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AD NOTES

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To Teach is to Learn Again.

Oliver Wendell Holmes

Pre-Retirement Panel

GGEA Retirement Committee will be hosting a Pre-Retirement Panel on February 21st at La Quinta High School Lyceum from 3:30 to 5 PM. The panel is comprised of recently retired teachers who are willing to share their retirement experiences with you. If you are retiring soon or just have some retirement questions, this event is for you. A flyer will be arriving at your work site next week.

Helpful Tax Time Information

Remember, your professional association dues are tax deductible. The monthly amount paid for GGEA/CTA/NEA dues for the 2007 tax year is as follows:

Category 1 GGEA Member

(Full-time employment)

January thru June at \$88.00

September thru December at \$92.80

Total = \$899.20

Category 2A GGEA Members

(Job Share or Opt. Part Time)

January thru June at \$44.85

September thru December at \$47.40

Total = \$458.70

Category 2B GGEA Members

(Preschool)

January at \$51.75

February thru June at \$44.85

September thru December at \$47.40

Total = \$465.60

Leave of Absence Members

January thru June at \$23.25

September thru December at \$24.75

Agency Fee payers not receiving rebate

Deduct \$1 from monthly amounts

Please refer to your pay stub for the actual amounts you paid during the 2007 tax year.

These are estimated amounts. Your actual dues paid may be slightly different.

Consult your tax advisor regarding questions you may have relating to tax deductions.

Maternity Workshop

GGEA will be hosting our annual Maternity Workshop on Tuesday, January 29th at the Community Center. It will begin at 3:30 PM and should conclude around 5:00 PM. Please call the GGEA office to add your name to the list so that we prepare enough materials for each participant.

Student Scholarships Available thru GGEA & CTA

The Garden Grove Education Association, **GGEA**, 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 7, 2008.**

The California Teachers Association, **CTA**, is also accepting applications for the 2008 CTA Scholarship for Member's Children. **Twenty-five (25) - \$5000 scholarships** will be awarded. One scholarship is designated for a student attending 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 (3) - \$2500 scholarships** available for Student CTA (SCTA) members and **five (5) - \$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. **Forms must be postmarked no later than February 8, 2008.**

Consult Process

The Consult procedure that we use in Garden Grove is part of the State Bargaining law. We cannot "bargain" about curriculum, textbooks, course outlines, and pacing charts. However, we can and do "consult" over these very important topics. GGEA selects the teachers to serve on Consults and the District selects administrators and other specialists to serve as well. To be selected by the Association, you must be a GGEA member because you are representing the Association.

If you are selected to serve on a Consult, Jenny from the GGEA office will contact you to make certain that you will serve and to give you the location, dates and times of the meetings. When the Consult has completed its work, GGEA would greatly appreciate receiving a brief report regarding your experience and the outcome of the Consult.

Thanks for all your support for our partner H.O.P.E.