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# Garden Grove Education Association

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GGEA Mission Statement: GGEA is an association of educators who advocate for the well-being of our membership and the students we serve.

GGEA 2021-22 Goal: Engage membership through internal organizing to build a stronger union.

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**Wear your GGEA Blue on Tuesdays to show your support of GGEA. Your support is what makes us strong!**



- 2/1 OSCC Virtual Retirement Workshop @ 3:30 (Registration required)**
- Rescheduled to 2/3, Thursday -Optional Part Time Info Meeting 3:30-4:30**
- 2/4, Friday- Job Share Meeting 3:30 Virtual**
- 2/4 OSCC Virtual Retirement Workshop @ 3:30 (Registration required)**
- 3/3, Thursday- Maternity Workshop 3:30 Virtual**

## **Retirement Workshops**

The Orange Service Center is conducting two more retirement workshops. They are scheduled for **February 1, 4:30**, and **February 3, 4:30**. If you are interested in attending you will need to register to get the link to attend the virtual session.

**February 1 Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3H3Ovkr>**

**February 3 Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/3fSRj7Z>**

## **Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF)**

The Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation founded in 1982 by physicians, parents, and community members identify and invest in leading-edge research that demonstrates the best hope for curing childhood cancer.

Terry Shepard, 2020-21 retiree, former GGEA member, EAC, and Retirement Committee Chair, Special Education Teacher, Pentathlon Coach and is now currently a GGUSD substitute teacher and proctor, continues to fight for this worthy cause.

**A letter from Terry:**  
**Hello Everyone,**

**There is no better way for me to spend my 75th birthday than with family and friends, to raise money to support research to cure pediatric cancer.**

**I'm excited to have you join me on Sunday, March 27th as I host my 14th annual team *RUNNING WITH TODD* at Irvine Valley College.**

**Sending you all my gratitude, appreciation, and love. ~Terry**

To register and/or donate, go to: <https://cure.pcrf-kids.org/Terry>

### **NEA Action: School Board? City Council? State Legislature?**

This is an email I received today from NEA.

**One of the most effective ways to promote and protect public education is to encourage educators to run for public office. Bring your first-hand experience with the needs of public school students to your school board, city council, or state legislature!**

**If you're interested in running for public office, register for the next NEA See Educators Run training. Trainings will take place virtually beginning in March with a final in-person training in April.**

Click the link below for more information.

[https://educationvotes.nea.org/see-educators-run/application/?utm\\_source=EdAction&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=SER22](https://educationvotes.nea.org/see-educators-run/application/?utm_source=EdAction&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=SER22)

### **Ending Soon! New Educator and ESP Enrollment Opportunity**

Brand new educators and education support professionals who qualified for CTA Introductory Disability insurance this school year may have their coverage ending soon. To keep their paychecks protected past the introductory period, members must apply for CTA-endorsed Voluntary Disability insurance before their 9-months coverage period ends and can do so with no health questions asked.

Members can find full details or apply on the enrollment website at [standard.com/cta/newhire](https://standard.com/cta/newhire)

### **Black Lives Matter at School: Week of Action Jan 31 – Feb 4**

Black Lives Matter at School is a national committee of educators organizing for racial justice in education. The Committee encourages educators, students and community to join the annual week of action as well as year-round activities. <https://www.blacklivesmatteratschool.com/>

CTA.org has resources as well as those at NEA EdJustice, which include lesson plans and tips.

### **NEA Foundation Grants**

NCUEA is reaching out to share three (3) NEA Foundation grant opportunities for educators that they encourage you to strongly consider. The NEA Foundation currently offers grants between \$1,500 and \$5,000 to support student learning, professional learning, or equity focused projects. The deadline to apply for the Spring 2022 round is **February 1, 2022**. You can learn more about each of the grant types by clicking the links to the application pages below:

- Student Success Grant  
<https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/student-success-grants/>
- Learning & Leadership Grants – Educator Leadership Grant – NEA Foundation  
<https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/learning-and-leadership-grants/>
- Envision Equity Grants – NEA Foundation  
<https://www.neafoundation.org/for-educators/envision-equity-grants/>

If you have any questions about these programs, please reach out to Dani Pierce [dpierce@nea.org](mailto:dpierce@nea.org)

## **IFT Grants**

All eligible CTA members may apply for an Educator grant (up to \$5,000) or an Impact grant (up to \$20,000). Learn more about IFT and how to apply online at [www.cta.org/ift](http://www.cta.org/ift)

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## **Optional Part Time (OPT) Meeting (Recheduled to 2/3)**

In accordance with Education Code Sections 44922 and 22724, a certificated employee of the GGUSD may reduce their workload prior to retirement from full-time to part-time duties and receive the same credit toward retirement they would receive if they were employed on a full-time basis.

If this sounds interesting to you and you would like more information as to the requirements for applying, there will be an information meeting on **Thursday, February 3 at 3:30 via zoom.**

The district will be sending out the zoom information.

## **Job Share (Virtual)**

If you are interested in job sharing, please notify the GGEA office or email [jennyg@ggea.org](mailto:jennyg@ggea.org) as soon as possible in order to put your name on the list.

There will be a virtual information meeting **Friday, February 4th.** The Office of Personnel will be sending out the zoom information.

## **GGEA Scholarships**

GGEA offers seven (7) scholarships to graduating seniors which are provided from the dues of GGEA members. They are offered in the following areas: Garden Grove Unified School District Graduating Seniors (4), Graduating Seniors of a Garden Grove Education Association (GGEA) member (2), and the Arlene Pavey Scholarship also offered to a graduating Senior of a Garden Grove Education Association (GGEA) member. A fillable application is also on the [ggea.org](http://ggea.org) website.

***Please note that applications are due by March 1st.***

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## **Retiring?**

GGEA's Retirement Committee started working on the Retirement Tribute back in September. Venues are booking up fast. The GG Community Center was already booked.

The committee would like to have an idea on the number of future retirees (June 2022) in order to determine the size of the venue needed.

If you are going to be retiring this year, GGEA would love to hear from you. Please call the GGEA office and let us know. We're just taking a count for now.

## **NEA RA**

Under a separate AdNote sent earlier this week, GGEA is seeking interested members to be representatives at the National Education Association's Representative Assembly this summer.

The National Education Association Representative Assembly—the RA—is the highest decision-making body within the over 3 million-member NEA. With over 8,000 delegates, the RA is also the world's largest democratic deliberative body.

Over the course of eight business sessions spanning four days, RA delegates debate the vital issues that impact American public education and set Association policy and activities for the year ahead.

We encourage those interested to apply for both local and state. Declaration of Candidacy at the **state level, no later than January 28.**

A fillable pdf is also available on the GGEA webpage.

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**Day of the Teacher Poster Contest**

GGEA's Community Action Committee is announcing the 2021-2022 Day of the Teacher Poster Contest. This flyer should already be posted on your site's GGEA bulletin board. The flyer contains all the necessary information regarding the details and submission of the poster.

**Due Tuesday, March 22, 2022.**

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**REMINDERS:**

**Attorney Consultation Available**

The opportunity to speak with an attorney for 30 minutes on non-work related issues has resumed. Please call the GGEA office for more information.

**Join the GGEA Facebook Page - Connect with other members!**

Search for "Garden Grove Education Association" and ask to join the group. Allow our admin 24-48 hours to accept your request. If you are concerned about privacy, please make sure your own Facebook page has privacy settings adjusted before joining GGEA Facebook. Here you can read education articles, see GGEA activities, and share your ideas.

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*Together Everyone Achieves More*

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