

Talking Points for Legislative Chairs, October, 2015

Details are in the October issue of the *Advocacy Communicator*.

- The October issue of the *Advocacy Communicator* has an article describing the work that the California State PTA advocates do and how State PTA develops positions on bills that are being considered by the state legislature. It's a lot of work and it's all done by volunteers like us.
- Registration for this year's Sacramento Safari opens October 1. Everyone who goes to this says it is interesting, informative and fun! Who are we going to send?
- Neal Kelley, the Orange County Registrar of Voters, was the keynote speaker at the Fourth District PTA Advocacy Training in September. He said there are two pending bills that could change voter registration and voting in California. One is AB 1461, which is sitting on the Governor's desk waiting for his signature. If he signs it into law, every eligible citizen who goes to the Department of Motor Vehicles to obtain or renew a driver's license will automatically be registered to vote, unless he or she opts out.
- The other bill, SB 450, would allow counties to run elections entirely with vote by mail, which would save Orange County a lot of money. That bill has been put on hold until the legislature reconvenes in January, but it has a lot of support and is likely to be passed.
- Registering voters is a great activity for PTA. We could have a voter registration table at Back-to-School Night or some other event.
- The Fourth District PTA Advocacy Forum on November 6 will feature two speakers. One is a Democrat: Rick Simpson, the Deputy Chief of Staff for the Speaker of the Assembly, and the other will be a Republican legislator, who hasn't been named yet. They will talk about what's going on in Sacramento from their two different viewpoints. It should be fascinating! Who wants to go with me?

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