



~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Garden Grove Education Association

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

President: Tina Gustin-Gurney, Electronic AdNotes, January 30, 2015

12966 Euclid Street #100, Garden Grove (714) 638-7480 www.ggea.org

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

In the depth of winter, I finally learned that within me there lay an invincible summer.
Albert Camus

*GGEA First Fridays
Join GGEA members for a meet and greet!
February 6th 3:00-?
The Brickhouse on Main Street in Garden Grove*

Upcoming Meetings
Join a GGEA Committee!

- Feb 2 Human Rights
- Feb 9 Instruction and Professional Development
- Feb 10 Segment Mtg. 3:30 @ GGEA
- Feb. 12 New Teacher/ Special Ed Teacher Meet and Greet 3:30@ GGEA
- Feb.12 Communications

January School Board Mtgs are February 3 and 17.
GGEA will be reading their bargaining proposals at the next meeting.
Schools asked to attend:
La Quinta, Fitz, Irvine, Allen, Anthony, Carrillo, Marshall,
Paine, Heritage, Newhope, Northcutt, Murdy
See Tina at the Board meeting to get a form for a raffle.
Contact Tina if you have any questions.

Paycheck

Check your check stub for your February paycheck. It will include your retro pay for salary as well as for previously attended in-services. It will include the 6% ongoing pay increase. This payment is based on your normal wages, and therefore, it appears on your regular check. Unfortunately, it affects your taxes on this one check. The checks are processed through the OC Dept. of Education, and therefore there are limitations on when extra or separate checks can be provided. If you believe your PD hours were not paid in full, check with payroll. We have been notified that some of you will receive

more in your next check that was not included in this check. The next paycheck will reflect any further money owed.

Read All About it!

The latest online publication of GGEA's Award Winning newsletter, The Advocate, is now available online. Go to ggea.org and read about Breakfast with Santa, President's Message, I Make a Difference Award winner, Early Childhood Education conference and a Latin convention. Thanks to our wonderful team for putting together a great magazine. If you have articles or ideas for articles, email advocate@ggea.org.

Math Pilot

Teachers who have been piloting the new math books this year are asked to fill out a very important survey. This information will be shared with the consult as they make the decision about which textbooks to adopt. Also, find out if there are any members on campus who are involved with the consult. Share with them any feedback you would like them to take into consideration.

GGEA Scholarships

GGEA offers scholarships to GGUSD seniors as well as to senior children of members. Counselors at the high schools have further information or go to ggea.org to download an application or click here: [2015GGEAScholarship](#)

Thank you Special Education Task Force

The Special Education Task Force included both special education and general education teachers from elementary, intermediate and high school as well as principals and district personnel. The team came up with both short term and long-term suggestions in addressing the needs of students with special needs and the teachers who serve them. GGEA appreciates all who have participated in this process.

Looking to Retire and Need Information?

The CTA Orange Service Center will be holding CALSTRS Retirement Workshops for members on February 21, March 21 and May 16 in Orange. The workshops cost \$10. Please see the flyer for further information: [Iwant2Retire](#)

Reminders:

Tax Return Information

Remember, your professional association dues are tax deductible. The amount paid for GGEA/CTA/NEA dues for the 2014 tax year is posted here: [2014TAXES](#)

W-2 tax forms can be accessed through the Orange County Department of Education Information System website. To access the website, there is a link posted on ggea.org. For first time users:

Log-in: ten digit District Employee Identification Number

Password: Last four digits of District Employee ID Number immediately followed by the last four digits of your social security number.

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: [SchoolBoard](#)

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: February 11 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.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Together Everyone Achieves More

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Contact Information

GGEA President: Tina Gustin-Gurney

phone: 714-638-7480

fax: 714-638-9167

email: President- president@ggea.org

Executive Director-Jim Rogers- exec@ggea.org

Associate Staff Membership-Susan Kaylor- membership@ggea.org

Associate Staff Reception- Jenny Gonzalez- jennyg@ggea.org

website: www.ggea.org

~ ~ ~ ~ ~