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AD NOTES

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Good Teaching Conference

The CTA Good Teaching Conference will be held locally in Anaheim this year at the Hyatt Regency from March 13- 15. This conference is designed to support excellent teaching and learning practices for K-12 classroom teachers. Due to the location, GGEA will **only** cover registration fees for a limited number of GGEA members. If you are interested in going please contact the GGEA Office. Preference will be given to those teachers that have not previously attended.

Helpful Tax Time Information

Remember, your professional association dues are tax deductible. The *monthly* amount paid for GGEA/CTA/NEA dues for the 2008 tax year is as follows:

Category 1 GGEA Members

(Full-time Employment)

January thru June at \$92.80

September thru December at \$91.70

Year Total = \$923.60

Leave of Absence Members

January thru June at \$24.75

September thru December at \$25.70

Category 2 GGEA Members

(Preschool, Job Share, or Part Time)

January thru June at \$47.40

September thru December at \$47.85

Year Total = \$475.80

Agency Fee Payers not receiving a rebate

Deduct \$1 from the monthly amounts

Please refer to your pay stubs for the actual amounts you paid during the 2008 tax year as these are general estimates. Contact your tax advisor with any questions regarding these tax deductions.

SchoolsFirst FCU Classroom Makeover Winners

Thanks to an application that one of his students submitted, Santiago Spanish teacher Mr. Dante Urzua is the winner of the Classroom Makeover Contest. He will receive \$25,000 to upgrade his classroom. Coming in second place is ELD Los Amigos teacher, Ms. Duyen Tong. Congratulations to you both and thank you to SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union for offering this opportunity to GGEA members.

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 4 spaces per day available on the following Wednesday dates: **January 14 & 28, February 11 & 25, and March 11 & 25**. Appointment times begin at 3 PM. Call the GGEA Office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

Job Sharing

Permanent teachers can voluntarily share the responsibilities, wages, and benefits of one teaching assignment by choosing to work half of every day, all day on five out of ten days, or one of two semesters in the school year. If you wish to job share, you must sign a Contract with the District that contains the specific terms and conditions of your job sharing by March 15th. Call the GGEA Office for more details if you are interested.

Student Scholarships Available thru GGEA & CTA

The Garden Grove Education Association will present five (5) \$2,000 Jim Wicker Scholarships to graduating high school seniors. At least one scholarship will be awarded to a child of a current, retired, or deceased Association member. The GGEA Scholarship Committee carefully reviews all of the applications, interviews the semi-finalists, and ultimately selects the five winners. Applications for these scholarships are currently available from the GGEA office, through the high school counselors, or at www.ggea.org under "Committees". **Completed applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 13, 2009.**

The California Teachers Association, CTA, is also accepting applications for the 2009 CTA Scholarship for Member's Children. **Twenty-five \$5000 scholarships** will be awarded. One scholarship is designated for a student attending a continuation high school in memory of Del A. Weber. One scholarship is designated as the Ralph J. Flynn Memorial Scholarship and is awarded to the highest scoring applicant. There are also **three \$2500 scholarships** available for Student CTA (SCTA) members and **five \$2500 scholarships** for current CTA members. Additional information, including eligibility requirements and applications, is available on the CTA web site at www.cta.org or from GGEA. **Applications must be postmarked no later than February 6, 2009.**

Reminders

- Segment Meetings will be held January 13th at 3:30
- Rep Council will be held January 27th at 3:30

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