

2018 – 2019 Burbank Council PTA Installation of Officers Ceremony

We are gathering here today for the installation of the 2018-2019 Burbank Council PTA officers. I am performing this installation as a long-time PTA supporter. You see, I will be installing my wife, Carol Briggs today. I'm Mike Briggs and I've supported her through two stints of elementary PTA presidencies, 1 middle school stint and now her second year as Council President. That doesn't include the years as treasurer, auditor, fundraising VP, financial secretary and on and on. So, I feel qualified as a long-term PTA support-HER.

As I call your name, please come forward and line up in this order:

Chris Molaro, Parliamentarian
Judy Crivelli, Historian
Teresa Marasek, Auditor
Wendi Harvel, Financial Secretary
Kristina Balos, Treasurer
Aylin Ghookhassian, Corresponding Secretary
Michelle Means, Recording Secretary
Lori Little, 3rd VP Legislation & Advocacy
Vivian Morales, 2nd VP Membership
Amy Kamm, 1st VP Leadership
Carol Briggs, President

This moment becomes the starting point for your new officers as they begin their service. This installation will help to provide them with the tools necessary to perform their jobs.

The author Anne Lamott once said, "It's funny: I always imagined when I was a kid that adults had some kind of inner toolbox full of shiny tools: the saw of discernment, the hammer of wisdom, the sandpaper of patience. But then when I grew up I found that life handed you these rusty bent old tools – friendship, prayer, conscience, honesty – and said 'do the best you can with these, they will have to do.' And mostly, against all odds, they do."

Today I'm providing you with brand new tools to help you in your task as Burbank Council PTA offices.

[Parliamentarian; Chris Molaro] – COMBINATION SQUARE – This tool was invented in the 1880's. The combination square can be used to lay out or check right and 45° angles. It can even be used to check the right angles of bylaws and standard rules.

As Parliamentarian, Chris Molaro will help keep Council moving in a straight line and deal with every angle in-between.

[Historian, Judy Crivelli] – SQUARE SHOVEL – The square shovel is ideal for scooping and measuring material. But like any tool, its efficiency depends on you. Start with the shovel perpendicular to the soil and use your weight and leg muscles—not your arms—to drive it down. To toss dirt, hold the shovel close and keep your forward hand on the blade socket. Bend both knees. If you're right-handed, point your left foot in the direction of the toss. The square-head design makes this shovel ideal for


scooping debris and measuring material. When using it to place concrete, work the back of the blade against the inside surface of a slab form to consolidate concrete there. The long, flat blade is also handy for popping drywall off walls during demolition.

As Historian, Judi Crivelli will use her shovel to accumulate and measure the volunteer hours of our association members. There will be lots! Last year our unit and Council volunteers accumulated over 77,926.25 hours. When multiplied by the hourly rate of \$24.69, that's a total of \$1,923,999.10 in volunteer time donated by Burbank PTA members.

[Auditor, Teresa Marasek] – SAFETY GLASSES - DIY projects may come and go, but you won't get a second shot at good vision—protecting your eyes should be your first priority. Opt for high-impact safety glasses over those rated "basic impact." For maximum protection, wear high-impact goggles because they cover more of your face and the area around your eyes.

As our Council Auditor, Teresa Marasek will use her excellent vision to make sure the books are in good shape at Council AND unit levels.

[Financial Secretary, Wendi Harvel] – WORK GLOVES - Leather gloves have been worn by people for thousands of years. The unique properties of leather allow for both a comfortable fit and useful grip for the wearer. The grain present on the leather and the pores present in the leather gives the gloves the unique ability to assist the wearer as they grip an object. As soft as a leather glove may be, its pores and grain provide a level of friction when "gripped" against an item or surface.



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A common use for leather gloves is sporting events. In baseball, a baseball glove is an oversized leather glove with a web used for fielding the ball. Leather gloves are also used in handball, cycling, and American football.

Early Formula One racing drivers used steering wheels taken directly from road cars. They were normally made from wood, necessitating the use of driving gloves.

Leather gloves provide protection from occupational hazards. For example, beekeepers use leather gloves to avoid being stung by bees. Construction workers might use leather gloves for added grip and for protecting their hands. Welders use gloves too for protection against electrical shocks, extreme heat, ultraviolet and infrared.

Criminals have been known to wear leather gloves during the commission of crimes. Gloves are worn by criminals because the tactile properties of the leather allow for good grip and dexterity. These properties are the result of a grain present on the surface of the leather. The grain makes the surface of the leather unique to each glove. Investigators are able to dust for the glove prints left behind from the leather the same way in which they dust for fingerprints.

However, in the case of our Financial Secretary, Wendi Harvel, her leather gloves will help protect her hands as she gathers the abundance of payments, financial forms and other documents as come to her “through channels” and either deposits it, stores it, or passes it on to First District.

[Treasurer, Kristina Balos] – FLASHLIGHT - A flashlight is useful for more than emergency power outages. Select a freestanding swivel-head model for brightening dark work areas. Choose one with a built-in magnet to adhere to pipes, steel beams or the inside of an appliance that you are repairing. While a Headlamp is used to light the area ahead.

Treasurer Kristina Balos will shine a light on the finances of the organization. This head mounted version will leave her hands free for writing checks and completing Warrant Forms. Reports will be created, budgets may be modified, but Kristina will make our finances ‘bright’.

[Corresponding Secretary, Aylin Ghookhassian] – DUCT TAPE - During World War II, Revolite (then a division of Johnson & Johnson) developed tape made from a rubber-based adhesive applied to a durable duck-cloth backing. It came only in army green and was originally called DUCK tape.

Because of its waterproofing abilities, soldiers began using it on ammunition casings. They began using it for repairing jeeps, guns, and aircraft. Due to its waterproof nature, strength, and built in adhesive, they even began using it as a temporary means to close up wounds in emergencies; similar to another Johnson & Johnson product as medical tape.

When the soldiers of WWII came home, the tape was used as a means to connect heating and air conditioning ducts in newly built homes. The name changed to DUCT tape and the color changed from army green to silver. Although Duct tape is now prohibited from that use, the name has ‘stuck’ around.

It has been said that: “One only needs two tools in life: WD-40 to make things go, and duct tape to make them stop.”

Corresponding Secretary Aylin Ghookhassian will help tie up some loose ends. As Corresponding Secretary, she will share any correspondence received by Council but will also provide presidents with the agenda and handouts if they miss a meeting. That’s stick-to-it-ive-ness!

[Recording Secretary - Michelle Means] – UTILITY KNIFE - A utility knife cuts drywall, slices string and duct tape and sharpens carpenter's pencils. What more utility could you want? Okay, better blade storage. But advanced designs have swing-out blade loading, as opposed to a cranky, hollow, two-piece body.

As Recording Secretary, Michelle Means will use her handy-dandy Utility Knife to cut through all the noise and record the necessary dialog, motions and votes in our Council minutes for Executive Committee, Association and Board meetings.

[3rd VP Legislation Advocacy, Lori Little] – LADDER - Ladders are ancient tools and technology. A ladder is featured in a Mesolithic rock painting that is at least 10,000 years old, depicted in the Spider Caves in Valencia, Spain. The painting depicts two humans using a ladder to reach a wild honeybee nest to

harvest honey. The ladder is depicted as long and flexible, possibly made out of some kind of grass. Today's extension ladders range in length from 16 to 40 feet, put most projects safely within reach. Of course, Council PTA is always striving to reach new heights.

This year Lori Little, as our Third VP - Legislation and Advocacy will continue to provide our local members with information about PTA positions on current legislation and issues. However, her *toughest* assignment may be as Chair for the Council's Parcel Tax Study Committee which requires getting Barbara Miller, Amy Kamm, Carol Briggs and other committee members in the same room at the same time – a truly Herculean effort! Stand tall Lori!

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But remember: No amount of fundraising can have as much impact as a single piece of legislation.

[2nd VP – Membership, Vivian Morales] – ALLEN WRENCH - Also known as hex keys, Allen wrenches are not wrenches in the conventional sense but are more like screwdrivers, as they fit inside the fastener head rather than surrounding it. An Allen wrench is L-shaped with 6 sides, They're handy for Ikea-type furniture and bicycle repairs. The other most common way an Allen wrench is used is to pick a lock. Allen wrenches come in a range of sizes, so as long as you have one small enough to fit into a lock for which you've lost the key, you can use it to try to open the lock. Simply stick the end of the Allen wrench into the key tunnel and...sorry, I'm not going to teach you how to pick a lock!

For Council PTA, our Allen Wrench has a variety of sizes to support the membership peaks of each of our units. Large or small, Vivian Morales will be able to help and support them all as Second VP - Membership.

[1st VP – Leadership, Amy Kamm] - WD40 - There are a lot of good spray lubricants, such as Liquid Wrench and Jig-A-Lo, but the most iconic is WD-40. The name stands for Water Displacement 40th attempt, since it took inventor Norm Larsen, from San Diego, 40 tries to find a formula to stop metal corrosion by displacing the water that causes it. WD-40 removes adhesive, cleans bike parts, stops squeaks and loosens rusted bolts. And it has a few more unusual applications: Police once used it to remove a naked burglar stuck in an a/c vent.

In THAT case, spray lubricant helped keep things moving.

First VP – Leadership, Amy Kamm serves as the president's right hand and keeps the president in line. This women listens to Carol rant and rave, answers her questions and generally removes the 'squeaks'. Amy ALWAYS refers to CAPTA.org and the toolkit. An expert at all levels; available at all hours for text messages, emails and phone calls. A jack of all trades regarding social media, and she continues to assist and support in any way that's required.

Burbank Council PTA President, My wife, Carol Briggs – MAGIC SLIDERS – Magic Mover Furniture Sliders are a fairly new invention. They have enumerable uses. Protect your floors and make chores like painting or cleaning a breeze! Move heavy objects like armoires, loaded bookcases, entertainment

centers and appliances with ease. Use every day for tables, chairs, beds, sofas and more. Move up to 3200 pounds.

Sometimes things look like magic indeed. As Council President, Carol Briggs will use “Magic Sliders” and other ‘tricks’ to make tough work look easy. But the truth is, with the combined support and efforts of these officers and the chairpersons on Council, the things that will be accomplished this year will be amazing.

So, Burbank Council PTA Executive Committee for the 2018-2019 year, with your new tools in hand, you are now ready to assume the duties of your offices. I declare you duly installed.