

CTA 2010 campaign Update

Spotlight

CTA members, community organizations and other labor leaders are expected to join thousands of registered nurses in Sacramento on **Aug. 26** to mark the 90th anniversary of women securing the right to vote – and to protest billionaire California gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman, who “dishonors the legacy by having rarely voted much of her adult life and by advancing a Wall Street agenda which cares little for the needs of the most vulnerable among us, including women, children and working-class families.” The rally takes place on the West Steps of the State Capitol from 4 to 6 p.m. Come in period costume! If you can’t make it, take a look at this video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UATouX2njgM&feature=player_embedded >
by the Courage Campaign about Meg’s deplorable voting record.

This week’s challenge: Forward the video to 5 friends or post on your Facebook page.

Don’t Miss

If ever there was a call to action, it was in Dan Morain’s column <<http://www.sacbee.com/2010/08/22/2972927/brown-take-heed-whitman-is-winning.html>> in Sunday’s *Sacramento Bee*. Morain points to the millions being spent by Republican gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman – and suggests it might make a difference in November. In addition to spending *\$104 million* of her own money so far, Whitman is now contributing to the campaigns of her fellow Republicans in their races. “Unlike Democrats, Republicans see reason to hope that some of Meg Whitman’s mega millions, or at least her rich friends’ money, will flow their way and float their boats,” We can’t let Whitman buy this election.

Resources

CTA has three top priorities in the November election: Elect Jerry Brown as governor; elect Tom Torlakson as superintendent of public instruction; and pass Prop. 24, the Tax Fairness Act. Get information on these elections by clicking the Campaign Resources tab under the Election 2010 section <<http://www.cta.org/Issues-and-Action/Election-2010/Index.aspx>> in Issues and Action section at www.cta.org, or find materials under the Election Section at www.standupforschools.org.

Campaign News

CTA members who participated in the Summer Institute were able to meet and greet several of our recommended candidates, which included Kamala Harris (listen to what Kamala had to say: <<http://www.cta.org/About-CTA/News-Room/Media-Center/Video/2010/Kamala-Harris-2010.aspx>>), John Chiang, and Debra Bowen. In remarks before the closing session Friday morning, Tom Torlakson (<<http://www.tomtorlakson.com/>>) promised to work with CTA to restore funding to California's schools.