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# AD NOTES

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*Teach as though you were teaching your own children.*

Anonymous

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## Pre-Retirement Panel

GGEA Retirement Committee will be hosting a Pre-Retirement Panel on February 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## Helpful Tax Time Information

Remember, your professional association dues are tax deductible. The monthly amount paid for GGEA/CTA/NEA dues for the 2006 tax year is as follows:

### Category 1 GGEA Member

(Full-time employment)

January thru June at \$86.70

September thru December at \$88.00

**Total = \$870.90**

### Category 2A GGEA Members

(Job Share or Opt. Part Time)

January thru June at \$44.15

September thru December at \$44.85

**Total = \$443.60**

### Category 2B GGEA Members

(Preschool)

January thru June at \$50.85

September thru December at \$51.75

**Total = \$511.20**

### Leave of Absence Members

January thru June at \$22.85

September thru December at \$23.25

### 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 2006 tax year.

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

Also remember that the \$250 federal tax deduction for out-of-pocket classroom expenses has been extended for 2006.

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## Social Security Offsets Legislation Reintroduced!

### Your E-Mails Needed To Build Support

Lawmakers in the House and Senate have reintroduced legislation to repeal the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provision - two offsets that cut or eliminate the Social Security benefits of hundreds of thousands of educators and other public employees. The Social Security Fairness Act (H.R. 82/S.206) already has over 100 cosponsors in the House of Representatives.

Contact Your Members of Congress. Go to the GGEA website at [www.ggea.org](http://www.ggea.org) to locate your representatives.

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## Medicare Supplemental Insurance Plans for Retirees

There are free informative Member Education Guides that have been written by experts in their fields. They provide unbiased information and advice on important issues facing us all, such as the new tax laws, insurance, and technology, investing, and understanding credit. The Guides can be downloaded or ordered at the click of a button. To view and download guides, visit [www.neamb.com/guides](http://www.neamb.com/guides) and click on Medicare Supplemental Insurance Guide.

**For more ways NEA Member Benefits can help you and your family call:**

**1-800-637-4636**

**Monday - Friday, 8AM to 8PM (or Saturday, 9AM to 1PM) ET**

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## Maternity Workshop

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

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## GGEA Contract Survey

In February, GGEA will be sending out a contract survey to all members that will be used to help guide the Bargaining Team for next year's round of bargaining. I encourage you to take a few minutes out of your busy schedules to participate by filling out a survey. This is your opportunity to voice your wants or concerns about your contract. Thank you in advance for your participation.

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