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Garden Grove Education Association

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President: Tina Gustin-Gurney, Electronic AdNotes – November 6, 2015

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America's Veterans have served their country with the belief that democracy and freedom are ideals to be upheld around the world.
John Doolittle

We Honor the GGEA/GGUSD Veterans who have served their country valiantly!
Thank you for your service!

Join GGEA President at School Board mtgs. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Next School Board Meeting: ***November 17***
7:00 @ District Office, Fifth Floor

Mark your calendar!
November 13 – Annual GGEA Craft Fair @ GGEA
Click link: Craft Fair

Come and do your holiday shopping at the GGEA Office on Friday, Nov. 13. There will be treats and wonderful things to buy. Drop by and enjoy meeting other GGEA members!

Upcoming Committee Meetings @ GGEA
Join a GGEA Committee and get involved!
For more info email Tina
11/10 – Retirement
11/12 – New Teacher & Communications
11/19 – Special Education, Instruction and Professional Development
11/20 – Political Involvement

Bargaining
November 6
November 10
November 20
Wear GGEA Blue on Tuesdays to show your GGEA Pride.
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Algebra 1 Update
Math teachers met with GGEA leadership to express concerns about Algebra I placement. They shared why there were issues and gave suggestions for solutions. Tina and Armon attended the Math Department chair meeting as well. The chairs also expressed their concerns. The Office of 7-12 will be working with GGEA leadership to revisit Algebra I placement and working on ideas to help improve the process for all involved.

Consults
Consults are being formed or recalled to review current practices as well as examine textbook adoptions and future programs. GGEA works with the Offices of Instruction preparing lists of members who will serve on the consults. Sometimes a consult consists of members from each school, sometimes there is a range of teachers from around the district. Not everyone who wants to serve on a consult fit the criteria when designing the make up of a consult.

Members who do serve are reminded that they are representing others when giving their professional opinions. They are encouraged to ask questions and use professional judgment when making these important decisions. Consult members are responsible for sharing any information with other members at their site.

President Tina Gurney, attends all or part of the many consults as they work on their assignment. She shares any concerns with Monica and Lila. Furthermore, Tina listens to the many TOSAs who often are given the responsibility to plan and take charge of the consults.

If you have questions about consults, contact President Tina Gurney

Veteran's Day
oin your fellow Americans to honor and celebrate our Veterans On Wednesday, November 11 at the OC Fair Grounds. This yearly event will have music, entertainment, resources for Vets and free hot dogs! For more info click here: HonorVets

NEA Report
Within the NEA Board of Directors' town hall meeting, Presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton was introduced as the featured speaker seeking the NEA primary endorsement. To read this and more of what is going on with National issues, go to ggea.org and click on the NEA Board Report link.

Review:

How much time do you spend in IEP's?
GGEA's Special Education Committee is keeping track of the number of hours both General Education teachers and Special Education teachers attend IEP meetings. Please use the IEP tracker (available on the GGEA website) and send it via district mail to the GGEA office. Your input will help us find solutions the the number of IEPs that our members attend.

New Teachers
you're a newly hired CTA member this year, you may be eligible for a special, limited-time opportunity to apply for CTA-endorsed Disability and Life Insurance from Standard Insurance Company (The Standard).

If you apply within your first 180 days of starting your new job, eligible CTA members can get up to $200,000 of Life Insurance coverage without answering any health questions.

You can also apply for Disability Insurance, which can help with the everyday bills like your mortgage and utilities, that continue even when you can't work -- expenses that health insurance won't cover. The CTA-endorsed Disability Insurance plan was specially designed to address the gaps in coverage that many California educators face.

Remember, you only have 180 days to apply for this unique opportunity. Don't miss out.

For costs and further details of the coverage and this enrollment opportunity, including exclusions, benefit waiting periods, any reductions or limitations and the terms under which the policy may be continued in force, call The Standard's CTA Customer Service Department at 800.522.0406, or visit www.standard.com/cta/newhire to apply online.

Orange Service Center Trainings
GGEA is one of many locals who belong to the Orange Service Center. There are trainings for members at their site in Orange. They are free to members. Oct. 29 is about Special Education/IEP rights and responsibilities, January 14 is about the Smarter Balanced Digital Library, February 18 is Smarter Balanced Performance Tasks for Math and ELA, and April 27 is 21st Century Literacy and Student Engagement. Attending these workshops allows you to work with teachers from other districts and share ideas and compare notes. If you are interested see flyer here: OSCCtrainings

Attorney Available at the GGEA Office
GGEA provides its members with the opportunity to meet with an attorney for 30 minutes about non-job related issues free of charge. This is on a first come, first served basis. There are spaces available on the following afternoons: October 7, 21 and 28, 3:00-4:30. Please call the GGEA office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

Join the GGEA Facebook Page
To join, Facebook members search for "Garden Grove Education Association" and ask to join the group. Allow our administrators 24-48 hours to accept your request. If you are concerned about privacy, please make sure your own Facebook page has privacy settings adjusted before joining GGEA Facebook.

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