



CALIFORNIA SCHOOL NUTRITION ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

Dear SCSNA Members and Colleagues,

Life often has a way of reminding us of our purpose, whether through challenges, moments of reflection, or small victories along the way. It's in these moments that we find clarity and gratitude for the opportunities we've been given to create change and inspire others. This year has been a powerful reminder for me personally of the importance of finding purpose in life, the work we do and the people we serve.

I am incredibly grateful for all of you—your dedication, innovation, and passion are the heart of our efforts. Whether you're incorporating "Food as Medicine" into your programs, embracing "Going Fresh" with whole, local foods, or finding new ways to uplift your teams and students, your work matters. The impact you make each day is inspiring and a true testament to the power of purpose-driven leadership.

As we continue forward, I encourage you to find gratitude in even the smallest moments—the smile of a student enjoying a meal, a team member going above and beyond, or the opportunity to connect with this amazing community. Gratitude has a way of shifting our perspective and reminding us why we do what we do, even on the hardest days. I'm especially grateful to have recently welcomed my beautiful baby boy, Kiyon Maurice Briggs, into the world. This new chapter in my life has deepened my perspective on the importance of nurturing and providing for others, both at home and in the work we do as child nutrition professionals.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to this mission and for being a part of something bigger than any one of us. Together, we are making a difference, and I am so grateful to be on this journey with each of you.

With gratitude,
Candice Crump-Briggs, MS, RD
President, Southern California School Nutrition Association - Chapter 1



SCSNA Chapter 1

January 31st Meeting Agenda

Castaway

1250 E. Harvard Rd.
Burbank, CA 91501

8:00-9:00 a.m.

Registration & Breakfast

9:00-9:45 a.m.

Opening: Nancy Wikes, President-Elect
Flag Salute: Tania Lafaille- Valley Produce
Welcome: Tony Roberts, Tony Roberts Company
New Member & Guest Introductions

9:45-10:00 a.m.

Fiona Ma, CPA -California State Treasurer

10:00-10:15 a.m.

Business Meeting: Emmalyn Coles, Past President

10:15-10:30

Break

10:30-11:15

New Beginnings-State Fiscal and Policy Update, January 2025
Lee Angela Reid - CSNA Legislative Advocate

11:15-12:00 p.m.

District Highlights from SoCal Districts
Lissette Rooney - Lawndale Elementary School District

12:00-1:00 p.m.

Lunch & Closing Remarks

Lunch

Little Gem Caesar Salad
Rosemary Bistro Filet or Pan Seared Salmon
Herb Roasted Potatoes
Grilled Broccolini
Mini Dessert Station

Plated vegetarian option:
Sautéed Broccolini & Crispy Tofu

PAST EVENTS

Mission Inn Holiday



The Venue
Mission Inn

Sara Maragni and
Naoni Shadwell



Candice Crump and
Suzanne Villedrouin



PAST EVENTS

FUNDRAISER

Rich Wood,
Eddie Torres and
Brianba Slaven



Speaker
Reena Vokoun



Speaker
Kristin Hilleman



MEETING MINUTES

Southern California School Nutrition Association
Chapter #1 SCSNA Meeting
December 20, 2024
Mission Inn Riverside, CA
MINUTES



Agenda		Comments & Action
Business Meeting Called to Order at 9:24am		
<p><u>Min.1/SCSNA#1</u> <u>welcome, opening remarks, flag salute, Inspiration, & new member introductions</u></p> <p>Nancy Wikes, President-Elect</p>		<p>Flag Salute: Diana Mendoza, Wild Mike's</p> <p>Welcome & Inspiration: Chris Long, Long Legacy Brokerage</p> <p>Every chapter is an opp to change and improve. Reflection: recollect about a challenge or worry from this same time last year. Does it seem less significant now? Did it resolve over time? Today's challenges will also pass and allow for fresh opportunities. Let's work to continue to work to serve our students and communities.</p> <p>New Member & Guest Introductions</p>
<p>Min.2/SCSNA#1</p> <p>Candice Crump President</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expecting a child in a few months. Taking time for ourselves and those around us to take care of one another. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Focusing on fresher, better for you. ○ Nancy will step in as interim while she is away on parental leave. E-board will support Nancy. Passionate and commitment inspire her.
<p>Nancy Wikes, President -Elect</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Katrina Butler lost her home in a devastating house fire. QR code if you want to support. Just an announcement in case anyone would like to help. ● David Durkin passed - retired director at San Gabriel USD. 10/94 through July 2014. An advocate involved with legislation and the association. ● Introduced a new segment to our member meetings: "District Highlight"! This segment is designed to showcase the incredible work being done across our districts.
<p>Lissette Rooney, Recording Secretary</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call for submissions regarding innovative practices from member districts. This will be to highlight the work that we are all doing together - school districts, industry partners and other partner agencies. ● September Business Meeting Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Linda Scaletta motions to approve ○ Kristin Hilleman 2nd ○ Ayes: ○ Nays: 0 <p>Motions carries at 9:32am</p>
<p>Victor Trejo, Corresponding Secretary</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No Report

MEETING MINUTES

<p>Linda Scaletta, Treasurer</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● July and August Treasurer’s report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No questions
<p>Casey Robertson, Marketing Chair</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lilyanna Montenegro, District Nutritionist at Yucaipa Calimesa Joint USD is covering for Casey ● Nourish to Flourish rebranding for I Love my School Lunch Hero <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Categories for entry: Art, poetry and short story ○ Submission categories: K-4, 5-8, 9-12 & SPED ○ Contest opens next month. Submissions due March 28, 2025. ○ Winners announced in April 2025. Submissions must be uploaded. Students may only submit in one category. ○ Judges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ If you would like to volunteer as a judge, reach out to Lilyanna and Casey. Kristy Harding, Integrated & Cinthya Cheung for their support with development
<p>Megan Moore, By Laws & Rules/ Parliamentarian</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report.
<p>Michelle (Missy) Poirer, Nominating Chair</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carla Lyder presenting on Missy’s behalf. ● Reminder: looking for a few good people to participate in the org. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Looking for folks willing to dedicate their talent, abilities, charm and smiles to this org. Four on the committee. The org is great because of each one of you.
<p>Paula Parvinjah, Ways and Means</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● QR code for opportunity drawing on the table & on the slide. ● Closes at 12:00pm today. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In addition to our opportunity drawing, you have another opportunity to win. We received a generous donation from the Popcorn Man of a hand blown and individually painted Santa. ● Opportunity Drawing in September: Raised \$980 minus fees. Winner took \$442.42. Winner was Navil Vasquez, Supervisor from Corona-Norco.
<p>Claudia Martinez, Membership Chair</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report.
<p>Artie Ayon, Editorial & Publications</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report.
<p>Liz Estavillo Valdez, Public Information</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report.
<p>Mayra Trejo, Registration Chair; Suzy Sayre, Registration Co-Chair</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report.
<p>Suzanne Villedrouin, Facilities Chair</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No report.

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<p>Fausat Rahman-Davies, <i>Professional Development</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today's meeting was approved for 1.5 CEUs.
<p>Michael Burns, MS, RD, <i>Nutrition Advisor</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NAC for Students at CSNA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you to Tyson, Rivaz, Kellanova, National Food Group, Tasty Brands, Tasty Nadas, General Mills, ES Foods, Rich's, Ardella's, The Platinum Packaging Groups, Wild Mike's, Buena Vista Foods, Rich Chicks ○ Students loved: Ardella's Deluxe 4 Cheese Pizza, ES Foods Chicken Quesadilla, Integrated Spicy Taco Sticks, Kellanova Buffalo Cheez-it, Rich Chicks Mango-Hal Meatball, Rich's Doughnut Bite, Tasty Brands Buffalo Chicken Eggroll, Tasty Nada Apple-Cin Nada, Tyson Breaded Beef Bites, Wild Mike's Cheese Pizza, Zee Zees Pear Cup ○ Appreciation for everyone who made it possible.
<p>Nicole Maldonado, <i>Industry Chair</i> Tania Lafaille, <i>Industry Co Chair</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fundraiser was a huge success. The World Series happened at the same time. • Raised \$68k. Profit was \$44,691.64. Entire amount of profit used to sponsor members to attend Legislative Action Conferences (Sacramento & Washington, D.C.). • Thank you to sponsors and planning committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VIP Sponsors - Bernier Refrigeration Generations, Gold Star Foods, Pro Reps West, Curate ○ Let's Party Sponsors- Food Safety Systems, Long Legacy Brokerage, Integrated Food Service, Sunrise Produce, Buena Vista Foods, Valley, Driftwood Dairy, General Mills, Ardella's ○ Dance the Night Away: KLH, Chef's Toys, Utility, Michael B's Food Products, Tasty Brands, Affinity Group, Avanti, EMC, EFG, Cool Tropics, Peterson Farms, GA Systems, Wild Mike's, Action Sales, The Platinum Packaging Group, Land O'Lakes, Dedicated Food Service ○ Rock on Sponsors: Tony Roberts Company, Primero Edge, School Cafe
<p>Naomi Shadwell, <i>Legislative Chair</i> Kristina Kraushaar, <i>Co-Legislative Chair</i></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship/Sponsorship Awardees for Sacramento & Washington DC • 10 people applied and will receive full sponsorship. • This allows people to advocate for our programs. 1/3 of the state legislature is new. Will be great to share with them about child nutrition. • Have some new congress members for Washington, DC • Sponsorship awardees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Washington DC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jamie Ginsburg Kristin Hilleman Kathy Soleimani Sacramento: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anna Scimone

MEETING MINUTES

		<p>Brittney Rodriguez Fausat Rahman-Davies Maria Rangel Sara Maragni Stephanie Zeringue Soniya Perl</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC Washington, D.C.: A few registration spots available for DC. JW Marriott is full. Other hotels available nearby.
Tony Roberts, <i>Photo Historian</i>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report
Min.1/SCSNA#1		<p>Past President, Emmalyn COles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Report.
<p>Motion to End the Business Meeting: 9:</p> <p>1.) Gina Fero</p> <p>2.) Chris Long</p> <p>Business Meeting Adjourned at 10:14am</p>		
Adjournment:		<p>Recording Secretary Signature:</p> <p><i>Lissette Rooney</i></p> <p>12/20/24</p>

Southern California School Nutrition
Association Presents

Nourish to Flourish

A Story of School Nutrition Champions 2025

Submit art, poetry or a short story to recognize and celebrate the achievements of your school nutrition professionals by highlighting the vital role of the school nutrition team. 12 Winners will be selected & recognized (1 per category per grade group). Trophies will be awarded to both the individual student and the respective school nutrition team.

Grade Level:	Categories:	Prize (Student):
K-4		
5-8	Art, Poetry, Story	\$100
9-12	Art, Poetry, Story	\$100
SPED	Art, Poetry, Story	\$100
	Art, Poetry, Story	\$100

For more contest information on eligibility, guidelines, and privacy policy please refer to the link below:
“CLICK HERE FOR FULL DETAILS”

To submit your entry, use
the QR Code or Click Below!



If you have any questions,
email southerncsna@gmail.com





Rialto

CONNECTIONS TO EDUCATION



Through this program, students gain a deeper understanding of where their food comes from and the effort involved in growing it. This hands-on experience fosters a greater appreciation for the meals served in their cafeterias, encouraging them to make mindful choices and helping to reduce food waste.

RIALTO MIDDLE SCHOOL HYDROPHONIC GARDEN

Students in Rialto Middle School's Environmental Literacy program are collaborating with Rialto Nutrition to bring fresh, healthy options to our cafeterias. By utilizing their school garden and innovative hydroponic units, they are growing fresh lettuce right in the cafeteria. This hands-on partnership empowers students to contribute to sustainable practices while providing nutritious, locally grown produce for their peers.



HEALTHY MEALS SUMMIT



USDA Healthy Meals Summit
Las Vegas 2024



Rialto's Farm to Cafeteria program shined bright at the #HMIFallSummit! With a standing room only crowd, Lead Child Nutrition Agent Fausat Rahman-Davies kicked off the presentation, followed by Agent of Science and Career Programs Juanita Chan-Roden, who kept the audience engaged. Acting Superintendent Dr. D'Souza spoke about the vital connection between nutrition and education. Miss Staci Okuno, along with 7th grader Aby Caldera and 8th grader Emma Garcia, highlighted the powerful cafeteria-to-classroom connection. Proud to showcase how our nutrition and education services are nurturing healthier futures!

Southern California Chapter 1
School Nutrition Association

We're Looking For

- President Elect
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Nominating Committee



[Contact Nominating Committee](#)




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www.eatsmart2besmart.org

In Memory of
Lynnelle Grumbles



AUGUST 1959 - DECEMBER 2024




Lynnelle was a kind and humble leader throughout her 35-year career, dedicated to directing Child Nutrition Programs and advocating for equal access to nutritious meals for all students.

As a former president of the California School Nutrition Association, Lynnelle took on numerous leadership roles within the organization. Her remarkable contributions to child nutrition earned her various awards, including the National Outstanding Director of the Year honor from the School Nutrition Association in 2006 and the Administrator of the Year award for Visalia Unified School District in 2013.

Throughout her career, Lynnelle held positions at Valley Care & Guidance Center, Kaweah Delta District Hospital, Cutler-Orosi Unified School District, Kingsburg Elementary School District, Visalia Unified School District, and the Santa Clarita Valley School Food Service Agency. She retired in December 2019 as Chief Executive Officer of the Santa Clarita Joint Powers Authority (JPA) and Chairperson of the Super CoOp.

In addition to her administrative roles, Lynnelle taught at Fresno City College and CSU Fresno in the Food Science and Technology Department and mentored dietetic interns through programs at CSU Fresno and Porterville Developmental Center. She also served as West Regional Director on the National Board of Directors of the School Nutrition Association and was an active member of both the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the California Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

She is survived by her husband Randy Grumbles,
daughters Amanda and Lauren,
and three grandchildren.



2026 Cultural Exchange Trip *Antarctica*

Tentative Dates

March 12-27 OR

March 20- April 5, 2026



Featured Stops:

•10 Day Antarctic Cruise
featuring: wildlife landings, whale watching,
majestic scenery, & lots of penguins

•Buenos Aires City Tour

•Rio de Janeiro OR Iguazu Falls

Contact:

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Pricing To Be Determined
Deposits will be required early





SCSNA Registration Reminders

- NO registration at the door.
- RSVP for every meeting, even if you are pre-paid for the year.
- If you do not receive a registration confirmation, confirm your registration with the Registration Chair at mtrejo@lahabraschools.org.
- RSVP is a commitment to pay. If you cancel after the RSVP deadline or do not attend the meeting, payment is still required.
- Mail checks to:
Mayra Trejo (SCSNA Registration Chair)
La Habra City School District
500 N Walnut St
La Habra, CA 90631
- After you RSVP..... attend the meeting! Enjoy networking with colleagues. It's a great way to spend the day!

JOB OPENINGS [AT]



LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Supervisor, Nutrition Services



NUTRITION SERVICES DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Whittier Union High School District



"...to achieve and maintain excellence..."



BENEFITS

WE ARE

HIRING!

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