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**Garden Grove Education Association**  
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*President: Tina Gustin-Gurney, Electronic AdNotes, August 29, 2014*

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"My Favorite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September'  
because it actually tells you something."

Groucho Marx

***Upcoming Meetings***

Committees meet monthly and welcome new members  
Join GGEA President at School Board mtgs. 1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
September 16 School Board Mtg. 7:00 @ District Office, Fifth Floor

- \*September 9 Segment Meeting 3:30 @ GGEA
- \*September 11 Communications/Advocate 3:15 @GGEA
- \*September 15 Open Enrollment for  
The Standard Disability Insurance Kick off
- \*September 16 GGEA Board Mtg. 3:30 @ GGEA
- \*September 23 Rep Council 3:30 @ GGEA

***Bargaining***

Bargaining will resume in October.  
To show your support for the GGEA bargaining team,  
please wear green on days that we bargain.  
We will let you know the dates as we get closer to them.

***New Information***

**State Superintendent of Public Education**

Tom Torlakson will be holding a press conference at Santiago High School on September 18 at 3:30pm. It is being sponsored by the OC Labor Federation. Tom Torlakson is the CTA endorsed candidate for State Superintendent of Schools. GGEA Members are invited to

come and be a part of this occasion. GGEA would appreciate members being there wearing their GGEA shirts or blue. If you have further questions, email [president@ggea.org](mailto:president@ggea.org).

### **Refrigerators**

A proposal by the GGEA/GGUSD Heat Task Force last year was to allow mini refrigerators for teachers to keep drinks, ice, cold cloths, spray bottles and other approved items. The district will be sending out information today with specific guidelines to ensure safety. Please talk with your administrator to discuss how to make this work at your site if you choose to participate.

### **New Members**

GGEA welcomed over 80 new teachers at the New Teacher meeting. GGEA would like to reach out and assist these new members as they begin their work in GGUSD. If you are interested in joining our New Teacher Committee to welcome these new educators to Garden Grove, please e mail Tina at [president@ggea.org](mailto:president@ggea.org).

### **Faculty Advisory Committee**

If you would like GGEA to come and train your staff and administrator about starting an FAC at your site please call the GGEA office and leave the name of your school and a contact person. We can come to a staff meeting and take 15-20 minutes to give the training.

### **Evaluations**

If you are on the five year cycle for evaluations and are being told that the district notified your site that you are to be evaluated this year, check your records if you believe it has been less than five years. If there is an issue, please contact GGEA and we can look into your individual situation.

### **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: September 24, October 8 and October 22 from 3:00-4:30. Please call the GGEA office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

### **NEA Opening Bell**

NEA provides press briefings from all over the United States about education via e mail. You can learn about what is going on in Washington D.C. or Washington State. You can read about test scores being used for evaluations, or teachers refusing to give the MAP test in their area. To sign up go to [nea.custombriefings.com](http://nea.custombriefings.com)

## ***Reminders***

### **Fall Leadership**

If you are interested in learning more about being involved in GGEA or CTA, The Orange Service Center will be holding its annual Fall Leadership Training on Saturday, September 27 in Irvine. If you are interested in attending, please email [jennyg@ggea.org](mailto:jennyg@ggea.org) with your name, school, and email to be placed on a list. Reps will be given more information at Segment Meetings on September 9.

### **School Climate Survey Information**

At the Segment meeting on September 9, all reps in attendance will be given the results of the school climate survey that was taken by teachers last spring if 75% or more of the staff took the survey. GGEA will also be emailing a document to all members who have signed up for email from GGEA. Please ask your reps about the document as they will be getting more information at the segment meeting. Administrators will be given the information after members have received it.

### **Email Addresses**

Please check in with your rep to let him or her know whether or not you are getting AdNotes. If you know someone who is not receiving email from GGEA and would like to keep current with what is going on, please encourage them to sign up. (we must have your personal email address for these) Your rep has information.

### **TheStandard Disability Insurance**

GGEA will be sponsoring TheStandard Disability Insurance open enrollment drive beginning on September 15. Those members who did not sign up during the enrollment period as a new teacher will now be able to sign up without taking a medical exam. Teachers do not have state disability insurance and may purchase their own. TheStandard is endorsed by CTA and has been utilized many GGEA members. Reps will get more information at the September 9 Segment Meetings.

### **EPO Reminder**

Due to the issues that have been occurring with accessing doctors on the Blue Anthem website, effective on October 1, 2014, EPO members will have access to the PPO network because Blue Anthem was unable to fix the problem. This will be for the 2014-2015 school year only as we will continue to negotiate our health benefits. If you have questions, attend an open enrollment meeting at the district.

### **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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