



SSA NEWSLETTER

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SSA SCHOLARSHIP ADOPTED

At the January meeting of the SSA Board of Directors, the board members adopted and finalized the **William F. and Nell Young Scholarship** in recognition of the contributions by Bill and Nell Young over more than three decades and their commitment to the members of SSA. **A summary of the scholarship details will be posted on our website at www.ssa1977.org**. Eligibility for the scholarship is limited to a child or grandchild of an SSA member in good standing. A scholarship committee comprised of two members of the SSA Board of Directors, and two “at large” SSA members will review applications and determine the selection of the winning applicants.

The SSA Board has been considering the establishment of such a scholarship fund for many years and felt that this year in particular it was more important than ever to take action to do something that would benefit our members, enhance our image with the community, recognize the lifetime of devotion by Bill and Nell Young to SSA and its members, and especially help students of SSA members further their education. The scholarship will assist students who are pursuing education at a community college, vocational school or university. If you would like a copy of the scholarship background and application form, please contact Sandra Falk at ssafalk@yahoo.com.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE PARTICIPANTS NEEDED

If you are a member of SSA and wish to participate on the scholarship committee to help review applications and award the scholarship, please contact SSA President Mary Jones at mjones@wccusd.net or SSA Executive Director Sandra Falk at ssafalk@yahoo.com. We have vacancies for two positions on the scholarship committee and encourage those who are interested to be involved. Please notify us by no later than March 30, 2010 if you want to be on the committee.

The committee will meet each year, probably for only one or two meetings. This will be a rewarding experience for anyone interested in being involved. We will be accepting scholarship applications through April, 2010, so expect the committee to meet during May.

INTERVIEW PANEL TRAINING FOR SSA MEMBERS

Have you ever considered participating on an interview panel as an SSA representative, but you are not sure what is involved? Would you like to be part of the panel that helps to consider candidates for SSA positions? Do you simply want to find out more about the interview panel process, but are not sure if you want to commit to participating? Have you been on an interview panel in the past, but would like to learn more about the process and have “refresher” training? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then SSA would like to invite you to attend a workshop where we will review with our members some of the general information

about the purpose of the interview panel, the importance of having SSA representation on the panel, the process used, the questions and scoring procedure, the “do’s” and “don’ts” of being on a panel and some of the legal and contractual reasons for how the panel is conducted.

We are planning to conduct a workshop on an evening in March; and if there is sufficient interest, we will conduct another on a Saturday later in the year.

- ❖ **IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND A TRAINING WORKSHOP REGARDING PARTICIPATING ON AN SSA INTERVIEW PANEL**, please notify SSA Executive Director, Sandra Falk at ssafalk@yahoo.com. Please provide your name, work phone, home phone, and indicate the day of the week that would work best for you. We will try to arrange the workshop for the convenience of the majority who respond.

PLEASE EMAIL BY NO LATER THAN MARCH 4, 2010 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

SSA CONTRACT UPDATE

As you are already aware, your SSA bargaining team met with the District regarding the “me too” provision of the contractual agreement and agreed that the deadline for those wishing to retire under the terms of the immediate past contract regarding benefits would be extended until June 30, 2010. SSA personally contacted each member who had indicated they were planning to retire by December 31, 2009 to notify them of the extension and their options. Some of our members modified their plans and extended their retirement and others pursued their original plans.

Your bargaining team representatives have scheduled meetings with the District to begin to finalize the revised contract language so that we can also begin the process of developing the new contract for print. This process takes a while, including proofreading and printing. We will notify members as soon as the new contracts are ready for distribution.

SSA CONTRACT AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

For our members who have misplaced their contract, you can access the immediate past contract online by going to the following link on our website:

http://www.ssa1977.org/SSA_Contract_05_08.pdf

SSA members are reminded to check out our website for information regarding SSA at www.ssa1977.org.