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**Garden Grove Education Association**  
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**President: Tina Gustin-Gurney, Electronic AdNotes May 8, 2015**

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*Being a mother is learning about strengths you didn't know you had,  
and dealing with fears you didn't know existed.*  
*Linda Wooten*

School Board Mtgs.  
May 19

Schools asked to attend:  
Rancho, Alamos, McGarvin, Bryant, Gilbert  
Zeyen, Stanford, Brookhurst, Faylane, Mitchell,  
Excelsior and GGEA Nurses

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

**Congratulations to GGEA Members!**

GGEA members were awarded WHO (We Honor Ours) awards on Wednesday, May 6 for stepping up and making a difference for members of GGEA. A big thank you to our bargaining team members for their dedication-Armon Akerboom, Mike Cadilli, Lucy Farmer, Bridget Holdermann, Hans Lunow, and Tamra Wood. Thanks to our board members Bridget Lockhart and Kim Ufholtz for being a voice for members. And a thank you to site reps Stephanie Almanzan-Young, Susie Prado and Terry Shepard for representing their schools so well. GGEA is proud of these special members who went above and beyond the call of duty!

**Cinco de Mayo Photos**

If you have any photos or stories to share about how your site celebrated Cinco de Mayo, please send them to [advocate@ggea.org](mailto:advocate@ggea.org) to be included in the next publication.

**Retiring This Year?**

GGEA is throwing a party for you and your friends! Please return your information to the GGEA office by May 15 so that we can plan to celebrate our retiring members who are the best in the west! We will be holding our celebration at Edgar on June 9th. Mark your calendar to join us for the festivities!

**CTA and CA Budget Info**

Gov. Jerry Brown is expected to release his revised budget proposal next week. Since state revenues continue to exceed projections and thanks to voter-approved Proposition 30, public education is expected to receive additional funds to help restore school funding. (More than \$20 billion over the past eight years was taken from schools and students.)

Even with the financial recovery we've seen recently, California still ranks 46th in the nation in per-pupil funding, and many students still do not have access to important programs that were cut in recent years.

The release of the "May Revision" will signal an important time to communicate to our state lawmakers about the still-unmet needs of our students and our schools.

We need your help to send a strong message to lawmakers reminding them of the realities and urging them to support the funding guaranteed to students through Prop. 98.

During the week of May 22nd through the passage of the budget, we urge you to make calls and visit local offices of state Senators and Assembly members. As we get closer, we will be sending you a toll-free number that you can use to contact your legislators.

Receive updates by text message by sending the word Prop98 to #69866. This will sign you up for text alerts. In June we will send text updates which can connect you to your legislators.

Working together we can help restore the funding our schools so desperately need and help lawmakers keep the promise to California students.

**REMINDERS:**

**Jim Rogers, GGEA Executive Director**

Jim Rogers has been offered a position with new opportunities and challenges. He is ready to guide other leaders. Jim will begin his new venture on May 11.

While it is unfortunate for GGEA to lose Jim, I know that we are a better organization for having had him here. He was instrumental in bringing GGEA from a service model to an organizing model. Jim communicated with principals and district personnel the issues affecting our members. Jim developed training to assist reps in being leaders at their sites, guided the GGEA board and worked with members with the greatest needs.

We would like to extend our gratitude for his years of service to the members of GGEA and know that he will bring his expertise to other union members. His guidance has been greatly appreciated. Good luck to Jim in his new venture!

**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 afternoons: May 13 and 20, June 17 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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