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**Garden Grove Education Association**  
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*President: Tina Gustin-Gurney, Electronic AdNotes, January 9, 2015*

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***"Oil may run out, liquidity may dry up, but as long as ink flows freely,  
the next chapter of Life will continue to be written." Alex Morritt***

*Upcoming Meetings*

*Committees meet monthly and welcome new members*

*January 12 IPD*

*January 20 Community Action*

*January 27 Retirement*

***TODAY!!!!***

***GGEA First Fridays***

***Help welcome the New Year!***

***Join us for a meet and greet!***

***January 9th 3:30-? @ Azteca on Main Street in Garden Grove***

*January School Board Mtg is Jan. 20.*

*Schools asked to attend:*

*Grove, Bolsa, Lake, Ralston, Violette, Warren, Parkview, Stanley,*

*Simmons, Crosby, Evans, Cook and Morningside.*

*Contact Tina if you have any questions.*

**Release Day Choice**

K-8 teachers were given an option about keeping their scheduled release days, or giving up one or more and be paid the daily substitute rate of \$115. 7/8 teachers who opted out of their release day should have been paid on their November 26th paycheck. K-6 teachers will be either November 26, April 30 or June 30 depending on how many release days they gave up. Contact GGEA or the GGUSD Office of Personnel if you have questions.

**Attention Special Education Teachers**

GGEA Special Education Committee is asking members to fill out an IEP tracking form

and send it to the GGEA office via district mail. This will help the committee gather information that can be studied as to the time spend on IEPs. You can find the form at [ggea.org](http://ggea.org) under Member Resources.

### **Attention World Language Teachers**

GGEA is hosting a discussion for World Language Teachers on Monday, January 26 from 3:30-4:30. Come and share any ideas or issues you'd like to problem solve with others. If you have any questions, contact Tina Gurney.

### **Helping Our Community**

GGEA has partnered with the [H.O.P.E.](#) organization over the years. They serve as a family support center serving all of Orange County's disadvantaged families. Their three programs include Basic needs Program, Helping Women Succeed, and M&M youth mentor program. They are looking for new volunteers for these programs. Please contact H.O.P.E. at 714-539-4357 to donate your time or have your students volunteer.

### **The NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence Nominations**

Here's your chance to nominate an excellent educator for The NEA Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence. They're looking for educators with outstanding professional practice who advocate for the association, engage the community, exhibit professional development leadership, and pay attention to diversity. All affiliate awardees receive expenses-paid travel to the NEA Foundation's Salute to Excellence in Education Gala in Washington, DC. Five awardees are selected for The Horace Mann Awards for Teaching Excellence and receive \$10,000 each plus expenses-paid travel for themselves and a guest. The NEA Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence recipient, selected from the five, receives \$25,000 in cash and a personalized commemorative gift. Go to <https://www.neafoundation.org/pages/awards-resources> to fill out an online application. Hurry! Nomination Deadline is February 9, 2015.

### **School Board Meetings**

GGEA is asking our members to attend school board meetings this year to learn about GGUSD. We need to be informed of the decisions being made that may impact our profession and our students. Join President Tina Gurney to see presentations, see how decisions are made and learn about your district. Wear GGEA Blue! Get a handout from Tina when you are there to be in a raffle for a gift card. Thanks for being involved. See the list here: [SchoolBoardVisit](#)

### **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: January 14 and 21 from 3:00-4:30. Please call the GGEA office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

### **Join the GGEA Facebook Page**

[Click to join GGEA's Facebook 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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