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## GGEA 2018 RETIREMENT TRIBUTE

The GGEA Retirement Honorees were recognized during a retirement tribute at the Garden Grove Community Center on Thursday, June 7, 2018. We honor these certificated employees and appreciate their service to our district. We wish you all much happiness in this next chapter of your life.

*Garden Grove Education Association*  
**2018 RETIREMENT TRIBUTE**  
TO HONOR THESE CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES  
**THURSDAY - JUNE 7, 2018 3:30 TO 5:00 P.M.**  
GARDEN GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER

**RETIREES**

Irma Aizpuru-Cueva	Michael Greer	Robert Pacho
Vivian Allard	Vicki Hada	Karen Palmer
Riva Apodaca	Robert Harrell	Tracy Parkkinen
IdaMary Asleson	Dorothy Helfer	Angelina Parque
Usha Bansal	Ellen Hoffman	Lily Perry
Emil Barham	Patricia Holland	Quyem Pfeifer
Lee Cardoza	Steven Howard	Diana Radomski
Susan Castillo	Carla Hubbart Holz	Alexis Raleigh
D'Ann Chester	Christina Husk	Armando Ramirez
Cynthia Crompton-Paddock	Johnny Jones	Daniel Rankin
Celia Delacruz	Jacalyn Kammerzelt	Joseph Reza
Susie Dunaway	James Keltner	Connie Roy
David Ewoldt	Sharon Kleiter	Thomas Roy
Ellen Febonio	Marianna Kovacs	Rebecca Sanders
Janet Feurtey	Sharen Larsen	Rosemary Schock
Debra Franciscus	Thanh-Thuy Le	Ramli Singh
Janice Gaeta	Myduc Leroux	Cheryl Stephens
	Diane Lindeman	Lori Stephens
	Melinda McChristy-Zerr	Dianna Sundell
	Colleen McCowin	Sandra Swift
	Maura Mollner	Angela Tittl
	Julie "Rusty" Morris	Vivi Trujillo
	Dianne Nevarez	Ron VanderSluis
	Lynn Orgill	Camie Walker
	Catherine O'Toole	Laura Weissert
		Sandra Worrel

## President's Message

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Armon Akerboom  
GGEA Office



This June ends one of the most profound junctures of my life. I am overwhelmed by memories and feelings of what you all have done for me. I have learned so much about so many things during these last six years. I have learned from our nurses who didn't disappear from our ranks, our librarians who regained their stature, and all of our teachers whose assignments are truly special.

When I began, we had just dropped a fear report on the desks of the school board and filed a complaint with the state about special education. I end with us being at impasse and a mediator coming to assist with bargaining.

In between these times, I worked with other GGEA leaders to move us toward an organizing model where reps took charge to strengthen their relationships with GGEA members and site admin. We took on school climate and developed plans to assist schools in establishing communication protocols and problem solving avenues. It became the forefront of our goals. Often times, we saw success and once in a while we felt defeated. The goal to build positive schools continues to be our mission.

A few thank yous are in order before I end this amazing time and head to Allen Elementary to teach students once again:

To my past and current board members for joining the team and making a difference for all of our members.

To Jenny and Susan, in our office, for guiding me through the ins and outs of working in the GGEA office and sharing the history that guided me through these years.

To Armon, our Executive Director, for joining me in the quest and bringing strength and respect to our organization.

To Kelly Nolan, for her partnership these last few years. I know she will be a wonderful president for GGEA and its members.

Lastly, I thank all of you our members! You trusted me. You questioned me. You invited me to your events. You befriended me. You supported me and gave me a chance. And now here we are. The end of a great adventure. I am deeply grateful for the opportunities this career choice gave me.

I shared this proverb at the WHO awards banquet- "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

How far we have come because of all of us being in this together.

Advocate Editorial Staff:

Willie Burghard, Sara McCarthy, Tina Gustin-Gurney, Susan Kaylor

## Calendar of Events

6/15	Last Day for Students	8/20-8/23	Super Week
6/15	Last Day for Teachers	8/24	First Teacher Work Day for 2018-19
8/17	Member BBQ	8/29	First Student Day
		9/3	Labor Day Holiday



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**Raffles and Prizes!**

**GGEA**

**In-N-Out Lunch!**

**MEMBERSHIP FAIR!**

Join us for lunch on Friday, August 17, 2018

11:00-1:00p.m.

@ Peters K-3

13162 Newhope St, Garden Grove, CA 92843

We encourage you to carpool!

**Learn about  
GGEA  
Committees**



**Subway  
Veggie  
Sandwiches!**

Please R.S.V.P. by June 15th

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GGEAFAIR>

(For GGUSD teachers, teacher-librarians and nurses)

*Meet the New GGEA President and Board of Directors as well as visit with CTA Vendors!*

## Remembering Arlene Pavey

*President Tina Gustin-Gurney shared the following in remembrance of Arlene Parvey at the CTA State Council meeting:*



I would like to pay tribute to Arlene Pavey, who was instrumental in laying groundwork for collective bargaining and union rights. Arlene passed away on Friday, June 1. It's hard to imagine that that bright force of light has dimmed. I know many people who have shared stories and experiences with Arlene that impacted their own union involvement. She was always available to me as GGEA president for historical perspectives and to offer advice. As I swore in our new GGEA president, I knew Arlene would be proud to see GGEA continuing to be a successful local. Her legacy in Garden Grove will remain strong in the many leaders she influenced. Arlene was a proud and loud voice for others. Let's all stick together during this time of

change and think of how Arlene would've fought on behalf of members. Thank you all for your advocacy and keep Arlene in your mind as we carry on.

*Mike Greer shared the following:*

I first met Arlene at an NEA/RA in Washington D.C. One day I left the convention center for lunch. It took longer than I had anticipated and when I got back, Arlene pulled me aside and told me that, as a delegate, I had a job to do and, if I wanted to be taken seriously in GGEA, I needed to be responsible and take that job seriously. I agreed but explained to her that I was a vegetarian and that I was suffering because of the complete lack of food options for me. From then on, Arlene had my back and was ever concerned that I would be taken care of wherever we went to eat. That was the nature of our relationship ever since. She had my back as I served on the Board of Directors and moved up in position. She had my back as I served as President. And, she had all of our backs as GGEA grew and evolved. She was strong enough that she could make that true.

*Mike Godoy shared the following:*

Arlene Pavey wasn't just a president of GGEA, but she was GGEA. Arlene lived to advocate for teachers. Arlene advocated for me in 1994 to secure my first contract. She expected me to one day be a GGEA Rep for our school. I had the pleasure of working with Arlene for seven years at Alamitos.

Shortly after becoming a rep, I began attending the NEA Representative Assembly each summer. During the RA, I would sit next to Arlene and it was like sitting next to a rock star. Representatives from all over the country knew and respected Arlene for her tireless work at the local, state and national level. Last year, in Boston, was Arlene's last RA. I owe so much to her, and she will always be in my heart. I love her very much.





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