# **SANTA ROSA** PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS



#### **March Calendar**

1st AAE Educational Grant Applications due

12th School Board Mtg. 9: 00 AM

12th SRPE Exec. Board Mtg. 4:30 PM

18th - Spring Break 22nd

25th Blood Drive

Central, Gulf Breeze Schols, HNP

25th/ AR Meeting & Ballots
26th due for District Reps

29th Everyday Hero Noms. Due

# I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the hard-er I work, the more luck I have. Thomas Jefferson

# Attention SRPE Facebook Members:

Stay informed of education issues with daily updates on our SRPE FB page. Become a contributor on our private FB group page for educational and local school updates.





### **Association Update**

We continue to grow in membership! Please continue to speak with your coworkers in stepping up and becoming a part of improving benefits, working conditions and salaries for all. With increasing membership, objectives and goals are accomplished.

Social Media is a mixed bag. It is a tool to promote causes, share celebrations, seek like minds, discuss issues and events, debate, and so much more. It can also be a tool used for criticism and to throw employees into the court of public opinion. As educators, we've seen this all too often. Recently there have been several posts and/or videos that caused many sleepless nights for some of our school employees. The gut reaction may be to respond by sharing the 'rest of the story' by way of explanation.

It is strongly recommended that as a SRPE member, you do not need to share your truth in any form (on social media, email, conversation, administrative request or in an administrative meeting) without first consulting with our attorney. We cannot stress this to members enough. Add our contact information into your phone. We are just a call away.

All members should have received your Certificate of Professional Liability Insurance. This policy is part of your SRPE membership benefits AND your SRPE policy is deductible free! It is comforting to know you have insured your livelihood for you and your family. If you have not received a copy of your certificate, please contact the SRPE office at <a href="mailto:srpe.office@srpeducators.com">srpe.office@srpeducators.com</a>.

In Unity

#### In the News...

#### <u>Proposed School Board Limits Are</u> <u>Moving Through the House</u>

A new poll released in the committee shows term limits are widely popular with the general public, with an over 70 percent approval even in rural counties. Even with those numbers, a rift started developing in the committee.



Under **NO** circumstances should employees alter dates or signatures on district forms. Doing so places you in jeopardy.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to SRCSD

SCHOOL RELATED EMPLOYEE
OF THE YEAR

#### **Kay Downs**



#### Who is your EVERYDAY HERO?

Heroes are the dreamers, those men and women who try to make the world a better place than when they found it. Heroes are made by the paths they choose. We touch the lives of students in Santa Rosa County by providing hope and confidence. We inspire, motivate, and encourage the youth of Santa Rosa County to excel. SRPE members exercise the real power by transforming young lives, and we're doing it every day!

Who among your SRPE colleagues is your *Everyday Hero*? **Nominations are due to SRPE by March 29th.** 

#### **SRPE Trust Scholarship**

The SRPE Trust Scholarship was established to assist our members' graduating seniors in furthering their education. Four graduating seniors are awarded a \$800.00 scholarship to help defray their educational expenses. Scholarship applicants must return their application no later than April 1st to be considered. Graduating senior must have a parent or legal guardian that is a current dues paying member of SRPE to qualify.

#### **SRPE Intervenes for Members**

- Member receives an evaluation while on leave of absence.
- Pay corrections
- Employees subpoenaed and/or called in to submit written statements

And more...

# SRPE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATIONS FOR UPCOMING ELECTION

District I- Jo Lynn Wiley
District II- Tamela Strickland
District III- Carol Rich, Nina Voelker
District IV- Diane Evans
District V- Ruth Blackman
District VI- Andrea Gutshall
District VII- Landra McCrary
District VII- Bonni Billings

SRPE DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS-ALL SRPE MEMBERS ENCOURGED TO VOTE

Elections will take place at your worksite Monday, March 25 and/or March 26- Please contact your worksite's AR for voting date(s), time(s), and location. If you do not know who your worksite AR is, please contact us at:

srpe.office@srpeducators.com

#### **AAE 2018 Grant Winners**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO...** 

Bonni Billings at HNP AND Meredith Powers at BES!

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