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**Garden Grove Education Association**  
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President: Tina Gustin-Gurney, Electronic AdNotes March 27, 2015

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*I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I lived just the length of it.  
I want to have lived the width of it as well.  
Diane Ackerman*

**GGEA First Fridays**  
**Join GGEA members for a meet and greet!!**  
**April 3rd 3:00-?**  
**Louie's On Main St., Garden Grove**

**School Board Meeting April 21**

**Schools asked to attend:**  
**Pacifica, Hare, Bell, Jordan, Barker, Garden Park, Enders, Patton,**  
**Wakeham, Lawrence, Hill, Sunnyside, Post and TOSAs**

**See Tina at the Board meeting to get a form for our monthly raffle.**  
**Contact Tina if you have any questions.**

***Upcoming Committee Meetings***  
***April 13 Human Rights***  
***April 16 Communications***  
***April 23 IPD Webinar Part 3***

***Want to join a committee?***  
**Contact Tina for more info @ [president@ggea.org](mailto:president@ggea.org)**

**Professional Development Survey**

K-6 Instruction has sent a survey via Survey Monkey to all K-6 teachers to get their views on what PD is desired for Super Week as well as the two PD days at the beginning of next school year. Please take time to give your input. In 7-12, Department Chairs are getting information to bring to their departments for feedback for PD for next year's Super Week and two days of PD. Be sure to talk with your Department

Chair to give your input.

### **CTA IFT Grant**

Do you have a project at your site that can increase student achievement? Do you have a project that will impact at risk students? The CTA Institute for Teaching has established a competitive grant program for CTA members for teacher driven improvements for students and public schools. Grants are awarded up to \$5,000. One educator or a small team may apply. Go to <http://www.teacherdrivenchange.org> for more information. Deadline is April 30.

### **Weingarten Rights**

Your right to have union representation is now posted as a link on the ggea.org website for your easy reference. Please read and understand your rights. If you are called into a meeting, and do not feel comfortable about where it seems to be heading, you have the right to stop the meeting, and ask for a Rep. The meeting will resume once a site Rep is available to join the meeting. Call GGEA if you have any questions.

### **NEA April Wave of Action**

Stand up for learning, not testing! Please contact our two U.S. Senators. Go to <http://www.nea.org/timetoteach> to find out how to get involved in the discussion around too much testing and not enough learning.

### **The Standard Insurance Update**

The Voluntary Disability Insurance plan's premiums are based on the salaries of members who carry this insurance. The Standard will be modifying their salary bands. All members participating in the plan will receive explanations regarding any changes.

### **GGEA Office Contacts**

President Tina Gurney does not have a GGUSD email account. She can be reached at [president@ggea.org](mailto:president@ggea.org). Executive Director, Jim Rogers, may be reached at [exec@ggea.org](mailto:exec@ggea.org). Susan Kaylor is at [membership@ggea.org](mailto:membership@ggea.org) and Jenny Gonzalez is at [jennyg@ggea.org](mailto:jennyg@ggea.org)

**GGEA Spring Break Office Hours**  
**GGEA offices will be open during Spring Break,**  
**Monday, April 6- Thursday, April 9 from 8:30-12:30.**

### **Looking to Retire and Need Information?**

The CTA Orange Service Center will be holding a CalSTRS Retirement Workshop for members on May 16 in Orange. The workshops cost \$10. Please see the flyer for further information: [RETIRE](#)

### **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: [2014TAX](#)

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 <http://www.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.

**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: April 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. This is a great way to get up to date information. 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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