Reflections

Where do I begin or shall I say end?

This past year, as CASTO State President, has been very rewarding and enjoyable. If you told me I would become the State President of CASTO again for a third term several years later, I would not have believed you. As is true for many of us in this business, as we get older, we think about slowing down and looking ahead towards retirement. I am on that path, but I love CASTO and it helped me get to where I am today. CASTO is what it is today because of wonderful people like you. Hats off to our industry suppliers. Without their continued support, CASTO and our industry, would not be where we are today. This also includes, CASTO Life Members, Past Presidents, Honorary Members, Chapter Presidents, Chapter Officers, the Executive Board, Special Representatives, CDE/Office of School Transportation, members, etc. Everyone working together has gotten us to where we are today. We are truly a great team!

Looking forward to the newly elected State Board, Tony, Matt, Mike, Amanda, Christina and Angeles. I am excited to mentor them, have a successful Conference, Roadeo’s and Mechanic’s Workshop.

I am very glad my life took the CASTO path and I thank each of you for the excellent job you do to keep children safe in the yellow school bus.

It has been a great ride!

Pam McDonald, 2018-2019 State President
More Important News

Roadeo time! The State Roadeo Committee is ready for the upcoming State Roadeo’s. State Roadeo Chair, Doug Smith, and Vice Chair, Antonio Perez, have secured the sites and looking forward to an amazing year of competition. Hope to see you out there.

The Mechanics & Maintenance Supervisor Workshop and Trade Show is July 25 & 26, 2019 at Tahoe Truckee Unified School District, Transportation Facility 12485 Joerger Dr, Truckee, CA. Program co-chairs, Tony Lavezzo and Justin Gregori have put together a great program for both mechanics and supervisors. This Workshop provides an outstanding opportunity for mechanics to interact with each other while receiving quality technical training.

There are two categories for the “CALIFORNIA’S BEST” competition. One is Technician and the other is Inspector. Mechanics can enter into either competition, the winner of each category (must be CASTO member) will represent California at the National Association of Pupil Transportation (NAPT) annual conference and compete in the “AMERICA’S BEST” competition. CA Best Chair is Phil Medved and incoming Chair is Kevin Sellstrom.

The 3rd edition of Access and Mobility book is published thanks to First Vice President and Committee chair, Tony Peregrina, along with his committee. It is available for purchase on www.castoways.org, CASTO store.

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