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President's Message Founders' Day

By Fourth District PTA President Bev Berryman

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead

This month we celebrate Founders' Day on February 17. This is when we celebrate the legacy and work of our founders—Alice McLellan Birney, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Selena Sloan Butler. Our founders represented women of imagination and courage. They had a simple idea—to improve the lives and future of all children. They understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day, and took action to change the world for all children.

This is also the time of year for resolutions. It is a time to look at what you have done as a team and applaud those efforts; it is time to encourage your volunteers and recognize the efforts that they have made to help your unit move forward; and is a time to look ahead and plan what still needs to be accomplished.

As you look ahead, continue to include parents who are in search of connections and would like to get involved. Keep in mind; this is the time of year when the nominating committee is looking for people to serve in the future. And soon, you will receive information to attend the Annual State Convention - this is

a time to have your voice heard through the resolution process and to obtain beneficial training. Please take full advantage of the right of membership and attend this informative event.

I am amazed at how our mission and goals are still the same as they were in 1897. We are a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for parents and we continue to act as a strong advocate for public education. The methods have changed, but the underlying principles have not.

Remember - you are part of that small group of thoughtful, committed people that use your special powers to change the lives of the children and families that you serve!

Thank each one of you for all that you do for our students, teachers and families of your PTA!!

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Historians—Record your PTA volunteer hours

By Fourth District PTA Historian, Lisa Boler

Each year, PTAs track and report the total number of volunteer hours that contributed to making their PTA year a success. By filling out the **PTA Unit – Annual Historian Report Form**, you provide a snapshot of all of your volunteers' efforts to make a difference in your school community.

Why do PTAs submit Annual Historian Reports?

Information on your PTAs' volunteer hours is forwarded to California State PTA by 4th District PTA. This information is used for:

~ **Audits** – To maintain our federal tax exempt status as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, PTAs must show one third of their support from the general public.

~ **Advocacy** – To raise the awareness of legislators, school, and community members of our efforts to promote the welfare of children and youth in California.

~ **Grants** – To showcase the power of volunteers when applying for grants to highlight volunteer engagement and community service.

What's the process?

Each year, PTA units send completed Annual Historian Reports to their council. Councils then forward reports to districts which, in turn, include the information from unit and council reports when they submit their own district Annual Historian Reports to the California State PTA. Volunteer hours are totaled, usually, before the end of the school year so that the California State PTA office can process the information. That's why volunteers are asked to project and estimate the number of hours they will spend in PTA activities through June 30.

FOURTH DISTRICT PTA

CALENDAR

February

3 Convention Chairmen Meeting—9:30 a.m.

5 Sacramento Safari Orientation—Fountain Valley School District - 10055 Slater Avenue, Fountain Valley 92708, 9:30 a.m.

11 Council Presidents and District Board Meeting—North Orange County ROP - 385 N. Muller Street, Anaheim 92801, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

15 Office Closed, President's Day

17 Founders' Day

22-23 Sacramento Safari

March

10 Administrators Dinner, City National Grove of Anaheim, 2200 E. Katella Avenue, Anaheim, Meeting at 5:30 p.m., Registration 6:15 p.m., Dinner 6:45 p.m.

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Advocacy Notes

By Fourth District PTA – VP Advocacy, Kathleen Fay

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Congratulations to **Arbolita Elementary School**, recent winner of \$250 in the latest drawing offered by Ed100.org, an online tool that helps parents, students, teachers, and community members learn how education really works, and empowers PTA members to make a difference.

Ed100's free online lessons are easy to read and understand, with videos and charts to better illustrate concepts. Ed100 can help you cultivate useful, productive conversations about the wide variety of ideas and issues that compete for attention in today's education climate, and understand what they mean for your school. If you log in and complete the lessons, you get tickets to enter a drawing for your PTA to win cash prizes! Sign up today at ed100.org/win, and take advantage of the real prize: building an informed school community.



President Bev Berryman presents the award to Arbolita Elementary School.

FEDERAL EDUCATION LEADERSHIP: ARNE DUNCAN REPLACED IN THE INTERIM

The **U.S. Department of Education** has a new boss, albeit a temporary one. With the new year, John King, Jr. became Acting U.S. Secretary of Education, after the departure of Arne Duncan. King is a former education commissioner of New York State, and more recently Duncan's second-in-command. During his tenure as education chief in New York, King was one of the first to implement the Common Core standards, while also expanding charter schools and holding teachers accountable for student test scores.

ALPHABET SOUP: ESEA – NCLB replaced by ESSA

The **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** was signed by President Obama on December 10, 2015, replacing No Child Left Behind (NCLB). This bipartisan measure reauthorizes the 50-year-old Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), the national education law and longstanding commitment to equal opportunity for all students.

CALIFORNIA'S 2-YEAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION RESUMES

State lawmakers returned to work in January, attempting first to finish business from last year such as a \$1 billion funding gap in the state's healthcare program for the poor and a \$59 billion backlog in road repairs. Governor Brown called special sessions last year to address both issues but he and lawmakers never came close to a deal on either one, making these issues even more pressing with the start of this session. Other items expected to be on the agenda include climate change, higher education, income inequality, gun control, and ensuring a steady water supply after four years of drought.

BROWN PROPOSES STATE BUDGET

Governor Brown released his proposed state budget on January 7, putting education funding at its highest level ever. Maintaining a robust Rainy Day Fund remains a top priority for Brown, which is why he opposed extending Prop 30's taxes on the wealthy (that money can't go into the rainy day fund). In response, backers of an initiative to continue these taxes subsequently changed their wording so that Prop. 30 revenues could be diverted to the state's rainy day fund after 2018 (the same as other state revenues). Brown also opposes the \$9 billion school construction bond that has gathered enough signatures to appear on November's ballot, but may favor an alternative plan for a smaller bond.

Want more details? Check out our Fourth District PTA Advocacy Communicator, available online at our PTA website: www.fourthdistrictpta.org under the Advocacy menu.

Happy 119th Birthday! PTA Honors its Founders on February 17

By Fourth District PTA VP of Programs Michele Langham
& Founders' Day Chair Martha McNicholas

PTA was "born" in 1897 as the National Congress of Mothers, and each year on February 17, PTA honors its founders Alice McClellan Birney, Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Selena Sloan Butler.

During the Industrial Revolution in the last part of the 19th century, Alice Birney and Phoebe Hearst recognized the intolerable circumstances in which children were working, suffering and struggling to survive. Children worked in mines, factories, and in city streets. Many were not able to go to school or to get enough to eat. Alice was the idea person, and Phoebe had the social and political connections. They held an organizational meeting at Phoebe's Washington D.C. home and elected officers, including Alice as President, and Phoebe as First Vice President, then planned a meeting to initiate their advocacy efforts for all children.



*Alice McClellan Birney,
Phoebe Apperson Hearst and
Selena Sloan Butler.*

Over 2000 people attended the first "convocation" at the Arlington Hotel in Washington ("I'd be satisfied...if only 25 are there," Alice had said). Three days of speakers and standing-room-only crowds culminated in the adoption of a platform and a Declaration of Principles: "The National Congress of Mothers, irrespective of creed, color, or condition, stands for all parenthood, childhood, homehood. Its platform is the universe, its organization, the human race."

Selena Sloane Butler, an African-American teacher in Georgia, followed the work of Alice and Phoebe, and with the assistance of the National Congress of Mothers, formed the first Colored Parent – Teacher Unit, and many more followed. In 1926, The National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers was founded, and Selena was its first president.

National PTA never excluded African-Americans or any other racial group from membership. The prevailing school segregation laws at the time led to the establishment of two separate groups. After desegregation, the two groups began the process of merging, which became final in 1970.

Through PTA advocacy, children are better protected, housed, fed and educated, and parents are more involved in their education. PTA advocates have supported establishment of public kindergarten, child labor laws, school lunch program, the juvenile justice system, polio vaccination, seat belt laws, bicycle helmet laws, and the TV and movie rating system, among many, many other issues affecting children and families.

Our work continues, and Founders' Day is a perfect time to renew our dedication to the purposes of PTA. One way to do this is to make a personal donation to PTA. A portion of the donations (Free Will Offerings) made during Founders' Day celebrations is returned to PTA districts to extend PTA's work and develop leadership.

Donations can be forwarded to the Fourth District PTA through your Council PTA. There is also an opportunity to donate at the Administrators Dinner in March.

The
Founders'
Day
CELEBRATION

Arts Education Is Recognized as Important – Finally!!!

By Fourth District PTA Cultural Arts Chair, Donna Artukovic

On Thursday, December 10, 2015, President Obama signed into law the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Specifics regarding arts education are included in this historic legislation. Language, which cements states' obligation to support arts education in public schools, is included. Arts and music are included in the definition of a "well-rounded education." In addition, Title I funds are now clearly available for art programs. (Title I funds are federal funds focused on ensuring equitable access to a complete education for all students.)

"Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants" are also available for arts education. Furthermore there is additional support for including the arts in STEM education. Arts education is specified as eligible for funding as part of the 21 Century Community Learning Center. Arts are included in the "expanded learning time" provision. After-school and summer learning classes are key areas in which arts organizations partner with schools to support art education.



The programs support by the current Arts in Education fund are retained and newly named "Assistance for Arts Education". This is a significant win because many other small programs of this kind were eliminated. This fund includes national competitive grants to support partnerships among schools and community-based programs.

Arts advocates applauded this good news – and then more good news arrived! On December 16 Congress unveiled a bipartisan omnibus appropriations and tax plan which heralds the reinvestment in arts education. The National Endowment for the Arts received an increase of nearly \$2 millions. The Arts in Education program was also granted an increase of \$2 millions. And the IRA rollover which was a one-year provision, now will be permanently part of the tax code. This is a huge boon to nonprofit art organizations that often survive on tax-deductible giving.

Finally arts programs are being recognized as an integral and important part of a child's education. In spite of this good news, however, school districts are under no obligation to include the arts or increase their arts education program. Now it is up to each of us to insure that arts education is given its due in our school district's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).



Our December Fourth District PTA Meeting at Irvine Regional Park—Happy New Year to All!



OC Pathways

By Al Mijares, Ph.D., OC Superintendent of Schools



On a cool December morning, in a historic airplane hangar at the Orange County Great Park, some of the region's top educators and business leaders gathered for a very special birthday party.

OC Pathways, an initiative that brings together schools, colleges and businesses to create new career paths in targeted industry sectors, was celebrating its first year — and what a year it's been.

Over the past 12 months, more than 8,600 high school students have enrolled in OC Pathways programs, receiving career preparation in the fields of health care, biotechnology, engineering, advanced manufacturing, information technology and digital media. In our community colleges, more than 12,500 students have participated in OC Pathways coursework, earning roughly 600 certificates and 85 degrees.

Led by the Orange County Department of Education and Saddleback College, OC Pathways was launched in 2014 through a California Department of Education grant. Along with its efforts to partner schools and colleges with industry leaders, the project creates work-based learning opportunities for students — these include internships and mentorship — and it empowers educators with innovative teaching strategies.

In just the first year of this initiative, more than 2,500 students participated in one or more work-based learning experiences, and we have seen a 13 percent increase in the number of articulation agreements that allow high school students to receive community college credit for taking career technical education courses.

Moreover, OC Pathways has established 53 additional business partnerships that will help strengthen the 21st-century workforce.

On Dec. 2, these business leaders were among the 300 or so who gathered in the Great Park's Hangar 244 for a morning showcase that featured incredible displays from local schools, colleges and businesses, as well as video profiles of students who are on successful career tracks thanks to OC Pathways.

NASA astronaut Leland Melvin, who made two trips aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis, was riveting as our keynote speaker at the end. I was also honored to say a few words, joining Saddleback College President Dr. Tod A. Burnett, OC STEM Executive Director Dr. Linda Christopher, Orange County United Way president and CEO Max Gardner, and four very impressive high school and college students.

Thanks to the unparalleled levels of collaboration between Orange County's secondary and postsecondary partners, OC Pathways has already racked up more achievements than can be listed in this column, and we're just getting started.

Just think of what can be accomplished in year two.

Parliamentarian Tips for Elections

By 4th District Parliamentarian Christy Ballard

The nominating committee has met, and contacted the most qualified individuals for each of the positions on your PTA board. Now it is time to provide written notice of the election meeting to the membership of your PTA. This must be completed at least 28 days prior to the election meeting and can be done at an association meeting or through a flyer or newsletter.

The election of officers is held at an association meeting specified in the unit bylaws (March, for most units) and will come under "new business" on the agenda. This gives the board-elect time to plan for next term, attend convention and all local training and workshops, prepare programs and budgets as well as to identify committee chairmen before assuming office on July 1. Remind the nominating committee to sign and complete the Report of the Nominating Committee that will be read at the election meeting. This report, which includes the slate of officers, is read to the association by the chairman at the election meeting. If one of the nominees withdraws before the election, the committee must meet immediately to agree upon another nominee. In the event that no qualified candidate can be found for a particular office, it is better to leave the office vacant than to fill it with a person not able to do the job. Nominations from the floor will still be offered at the election meeting. After the election, the board-elect may fill any vacant position according to the unit bylaws.

Please refer to your unit bylaws (under Officers and Their Elections) and the California State PTA Toolkit found online at capta.org (under Nominations and Elections) for additional details regarding the election of officers. (cont. on page 7)

As with most reports, the report of the nominating committee must be entered into the minutes of the association. Once this report is presented to the membership at the election meeting the work of the most influential and powerful committee is complete.

Here are some tips from the [Toolkit](#) to help you prepare for PTA elections.

- The election is conducted no later than the second week of April, allowing the president-elect to attend convention representing the association. (See unit/council bylaws for actual election date.)
- The president presides over the meeting and the election is held under new business on the agenda.
- The parliamentarian reads the sections of the bylaws pertaining to elections and nominations.
- The president asks the chair of the nominating committee to read the report of the committee, which lists the slate of officers.
- After the slate of officers is announced, the president then says, according to our bylaws, nominations from the floor are now in order.
- If there is but one nominee for any office, the ballot vote for that office may be dispensed with, and the election held by voice vote. The president says, the bylaws state when there is but one nominee for an office, the ballot may be dispensed with, and the election held by voice. Is there any objection to this procedure?



Other things to remember:

- A position may be filled by only one person. An assistant or deputy position can be created if a position requires more than one person to handle the duties.
- A member can only serve in one capacity at a time.
- A person who has already served two consecutive one-year terms in any elected or appointed office is not eligible to be nominated, elected or appointed to serve in an additional consecutive term in the same officer position.

Ever wonder what this phrase means? ...or until their successors are elected.

There is a phrase in the bylaws that is often confusing when it comes time to nominate and elect new officers. That phrase is found in Article V, Section 8 of unit bylaws, which states, "Officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year, or until their successors are elected."

This provision is meant to cover the resignation of officer's mid-term. In that case, an officer is not serving the full entire year of the term, but the officer remains in office until the executive board elects their successor, so that the work of the organization may continue. Roberts Rules of Order describes this situation in greater detail, and the language is required by California Corporate Code.

The bylaws do permit an officer to serve in the same position for two sequential terms only. This officer must be nominated each term, and may not be nominated for a third term when there is an office with no nominee by the day of the election meeting, and no nomination from the floor to fill the vacancy. There is language in Article V, Section 11 and 12 to cover this circumstance.

If several offices remain vacant after the election and there are not enough officers on the board to make up a quorum, then the unit board can request that the council convene an election meeting to fill vacant positions. In the case of a unit out-of-council or a council, the district can be asked to convene the meeting. Should this situation occur at the district level, the State PTA can provide assistance. In each case members must be notified 30 days in advance of the election.

4th District Award Applications are

Due by Thursday, February 11!



Do you have an amazing program your school or council runs, did your school have a great membership drive idea and increase membership, do you have an administrator or teacher who deserves recognition beyond your school, did you accomplish something awesome? Take this opportunity to apply for an award at Fourth District and show off your success! Great ideas should be shared, and this is your chance!

PTA appreciates the commitment of all of our volunteers and education professionals and believe it is important to publicly recognize those that provide outstanding service to PTA. Awards are available for: Creative Membership, Creative Program, Outstanding Unit, Outstanding Council, and Outstanding Teacher or Administrator. Go to FourthDistrictPTA.org/Awards for more information and details. And, new this year, **you can easily apply online!** The Fourth District PTA will present these awards at the annual Administrators' Dinner on March 10, 2016.

THE 7TH ANNUAL CREATIVE EDGE LECTURE

Charles Limb

Monday, March 14, 2016
10 a.m.

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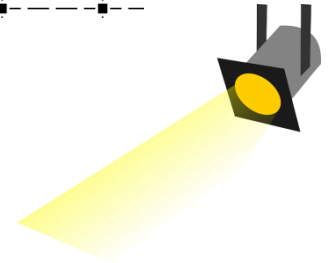
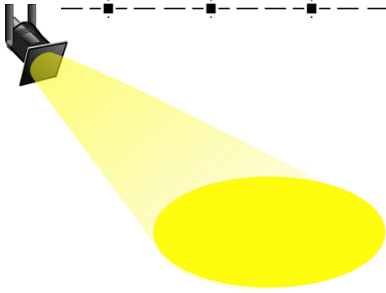
This year's *Creative Edge Lecture* date and speaker have been announced. This event is a legitimate PTA expense, and a wonderful opportunity to invite your administrators (e.g. principal, superintendent, VAPA coordinator and school board members) and open a discussion about the value of arts education for our students!

Arts Orange County will present its seventh annual *Creative Edge Lecture* on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the in Costa Mesa. The 2016 lecture will feature dynamic neuroscientist and accomplished musician, Charles Limb, noted for his popular TED talk "Your Brain on Improv".

Charles Limb wondered how the brain works during musical improvisation—so he put jazz musicians and rappers into an fMRI to find out. What he and his team found has profound implications for our understanding of creativity of all kinds. Dr. Limb will share his findings related to the important nexus between creativity and science with attendees at the Creative Edge Lecture on March. 14.

Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online at www.scfta.org or by calling the Segerstrom Center Box Office at 714.556.2787. Ticket cost is \$25 before or on February 29, \$35 on or after March 1, and \$10 for students.

Thank you for reading Orange Leaves. Email contest@fourthdistrictpta.org for a chance to win a Starbucks gift card! Put Contest in the Subject line and tell us your favorite thing about Orange Leaves. Good luck!



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Administrators Dinner Spotlight on PTA

Thursday, March 10, 2016

The City National Grove of Anaheim
2200 E Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806

The Cost is \$45.00 per Person
Please RSVP by Friday February 26th
5:30 PM- Fourth District Annual Meeting
6:15 PM- Registration, Reception and Silent Auction
6:45 PM- Dinner, Program and Awards

Dinner: Grilled Napa Valley Marinated Chicken or Vegetarian/Gluten Free Option

Please reserve on line at www.fourthdistrictpta.org or use the form below:

Dinner Reservation Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Unit: _____ Council: _____

Attendee's name, title and dinner choice:

NAME	TITLE	DINNER CHOICE
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

Send completed form and check, payable to Fourth District PTA to:

Fourth District PTA, Administrators Dinner
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Questions-Please Contact Trudy Podobas at banquets@fourthdistrictpta.org or
Erin Jenks at banquets2@fourthdistrictpta.org



Mensaje del Presidente **Día de los fundadores**

Por la presidenta del Cuarto Distrito de la PTA Bev Berryman

"Nunca dudes que un pequeño grupo de personas, y comprometidos puede cambiar el mundo. De hecho, es lo único que lo ha logrado." - Margaret Mead

Este mes celebramos el Día de los Fundadores en febrero 17. Esto es cuando se celebra la herencia y el trabajo de nuestros fundadores-Alice McLellan Birney, Phoebe Apperson Hearst y Selena Sloan Butler. Nuestros fundadores representadas las mujeres de la imaginación y coraje. Tenían una idea sencilla para mejorar la vida y el futuro de todos los niños. Ellos entendieron el poder de la acción individual, trabajaron más allá de las barreras aceptadas de su época, y tomaron medidas para cambiar el mundo para todos los niños.

Esta es también la época del año para las resoluciones. Es un tiempo para mirar lo que has hecho en equipo y aplaudir a esos esfuerzos; Es el momento de animar a sus voluntarios y reconocer los esfuerzos que han hecho para ayudar a su mudanza unidad hacia adelante; y es el momento de mirar hacia el futuro y planificar lo que aún queda por hacer.

Al mirar hacia el futuro, seguirá incluyendo a los padres que están en busca de conexiones y le gustaría participar. Tened en cuenta; este es el momento del año en que el comité de nominaciones está buscando gente para servir en el futuro. Y pronto, usted recibirá la información para asistir a la Convención Estatal Anual - este es un momento para que su voz sea escuchada a través del proceso de resolución y obtener entrenamiento beneficioso. Por favor, aprovechar al máximo el derecho de los miembros y asistir a este evento informativo.

Estoy sorprendido de cómo nuestra misión y los objetivos siguen siendo los mismos que en 1897. Somos una voz poderosa para todos los niños, un recurso relevante para los padres y continuamos actuando como un fuerte defensor de la educación pública. Los métodos han cambiado, pero los principios subyacentes no tener.

Recuerde - usted es parte de ese pequeño grupo de personas comprometidas, que utilizan sus poderes especiales para cambiar las vidas de los niños y las familias que sirven!

Gracias a cada uno de ustedes por todo lo que hacen por nuestros estudiantes, profesores y familias de su PTA !!





Cena de Administradores Enfoque en la PTA

Jueves, 10 de marzo, 2016

The City National Grove of Anaheim
2200 E Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92806

El costo por persona es \$45.00

Por favor confirmar su atencia antes del 26 de febrero

5:30 PM- Fourth District Reunión Anual

6:15PM- Registro, Recepción y Subasta

6:45PM- Cena, Programa y Premios

Cena: Pollo a la parrilla marinado como de Napa Valley
O Vegetariana / Sin Gluten

Por favor, reserve en la línea en www.fourthdistrictpta.org o utilizar el siguiente formulario:

Formulario de reserva para la cena

Nombre: _____ Email: _____

Unit: _____ Council: _____

Nombre, título y opción de cena:

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Enviar formulario completo y comprobar, a nombre de Fourth District PTA a:

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Erin Jenks a banquets2@fourthdistrictpta.org



2016 California State PTA Convention Registration and Hotel Reservations Now Open!

We are going to have a great time this year in San Diego and we can't wait to see you all there!

Hotel reservations are now being taken for the Town and Country resort as well, don't forget to make your reservation after registering for convention.

2016 Convention Leadership Scholarship Grants will be available again this year. Grant forms will be distributed to Council and Unit Presidents. The deadline for consideration will be Friday, February 26th. So get those applications in early!

Log onto www.capta.org to register for the 2016 California State PTA Convention at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in beautiful San Diego, May 4-7 2016. All Fourth District attendees are invited to a special event at Sea World on Thursday, May 5th. Sign up to attend this event at the same time as registration. Tickets are \$38 per person and will include dinner!



Lastly, check our own website www.fourthdistrictpta.org for up-to-the-minute details on convention planning and contact information for any questions you have regarding convention.

Questions? Contact Chrystie Adams: convention@fourthdistrictpta.org



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