

# The UACT Chronicle

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## President's Message

### *Welcome Back and Ready to Move Forward*

Welcome back, UACT! I hope that your summer was restful and enjoyable and that your school year has gotten off to a great start. As always, UACT is here to serve you should you ever have any questions, concerns or issues. On the back of this sheet you will see the names and emails of those who represent you and to whom you can always feel free to reach out should the need arise.

Since last year, UACT has continued the conversation with the District regarding our position that the District should obtain an assessment from a retirement services agency on the possibility of offering an early retirement incentive plan to our members as a means of saving the District money by allowing those on the cusp of retirement to retire earlier than they had anticipated. The District has responded to say that they will call out for such an assessment in mid-September once staffing is set and they have reliable information for the agency to do number-crunching. We will keep you posted as things proceed.

For those of you planning ahead, CTA's Good Teaching Conference is scheduled for March 16-18. Last year UACT was able to fully fund and send nine teachers to the conference and we plan to do the same this year. As registration is not yet open, please be on the lookout for information from UACT in the coming months as to when we will then begin accepting commitments from members to attend.

I look forward to meeting with you all when I come around to your school during an upcoming lunchtime site visit (check with your site rep for the date) or at any of our upcoming "Coffee On UACT" mornings or "Smoothie on UACT" afternoons where UACT will pick up the bill for your beverage (be on the lookout for a flyer on your school's UACT bulletin board for a list of dates and locations). I wish you all a pleasant and productive school year.

Sincerely,  
Randy

#### UACT Shirt Vote

Please visit the UACT website at [www.conejoteachers.com](http://www.conejoteachers.com) to vote for the shirt style that you would like made available. Your opinion matters.

## LA Times

### Teacher Appreciation Program: Read all about it

[From CTA]- As a token of their appreciation for all the wonderful work you do, the *LA Times* is offering a Teacher Appreciation program offering teachers more than a \$200 per year discount. For a flat rate of \$1 per year, teachers will receive the *LA Times* Sunday print edition, unlimited digital website access, and will be sent the daily electronic edition. The same offer applies for \$2 over a 2-year term, and \$3 for a 3-year term. No auto renewals, no gimmicks – just a flat rate and a big "Thank you" to our California teachers who more than deserve it! Go to <http://la.tribpubdev.com/land-subscribe-teacher/> Happy reading!

### Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund

[From NEA]- Hurricane Harvey is having a devastating impact on thousands along the Gulf Coast, including educators just starting the school year. The NEA Foundation is accepting contributions to support NEA members affected by Hurricane Harvey, personally and at the schools where they work. If you'd like to make a contribution, go to [www.neafoundation.org/donate/](http://www.neafoundation.org/donate/) and select the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund as your gift designation. We will work with the appropriate NEA state affiliate(s) to disburse funds. Thank you for your support!



If you're a newly hired employee and an eligible CTA member, now's the time to get CTA-endorsed Disability and Life Insurance from Standard Insurance Company (The Standard). You have a special opportunity to get Disability Insurance and up to \$200,000 of Life Insurance without answering any health questions if you apply within 180 days of starting work. You can apply online at [www.standard.com/cta/newhire](http://www.standard.com/cta/newhire). These plans were created specifically for California educators and offer a number of great features including coverage for disabilities occurring on or off the job, access to the CTA Advisory on Endorsed Services, and the option to add Life Insurance coverage for your spouse/domestic partner and children with your Life Insurance. The Standard is the only Disability and Life Insurance provider endorsed by CTA and was selected for their financial stability, integrity and commitment to serving CTA members. Don't miss this opportunity.

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