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Together We Can Do It!

Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund

Everyone has been reading and/or seeing the unspeakable horrors going on in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and elsewhere in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The NEA has set up a special relief fund designed to get financial assistance to our teacher and classified members in the affected areas as quickly as possible. Thank you in advance for any assistance you might give!

NEA asks that checks be made out to: **NEA HIN/HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF FUND**

Mailed to: **1201 16th St. NW
Washington, DC 20036**

Special Open House for GGUSD Employees At the Boys and Girls Club Health and Dental Center

On Wednesday, September 14th, from 3 - 6 PM, the new Children's Health and Dental Center located at 10600 West Chapman, will be holding an Open House for teachers and other employees of the Garden Grove School District. This new facility is located on the south side of Chapman Avenue between Euclid and Brookhurst. The doctors in this facility will be from CHOC Hospital and the dentists are from Healthy Smiles. All Healthy Kids Insurance Plans will be accepted at this facility.

*** Pre-Retirement Workshops ***

The Orange Service Center Council will be holding two pre-retirement workshops this year. The first workshop will be held on Saturday, October 8th and the second on Saturday, November 19th. Both will be taking place here in Garden Grove at the Hyatt Regency Alicante from 8:30am - 12:30pm.

Topics covered include Long-Term Health Care, the State Teachers Retirement System, Social Security, and Financial Planning. Registration information will be sent to your work sites early next week. Look for this information to be posted on your GGEA bulletin board. If you need further information, please contact the GGEA Office.

GGEA Special Election State Council and High School Segment Openings

There is currently one (1) opening for a GGEA delegate to the CTA State Council. This is a one (1) year term to fill the unexpired time of a delegate who retired this past year. The CTA State Council meets four (4) times per year to make policies and conduct the business of CTA. This election will be held during the week of October 3-7, 2005.

There is also a vacancy for the office of High School Segment Director. This is a one-year term for the 2005-06 school year. This election will be conducted at the next High School Segment meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2005. A High School Segment Director is part of the GGEA Board of Directors and is primarily responsible for communications between the high school and the board.

Look for the postings at your work site. If you would like to have additional information on either position, please call the GGEA Office.

L.A. Dodger Baseball Tickets

CTA in conjunction with the Los Angeles Dodgers is pleased to offer members half-price tickets in selected areas for **California Teachers Association Nights** at Dodger Stadium on Tuesday, September 13th and Saturday, September 24th, 2005.

For more information on this offer or to purchase tickets, go to www.dodgers.com/ctanights. There are no returns, refunds, or exchanges with this offer. GGEA has no involvement in the purchasing of these tickets but is passing on this information to all of our 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: September 28, October 12, November 2 and 16, and December 7th. Appointments times begin at 3 PM. Call the GGEA Office if you wish to schedule an appointment.

New Rep Training

If you are a new site representative this year, GGEA will be offering you an all-day training on Tuesday, September 20th or an after-school training on Thursday, September 22nd. Please look for further information via district mail or call the GGEA office.