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Past President Margie Granado (BAE) meets with her first grade teacher, retiree Mary Lou Kilmer, at the Retiree Supplemental Health Plan (Trust Fund) meeting on January 29. Trust President David Lebow (retiree) reviewed the 20 year history of the Trust Fund.

Vote Tuesday Feb. 5!

The Presidential Primary is Tuesday, February 5. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can find your polling place at www.lavote.net.

The next president of the United States will have a major influence on the ESEA/NCLB reauthorization. CTA/NEA has not recommended a candidate at this time.

CTA recommends:

- **No** on Proposition 91 (Transportation Funding)
- **No** on Proposition 92 (Community College Funding)
- **Yes** on Proposition 93 (Term Limits)

For more information on CTA recommendations go to www.cta.org.

Blanche Chester Award For Teacher Advocacy

Paul McKernan	1992
Patricia Knapp	1993
Robin Gray Ballard	1994
Karen van der Baan	1995
Linda Moran	1996
Maria Cortes	1997
David Lebow	1998
Frank van der Baan	1999
Mary Dupuis	2000
Juan Gastelum	2001
JoAnn Barro	2001
Lois Wankovsky	2002
Pat Tonelli	2003
Betty Kirschner	2004
Sharon Ramirez	2005
Marcia Ugalde	2006
Walt Lowery	2007

Nominations Are Open for the *Blanche Chester Teacher Advocate Award*

Simply complete the form below and return it to the MTA office by **Friday, February 29**. This honor is awarded to individuals who demonstrate strong Bargaining Unit member advocacy at their site and throughout the Association. All nominees will be asked to complete an application and statement. In addition, the nominator will be asked to gather individual testimonials from colleagues on behalf of the nominee.

The Executive Committee will select three Blanche Chester finalists, who will be announced at the April 22 Council meeting. There will be one finalist each from the three levels: pre K-grade 4, grade 5-grade 8, and grade 9-adult. A committee of former Blanche Chester winners will determine the winner among the finalists. The announcement will be made at the May 20 Council meeting. *So take a moment and complete the form below and recognize an outstanding advocate.*

Nominate An Outstanding Teacher Advocate for the Blanche Chester Award
Return to the MTA office no later than Friday, February 29

I nominate _____ Site _____ for the Blanche Chester Award.
(Members of the 2007-2008 Executive Committee and previous winners are not eligible.)

Name _____ Site _____ Extension _____
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