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# Garden Grove Education Association

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**President: Tina Gustin-Gurney, Electronic AdNotes October 3, 2014**

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I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers.  
L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables

### Upcoming Meetings

Committees meet monthly and welcome new members  
Join GGEA President at School Board mtgs. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
October 7 School Board Mtg. 7:00 @ District Office, 5th Floor

\*Through Oct. 31 Open Enrollment for  
The Standard Disability Insurance  
for more information:

[OpenEnrollment](#)

### Join us TODAY for a meet and greet!

October 3 GGEA First Friday 3:00-? @ Louie's on Main St. GG

- Oct. 9 SpEd Committee 3:30 @ GGEA
- Oct. 9 Communication/Advocate Committee 3:30 @ GGEA
- Oct. 13 The Standard Pizza Open House 3:00 @ GGEA
- October 14 Segments Mtgs. 3:30 @ GGEA
- Oct. 16 Rep/Principal Training 3:30 @ Edgar
- or
- Oct. 23 Rep/Principal Training 3:30 @ Bell
- Oct. 28 Rep Council 3:30 @ GGEA

### Bargaining

To show your support for the GGEA bargaining team,  
please wear green on days that we bargain.

October 9  
October 23  
October 30

### **NEW INFORMATION**

#### **The Advocate Online Newsletter**

GGEA's Award Winning newsletter, The Advocate, is now online! Take time to read some interesting articles about GGEA. Go to <http://www.ggea.org/documents/Advocate/2014-09Advocate.pdf> . If you would like to contribute any photos or stories, send an email to [advocate@ggea.org](mailto:advocate@ggea.org).

#### **K-8 Release Days**

If your release day happens to fall on a Wednesday, please know that you may use your full released time. You are not expected to collaborate on this day, unless you choose to do so. You will, however, be expected to attend any staff meetings after school hours.

#### **Check your Pay Stub**

We have been made aware that many teachers were not paid their full number of hours for attending Super Week Trainings. Please check your pay stub and let us know if you didn't receive your full compensation. Please make sure whenever you attend any training to sign in and write your ID number in order to have accurate records. Those that do not sign in or write in the ID number should expect a delay in payment.

#### **The Standard Disability Insurance**

If you need to ask further questions about The Standard Insurance offerings, there will be an information meeting at the GGEA Office on Monday, October 13 from 3:00-5:00. If you plan to join us, email [jennyg@ggea.org](mailto:jennyg@ggea.org) so we know how many pizzas to order.

GGEA will be sponsoring The Standard Disability Insurance open enrollment drive through October 31. Those members who did not sign up during the enrollment period as a new teacher will now be able to sign up without answering any medical questions. Teachers do not have state disability insurance and may purchase their own. The Standard is endorsed by CTA and has been utilized by many GGEA members. Go to: [OpenEnrollment](#)

#### **Jury Duty**

If you get a notice for Jury Duty and would like to postpone it until a school vacation period, you will be compensated the current substitute teacher rate for each day's service outside of the school year. Save the verification form from the court to turn in with the summons for reimbursement.

## **REMINDERS**

### **Attention: Gay/Straight Alliance Advisors and Interested Members**

CTA's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues Advisory Committee (GLBTIAC) is proud to present the sixth annual CTA conference addressing issues involving GLBT educators, students and community. This conference is open to all CTA members and will serve as a forum to discuss a variety of subjects affecting the entire membership and California's youth. Participants will have a variety of workshops to choose from. The conference is organized into three strands addressing the needs of the CTA Membership, the Students, and the Community. GGEA will sponsor members to attend this conference in San Diego on Nov. 15 and 16. If you are interested, please email [jennyg@ggea.org](mailto:jennyg@ggea.org) to have your name placed on the list.

### **CTA Voter Guide**

If you are interested in voting for candidates that support public education, like State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tom Torlakson, you can create a personalized voting guide by going to [www.cta.org.yourvoterguide.com](http://www.cta.org.yourvoterguide.com). You can find out which school board candidates are being endorsed by the local associations. Please share this information with your friends and family. Most importantly, make sure you get out and vote on November 4.

### **Dues Information**

For the 2012-2013 school year CTA increased the required local dues amount to \$170 per member per year to qualify for CTA arbitration assistance. GGEA wanted to be sure they conformed, not expecting issues but not wanting to be in a compromising position either. The dues at the time were \$160.00 so it was raised the \$10 per member per year (or \$1 per month).

This coming year, 2014-2015, CTA has decreased their dues \$3 per year per member (30c per month) and NEA has increased its dues \$1 per year per member (10c per month) for a net deduction of \$2 (20c per year). Dues for 2013-2014 were \$99.60 per month per member. 2014-2015 dues will be \$99.40 per month per member - all based on full time. Part-time (job share, preschool & optional part-time is lower by 10c per month (\$1 per year) and the leave of absence dues are less by 50c per year or 5c per month. If you have any questions please contact GGEA.

### **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 afternoon: October 8, October 22 and October 29 from 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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*Together Everyone Achieves More*

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