOTEL REGISTRATION

Online registration for conferences and hotels is available now at www.cta.org/conferences.

Make your hotel reservations while you are in the conference registration site by clicking on the hotel link or calling the hotel directly. You will be asked for a credit card number to guarantee your hotel reservation.

All expenses for accommodations are the responsibility of the individual, the chapter, the school district, the Service Center Council or the UniServ unit.

CONFERENCE FEES

Included in the conference fee are all materials, guides, handouts (also available electronically), conference meals, opening reception, professional development credit and smartphone conference app.

All conference fees are due and payable at the time of registration. CTA accepts checks, credit cards and purchase orders. Please be sure to note the name of the conference and participant(s) in the memo section of each check or purchase order.

UNIVERSITY CREDIT

All CTA conferences have been designed to meet educational requirements approved for continuing education university credit through the CSU Chico Department of Education. One unit of credit is available to those attending the main conference. A second unit of university credit is available to those attending a Friday pre-conference. The cost is \$60 per unit, and is payable by check or credit card. Details available online.

You can sign up for university credit during the online registration process or onsite. At the conclusion of the conference and upon verification of your full attendance, the unit(s) will be posted to your official academic transcript.

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH CREDIT

Professional growth credit will be available at no cost and credit will be awarded based on the number of workshops attended.

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED

CTA supports full participation at the conferences by all attendees. So we can accommodate your needs, please be sure to complete the special needs section on the online registration form or contact the Conference Coordination Center at 650-552-5355.

CONFERENCE CONFIRMATION

Once registered for a CTA conference, you will receive a conference registration confirmation email containing additional details.



Incentive Grants Available

INCENTIVE GRANTS

The CTA Board of Directors will award Minority Incentive Grants for each conference in order to encourage new minority leadership and participation within the Association. CTA members are encouraged to apply for these grants.

Additionally, Small Chapter Incentive Grants are available for each conference to chapters with a unit size of 100 or fewer unit members. For the Issues Conference, there will be additional Small Chapter grants offered to chapters with a unit size of 101-200 unit members and also for 25 or fewer. Unit size is defined as the number of persons who are represented for purposes of collective bargaining. The chapter membership may be less than the unit size.

Each grant includes payment of the conference fee and transportation expenses. Housing and all other expenses will be the responsibility of the individual, the chapter, the school district, the Service Center Council or the UniServ unit.

CTA is introducing a new online grant application that is connected with Falcon, the CTA membership database. All applicants will be required to register as new users by entering their email addresses and filling out the required fields. To apply for an incentive grant, go to the CTA website at www.cta.org/conferences. Click on the "Apply Here" link next to Incentive Grants Winter 2013-14. Click on "My Grants/Scholarships" on the left side of the screen and then select the link that says, "click here to enter your email address to complete the registration process." The applications must be completed by the applicant with the full knowledge and permission of the chapter president. Grants are not transferable.

The incentive grant application deadline for all winter conferences, except the GLBT Conference, is November 10, 2013. The deadline to apply for a GLBT Conference incentive grant is October 6, 2013.



TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT GUIDELINES FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS

AIR:

Reimbursement is based on the most economical coach round-trip airfare, purchased at least 21 days in advance. United Airlines (UA) offers 5%-13% discount on Internet fares with no service fee for CTA members. To take advantage of these discounted rates for 2013, book online at www.united.com, enter the CTA discount code ZP2T290884 in the Offer Code box when searching for flights. The online registrations will be updated with the 2014 UA discount code as soon as the information is available.

Please note that although discounts are available through UA, you may be able to find better airfares through other airline carriers.

AUTOMOBILE:

Mileage will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate of reimbursement per mile, not to exceed the cost of the most economical coach airfare. Currently the IRS rate is 56.5 cents per mile.

Reimbursement does not include the cost of airport or hotel parking, hotel expenses, shuttle or taxi service, or travel between home and the local airport. If round-trip distance between your home and nearest airport is more than 100 miles, then mileage will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate.

All other transportation costs are the responsibility of the individual, the chapter, the school district, the Service Center Council, or the UniServ unit.

GLBT Conference

November 15-17, 2013 • Riviera Hotel, Palm Springs

CTA's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Issues Advisory Committee (GLBTIAC) is proud to present the fifth annual CTA conference addressing GLBT issues involving educators, students and community. This conference is open to all CTA members and will serve as a venue to discuss a variety of subjects affecting the entire membership and California's youth. Participants will have a variety of workshops to choose from such as *Reducing the Risk Teen Suicide*, *How to Handle Genderless Children in the Classroom*, *Excelling as an Out Educator*, *Psychological Issues Affecting LGBTQIA Populations* and *Workplace Bullying: Are you Next?* to name a few.

MAIN CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Reception - Friday Evening

Friday night begins with a reception and greetings by the new CTA Executive Director Joe Nuñez and Congressman Mark Takano, who was a former teacher at Rialto High School in Riverside County.

Saturday Luncheon Keynote - Cleve Jones

Along with the many workshops to select from on Saturday, we have a very special luncheon keynote presentation that will feature Cleve Jones. Cleve Jones is an American AIDS and LGBT rights activist. He conceived of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt which has become, at 54 tons, the world's largest piece of community folk art. In 1983, at the onset of the AIDS pandemic, Jones co-founded the San Francisco AIDS Foundation which has grown into one of the largest and most influential people with AIDS advocacy organizations in the United States. Jones has been working with UNITE HERE, the hotel, restaurant, and garment workers union on homophobia issues. Part of Jones' work with UNITE HERE is making the labor movement more open to GLBT members.

Sunday Closing Keynote - CTA President Dean E. Vogel

Sunday we'll have many workshops for you to choose from as well as keynote presentations by CTA President Dean E. Vogel.

Go online at www.cta.org/conferences to see the full listing of workshops.

CONFERENCE FEES

Conference fees include access to all workshops, electives, general sessions, opening night reception, conference meals, handouts, materials, smartphone app and closing brunch.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES			
Member	Agency Fee Payer	Student CTA	Non-Member
\$185.00	\$235.00	\$37.00	\$555.00
NEA Member Not From California			
\$275.00			





HOTEL RESERVATIONS

To book your hotel reservations, go online or call the Riviera Hotel directly at 1-866-588-8311 and ask for the CTA GLBT Conference rate. The CTA negotiated hotel rate is only \$104 plus applicable taxes per night for single or double occupancy. Hotel registration deadline is November 1, 2013.

All expenses for accommodations are the responsibility of the individual, the chapter, the Service Center Council or the UniServ unit.

EARLY REGISTRATION INCENTIVE

Register by October 18, 2013 and you will be placed in a drawing to have Saturday lunch with CTA President Dean E. Vogel, Vice President Eric C. Heins or Secretary-Treasurer Mikki Cichocki-Semo.

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FRIDAY

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm CTA Registration Desk

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm Exhibits

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Welcome Reception

SATURDAY

7:30 am - 3:00 pm CTA Registration Desk

8:00 am - 5:00 pm Exhibits

7:30 am - 8:30 am Breakfast

8:30 am - 9:30 am Welcome/Gender Continuum

9:45 am - 11:45 am Workshops

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch & General Session

1:45 pm - 3:45 pm Workshops

4:00 pm - 4:40 pm GLBT Caucus

4:45 pm - 5:30 pm Additional Caucuses

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Movie

SUNDAY

8:00 am - 12:00 pm CTA Registration Desk

8:30 am - 10:00 am Workshops

10:15 am - 12:00 pm Brunch & Closing General Session

Email: gltconference@cta.org

Register now at www.cta.org/conferences

The GLBT Conference Registration Deadline is November 1, 2013.

Issues Conference

Be the Change – Our Voice, Our Union, Our Profession!

January 17-19, 2014 • Rio All-Suite Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada

Our world is changing around us and as we implement the Local Control Funding Formula and Common Core State Standards, CTA is leading the way in advancing, promoting and protecting public education. After attending sessions on current issues, enhancing your skillset, collaborating with colleagues and investing in lasting relationships, this CTA Issues Conference will have prepared you to “Be the Change.” Together we will “Be the Change” for the future as we carry out CTA’s mission by using our voice and actions for our union and for the students we educate. Together we will advance our profession!

FRIDAY PRE-CONFERENCE 10 AM-4 PM

The Educator’s Guide to Saving and Investing For Retirement Understanding 403(b) & 457 plans and saving for your future

This special one-day conference will cover the basics of 403(b) & 457 plans, strategies and resources to make informed investment decisions, along with how to deal with aggressive insurance agents. This is an interactive day that uses humor, games and multi-media to engage all participants. Registration is open to all CTA members. Release time will be arranged and paid for by CTA for two members per chapter with approval by the chapter president. We encourage the chapter president to approve release time for one or more newer members of the chapter. This pre-conference is free.

Release time and reimbursement of Thursday night hotel fee of \$59 plus taxes will be reimbursed by CTA for up to two chapter members with approval by the chapter president. If also attending the main conference, you may qualify for transportation reimbursement.

MAIN CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The 2014 conference will include dynamic and inspiring keynote speakers, opportunities for networking and collaboration and an energizing program providing breakout sessions for members in County Office of Education, Education Support Professional, Rural, Suburban and Urban Locals. The conference will also offer an array of up-to-date elective skill building sessions and informative hot topic elective sessions for you to choose from: *New Horizons in Bargaining - Expanding the Educator’s Voice in the Local Control Conversation*, *The Sacramento Scene (State Budget and Recent Legislation)*, *Reshaping Education in Response to Changing Demographics*; *Teacher-Driven Change - New Opportu-*

nities Lead to New Possibilities are among the sessions to be offered. Additional topics will include Common Core State Standards, Health Care, Charter Schools, Economic Fairness in the Future; Special Education Issues, Legal Issues and many others. More information available about electives online.

CONFERENCE FEES

Conference fees include access to all workshops, electives, general sessions, opening night reception, conference meals, handouts, materials, smartphone app and closing brunch.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES		
Chapter with 100 or fewer members		Chapter with 101 or more members
\$100.00		\$125.00
Agency Fee Payer	Student CTA	Non-Member
\$175.00	\$25.00	\$375.00

TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

As a special incentive to attend this valuable training, transportation costs will be reimbursed for first-time participants from chapters with 300 or fewer members; for up to four participants from Service Center Councils; and for up to five participants from each UniServ unit. *First-time participants are considered those who have not previously attended any CTA Rural Issues, CTA Urban Issues, CTA ESP conferences or the last three years of the Issues Conference.* All other transportation costs are the responsibility of the individual, the chapter, the Service Center Council or the UniServ unit. Transportation reimbursement is based on grant recipient reimbursement guidelines. (see page 3)

Full conference attendance from Saturday morning to the closing of the conference on Sunday is required for transportation reimbursement.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

You may book your hotel room online during your conference registration. If you prefer, you may call the Rio Hotel at 1-888-746-6955 and ask for the CTA Issues Conference rate. The rate is only \$99 plus applicable taxes per night for single or double occupancy for Friday and Saturday nights. Pay only \$59 plus applicable taxes per night for single or double occupancy for Thursday and Sunday nights. Note that the Rio All-Suite Hotel will charge your credit card one night deposit at time of reservation. **Hotel registration deadline is December 26, 2013.** Book early as discounted rooms are limited. Hotel parking is complimentary.

All expenses for accommodations are the responsibility of the individual, the chapter, the Service Center Council or the UniServ unit.

ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE GRANTS AVAILABLE

In addition to the Minority and Small Chapter Incentive Grants, there are other grants offered for this conference to be awarded to participants:

- Twelve Small Chapter Full Incentive Grants available for attendees from chapters with a unit size of 25 or fewer unit members. This grant pays for the conference fee, transportation, release time and housing based on two conference participants per room
- Nine Joan Carlin Grants available for attendees from chapters with a unit size of 50 or fewer members
- Six Joan Carlin Grants available for attendees from chapters with a unit size of 51-100
- Five Small Chapter Grants available for attendees from chapters with a unit size of 101-200 members

Apply for grants at www.cta.org/conferences

EARLY REGISTRATION INCENTIVE

Register by December 20, 2013 and you will be placed in a drawing to have Saturday lunch with CTA President Dean E. Vogel, Vice President Eric C. Heins or Secretary-Treasurer Mikki Cichocki-Semo.

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FRIDAY

4:00 pm - 9:00 pm	CTA Registration/Information Desk
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Showcase of CTA Services, Programs & Exhibits
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Welcome Reception and Dinner Buffet (no formal program)

SATURDAY

7:30 am - 5:00 pm	CTA Registration/Information Desk
7:30 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibits
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Breakfast and Opening Remarks
8:45 am - 9:45 am	Opening Session
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Electives
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Lunch and General Session
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Electives
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm	Electives
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Caucuses

SUNDAY

8:00 am - 12:00 pm	CTA Registration/Information Desk
8:30 am - 10:00 am	Electives
10:15 am - 12:00 pm	Brunch & Closing General Session

Email: issuesconference@cta.org

Register now at www.cta.org/conferences

The Issues Conference Registration Deadline is December 26, 2013.

Good Teaching Conference

The CTA Good Teaching Conferences continue to support excellent teaching and learning practices for classroom teachers. Offering a variety of diverse workshops focused on curriculum content areas for K-12 teachers, the conferences provide opportunities for professional development and offer time to network and share ideas with colleagues and experts in the field of education. Join us on Friday for two newly updated and timely pre-conferences.

Registration begins on Friday at 4:00 pm with a reception (dinner buffet) at 6:00 pm followed by entertainment. Workshops begin Saturday morning and end with Caucuses in the late afternoon. Sunday morning workshops are followed by a brunch and closing general session. The conference concludes at 12:00 pm.

NORTH CONFERENCE:	SOUTH CONFERENCE:
January 10-12, 2014 Fairmont Hotel San Jose	March 14-16, 2014 Hilton Hotel Anaheim

FRIDAY PRE-CONFERENCES

Common Core and Beyond: A Practicum on Literacy and Mathematics Curriculum, Instructional Strategies and Assessments

The Pre-GTC will offer more extensive practice for the Common Core State Standards in the areas of curriculum, literacy strategies, technology, assessments and performance tasks. Sessions are designed for all levels of Common Core knowledge including: Common Core Basics, Common Core Literacy Strategies, Common Core Mathematics, Common Core Assessments and Local Control Funding. Whether you are new to the Common Core or are more advanced, come and learn more about how to implement the standards and new timelines for implementation of assessments.



The Educator's Guide to Saving and Investing For Retirement Understanding 403(b) & 457 plans and saving for your future **10am-4pm**

Don't miss this special one-day conference covering the basics of 403(b) & 457 plans, strategies and resources to make informed investment decisions, along with how to deal with aggressive insurance agents. This is an interactive day that uses humor, games and multi-media to engage all participants. Registration is open to all CTA members. Release time will be arranged and paid for by CTA for up to three members per chapter with approval by the chapter president. We encourage the chapter president to approve release time for one or more newer members of the chapter. This pre-conference is free.

Go online for additional detailed information at www.cta.org/conferences

CONFERENCE WORKSHOP TOPICS

Workshops begin on Saturday morning and run throughout the day, finishing on Sunday morning. There are five workshop periods offering you an opportunity to attend various topics of interest. You will be able to choose sessions on innovative classroom management, educational practices, content development, technology and much, much more. A large percentage of the workshops are offered more than once. Here are just a few of the more than 80 different workshops scheduled to be offered:

- *Common Core Writing for English Language Learners*
- *Drawing Out the Best in Your Students*
- *Eliminate Pesky Behavior...Gimmick Free*
- *Fifty Ways to Leave Your Lecture*
- *Heard it through the Grapevine ...Fitness can be Fun*
- *Integrating Free Online Interactive Content in the K-12 Classroom*
- *Making Music Matter in the Content Areas*
- *Making Sign Language Fun!*
- *The Power of Intrinsic Motivation: Building Character while Addressing the Common Core*
- *Simple Solutions #1-5 presented by Rick Morris*
- *Special Education: Its Impact and Implication for ALL Teachers*
- *Wind your Mind Around Math*
- *Yoga for the Brain*

SATURDAY MORNING BONUS SESSION

How Common Core Can Make You Clutter Free

Presented by: Tammy Duggan from Sierra Avenue Elementary and the Creator of "The Uncluttered Teacher"

The Common Core tidal wave is here and the goal is to help keep you from crashing into the shore! With the growing amount of information, trainings and changes coming from Common Core one needs a way to manage it all. This bonus session will teach you how to do that.

There will be a quick overview of the process Tammy created that will teach you the basic principles of organizing. She will explain how Common Core can be used as the catalyst to motivate you to make the changes needed to better organize your time and space. Towards the end of the session, processes will be applied to some specific

situations you may be faced with when trying to manage the information overload of Common Core.



CONFERENCE FEES

Conference fees include access to all workshops, electives, general sessions, opening night reception, conference meals, handouts, materials, smartphone app and closing brunch.

MAIN CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES			
Member	Agency Fee Payer	Student CTA	Non-Member
\$185.00	\$235.00	\$37.00	\$555.00

EARLY REGISTRATION INCENTIVE

GTC North

Register by December 13, 2013 and you will be placed in a drawing to have Saturday lunch with CTA President Dean E. Vogel, Vice President Eric C. Heins or Secretary-Treasurer Mikki Cichocki-Semo.

GTC South

Register by February 7, 2014 and you will be placed in a drawing to have Saturday lunch with CTA President Dean E. Vogel, Vice President Eric C. Heins or Secretary-Treasurer Mikki Cichocki-Semo.

Good Teaching Conference

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

You may book your hotel room online during your conference registration. If you prefer, you may call the hotels directly at the phone numbers below and ask for the CTA Good Teaching Conference rate. The CTA negotiated hotel rates are:

GTC-North: \$109 plus applicable taxes per night for single or double occupancy at the Fairmont San Jose, which is located in the heart of downtown San Jose with convenient access to shopping and restaurants. Only valet parking is available at a reduced rate of \$13 per day.

Hotel registration deadline is December 26, 2013 either online or by phone 1-800-346-5550.

GTC-South: \$119 plus applicable taxes per night for single or double occupancy at the Hilton Anaheim. The Hilton Anaheim offers easy access to Disneyland and other Orange County attractions. Discounted parking is \$15 for valet and \$16 for self-park (price subject to change).

Hotel registration deadline is February 28, 2014 either online or by phone 1-877-776-4932.

All expenses for accommodations and parking are the responsibility of the individual, the chapter, the school district, the Service Center Council or the UniServ unit.



AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FRIDAY	
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	CTA Registration Desk
4:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Exhibits
6:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Welcome Reception and Dinner Buffet with Entertainment
SATURDAY	
8:00 am – 5:30 pm	CTA Registration Desk
8:00 am – 5:30 pm	Exhibits
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Morning Bonus Session with Tammy Duggan
9:15 am – 10:30 am	Workshops
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Workshops
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch and General Session
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Workshops
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Workshops
4:45 pm – 5:45 pm	Caucuses
SUNDAY	
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	CTA Registration Desk
8:30 am – 9:45 am	Workshops
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Brunch & Closing General Session

Email: goodteachingconference@cta.org

Register now at www.cta.org/conferences

The Good Teaching Conference Registration Deadlines: NORTH: December 26, 2013 SOUTH: February 28, 2014

CTA/NEA Retired Conference

Making the Most of Retirement!

February 27-28, 2014 • Marriott Irvine

Come join us for the tenth annual CTA/NEA-Retired Conference! You don't have to be retired to attend. If you are retired or are considering retirement in the next few years you will benefit from this conference.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Make the most of retirement! Attend this conference to learn how you can stay connected, be protected and enjoy great benefits. At this conference you will have opportunities to network with other retired (or planning to retire) educators during and after sessions. Learn about how CTA/NEA-Retired chapters and members are working to protect and enhance your future. Did you know that the savings you are eligible for through CTA and NEA member benefits more than pay for your annual dues? Attend a member benefits session to learn more. There will be speakers and workshops on a variety of issues that retirees are interested in. Make the most of your retirement, join us at the annual conference and have fun! The conference will begin Thursday afternoon with the first workshop followed by a welcome reception. On Friday, there will be two keynote speakers to energize and inspire: one to start the day and the other during lunch. Come and meet other participants and enjoy great food and keep current on topics important to you!

CONFERENCE WORKSHOP TOPICS

The workshops cover a wide variety of issues for you to choose from. Below are some of the topics that you can look forward to:

- Stay connected by meeting other participants and learning about Chapters in your area.
- Be protected and attend sessions on Public Pensions, Federal and State Retiree Legislation and Health Care for seniors.
- Enjoy benefits by finding out what CTA and NEA-Retired Member Benefits are available to you.

CONFERENCE FEES

Registration cost is \$100.00 (Thursday evening reception, Friday breakfast and Friday lunch are included as part of your registration).

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

You may register online with the hotel during the conference registration period. If you prefer, you may call the Marriott Irvine Reservations Office at 1-949-553-0100

and ask for the CTA Equity and Human Rights Conference rate.

CTA negotiated hotel rate is \$109 plus applicable taxes per night for single or double occupancy. Hotel registration deadline is Friday, Friday, February 14, 2014.

There is a free shuttle to the hotel from John Wayne SNA airport or if you drive, self-parking costs \$9.00 per day. All expenses for accommodations and parking are the responsibility of the individual.

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

THURSDAY	
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Registration
4:00 pm - 5:20 pm	Workshops
5:20 pm - 6:45 pm	Reception
6:45 pm	Dinner on your own
FRIDAY	
7:30 am - 9:00 am	Registration
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Buffet Breakfast - Speaker: Dean E. Vogel, CTA President
9:10 am - 10:30 am	Workshops
10:30 am - 10:40 am	Break
10:40 am - 12:00 pm	Workshops
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Lunch with Speaker
2:00 pm - 3:20 pm	Workshops
3:30 pm - 4:50 pm	CTA-R General Session/Business meeting

Equity & Human Rights Conference

February 28-March 2, 2014 • Marriott, Irvine

The 2014 Equity and Human Rights Conference theme is “POWER UP! Harnessing Community Partnerships to Access an Equitable Future.” This conference will capture the essence in CTA’s Mission Statement: to ensure that the dignity and civil rights of all children and youth are protected and to secure a more equitable and democratic society. The conference combines speakers and workshops to provide all CTA members with a greater understanding of the issues of diversity, equity and social justice.

New!

FRIDAY PRE-CONFERENCE 10 AM-4 PM

The Educator’s Guide to Saving and Investing For Retirement Understanding 403(b) & 457 plans and saving for your future

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MAIN CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Dinner and Entertainment – Friday Evening

The opening session will begin after dinner and will feature opening remarks and entertainment. Dr. Adolph Brown, III will be the keynote speaker. Take advantage of the opportunity to network with conference attendees and CTA officers.

Workshops of Interest – Saturday and Sunday

The Conference Planning Committee has arranged four workshop time slots, three on Saturday and one on Sunday morning. These workshops will cover topics of special interest in promoting diversity, reducing racism, addressing women’s issues and training on how to withstand attacks on public education. In all, you will be able to choose from some 38 workshops. Some of the workshops offered are Parent University: *How parents and teachers are working together to help students achieve*, *Transitioning to the Common Core State Standards*, *Understanding and Embracing Diversity in the Community*, *Workplace Bullying: Are You Next?* and *Suspensions* just to name a few.

Human Rights Awards Luncheon – Saturday

The CTA Human Rights Awards are presented annually to honor individuals who have distinguished themselves in the advancement and protection of the human and civil rights of CTA members and students. The luncheon will recognize the 2014 award winners, and will feature CTA President Dean E. Vogel as the guest speaker.

Student Entertainment – Sunday Brunch

Each year, the Sunday brunch features student entertainment from local area schools. Always a highlight of the conference, the students never fail to bring the audience to its feet as the students perform in this showcase of talent.

CONFERENCE FEES

Conference fees include access to all workshops, electives, general sessions, opening night reception, conference meals, handouts, smartphone app, materials, the Human Rights Awards luncheon on Saturday and brunch on Sunday.

MAIN CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES			
Member	Agency Fee Payer	Student CTA	Non-Member
\$160.00	\$210.00	\$32.00	\$480.00
CTA Chapter Human Rights Contacts* & Women’s Issues Contacts*			
\$80.00			

Fee waived for Service Center Council Human Rights Contacts, Women’s Issues Contacts and GLBT Contacts and Minority-at-Large members.*

*Human Rights Contacts, Women’s Issues Contacts and GLBT Contacts must be pre-designated by the local chapter president or Service Center Council chairperson.



HOTEL RESERVATIONS

You may register online with the hotel during your conference registration. If you prefer, you may call the Marriott Irvine Reservations at 1-888-236-2427 and ask for the CTA Equity and Human Rights Conference rate. CTA negotiated hotel rate is \$109 plus applicable taxes per night for single or double occupancy. **Hotel registration deadline is February 14, 2014.**

All expenses for accommodations and parking are the responsibility of the individual, chapter, the Service Center Council or the UniServ Unit.

ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE GRANTS AVAILABLE

In addition to the Minority and Small Chapter Incentive Grants, the following grants are also provided to under-represented groups: three grants for white males and four grants for self-identified gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender participants.

EARLY REGISTRATION INCENTIVE

Register by February 3, 2014 and you will be placed in a drawing to have Saturday lunch with CTA President Dean E. Vogel, Vice President Eric C. Heins or Secretary-Treasurer Mikki Cichocki-Semo.

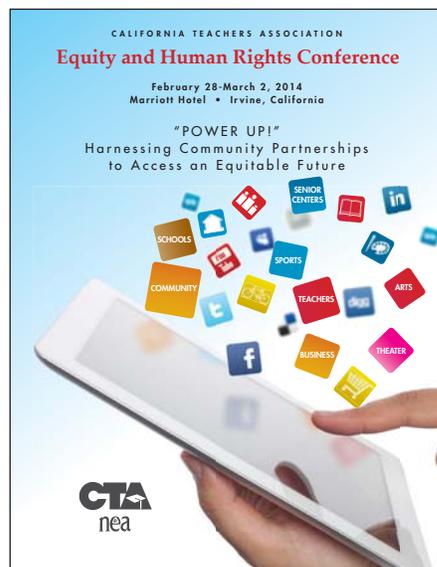
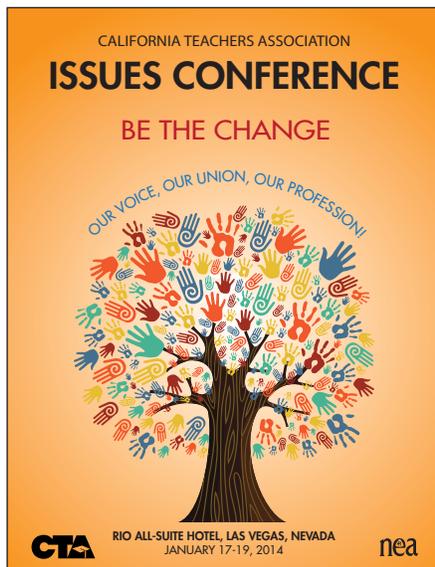
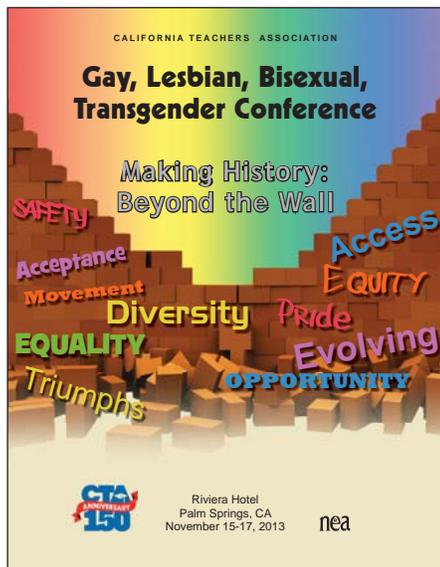
AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FRIDAY	
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	CTA Registration Desk
4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Exhibits
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	GLBT Caucus Meeting
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception
7:00 pm – 9:45 pm	Dinner & Opening Session
SATURDAY	
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	CTA Registration Desk
7:30 am – 4:00 pm	Exhibits
7:30 am – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Workshops
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Workshops
12:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Human Rights Awards Luncheon
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Workshops
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm	Caucuses
SUNDAY	
7:45 am – 8:45 am	Women’s Caucus
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	CTA Registration Desk
9:00 am – 10:30 am	Workshops
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Brunch & Closing General Session

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Returning Presidents July 19-21, 2014

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UCLA Conference Center
Los Angeles

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will be available in late April 2014

