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# Garden Grove Education Association

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President: Bridget Holdermann, Electronic Communication AdNotes –Mar 15, 2024
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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 2023-2024 Goal:

**Engage membership through internal organizing to build a stronger union.**



**March 18 - March 22**

The GGEA Office will be closed during Spring Recess. The office will re-open Monday morning, March 25, at 8:00 a.m.

Hope Everyone Enjoys Their Well-Deserved Break!



## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Human Rights Committee  
Topic: GGEA Human Rights  
Time: March 25, 2024 5:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://ggusd-us.zoom.us/j/97480483685?pwd=Qi8yYajV4V2RwZ2xtUlhUMXJjcERuUT09>

- Meeting ID: 974 8048 3685
- Passcode: GGEAHR

## NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE



### Negotiations Update for 2023/24 3/14/2024

The GGEA bargaining team met with the District 3/14/24 at the GGEA office.

GGEA and GGUSD discussed the following:

- Wages
- Special Education MOU Caseload/Class Size Cap for M/M and M/S Teachers
- MM/SPED Inclusion in the General Education classroom

Agreements Reached:

- Special Education Side Letter
- 7-12 Lunch Supervision Compensation
- TK/SPED Co-Teach Classes

Our next bargaining session is April 5, 2024.

Your GGEA team includes: Tamra Wood (Chair), Sarah Held, Arquilla Howard, Joe Miller, Theo Vo, and Paul Kim (Executive Director).

## OSCC Japanese American National Museum Trip

The OSCC **Equity Team and REAC** are sponsoring a Field Trip to the **Japanese American National Museum**, including a tour of **Little Tokyo**, on **April 27**. See the flyer below for details. To RSVP use the QR code to access the google form.

If the QR code doesn't work, please email Magdalena Villalba at [magdalena.villalba@gmail.com](mailto:magdalenavillalba@gmail.com)



Wanna **JANM** with us?

**Field Trip: Japanese American National Museum**

Museum Visit & Tour of Little Tokyo

**DATE: APRIL 27**

**TIME: 9 AM-3 PM**

Organized by OSCC Equity Team & Racial Equity Affairs Committee (REAC)

**Please RSVP with the QR code.**  
For more information contact:  
[magdalena.villalba@gmail.com](mailto:magdalena.villalba@gmail.com)





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## **RENEWING YOUR CREDENTIAL**

We are required to renew our teaching credential every 5 years. Renewals can be submitted up to one year in advance of their expiration date, this link: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

## **STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS**

Student Loan Forgiveness Information  
(on behalf of Nicole Ciccarelli-Lund)

Please click on this link or the picture to access information from CTA member benefits regarding student loan forgiveness programs. [Student Loan Forgiveness](#)



## Student Loan Forgiveness

## ARE YOU RETIRING



# AD NOTES



President: Bridget Holdermann, February 7, 2024

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### GGEA Honors Retiring Educators

#### Are You Retiring This Year?

GGEA wants to know if you are retiring this year so that we can honor you at our annual **Retirement Tribute on Thursday, May 9, 2024**. If you are retiring, please return this form to the GGEA office by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** to let us know that you will be attending the tribute. If you do not contact the office by the above date, we will be unable to have certificates for you. Please return the notice below to the GGEA office via district mail, by emailing [jennyg@ggea.org](mailto:jennyg@ggea.org) or by fax (714-638-9167).

#### GGEA Retirement Tribute

- I am retiring this year.  
I would like my name to appear on the certificates as follows:  
My current work location is: \_\_\_\_\_
- I will be attending the GGEA Retirement Tribute on May 9, 2024
- I will NOT be attending the GGEA Retirement Tribute.

\*\*\* Please remember to return this form to the GGEA office by May 1<sup>st</sup> \*\*\*

#### CTA-Retired Membership

GGEA will purchase a one-year membership in the Orange Service Center Retired Chapter and California Teachers Association-Retired (CTA-R) - CTA/NEA Retired for retiring teachers who are GGEA members. GGEA will apply the one-year membership dues towards a lifetime membership if requested by the retiring member. However, the member must send the difference to GGEA prior to any monies being sent to CTA-R. Further information will be sent to each member once GGEA receives your intent to retire.

# 2023 TAX INFORMATION

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## AD NOTES



President: Bridget Holdermann, January 25, 2024

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### Helpful Tax Information

Remember to ask your tax advisor if your professional association dues are tax deductible. The amount paid monthly for GGEA/CTA/NEA dues for the 2023 tax year is as follows:

#### Category 1 GGE Members

(Full-time Employment)

January thru June at \$119.20

September thru December at \$121.40

**Year Total = \$1200.80**

#### Leave of Absence Members-per month

January thru June at \$36.55

September thru December at \$37.10

#### Category 2 GGEA Members

(Preschool, Job Share, Part Time or JROTC)

January thru June at \$64.25

September thru December at \$65.35

**Year Total = \$646.90**

*Please refer to your pay stubs for the actual amounts you paid during the 2023 tax year as these are general estimates. Contact your tax advisor with any questions regarding these tax deductions.*

W-2 tax forms can be accessed through the Orange County Department of Education Information System website at <https://employee.ocde.us/>

#### **For first time users:**

You will need your ten digit District Employee Identification Number, the last four digits of your social security number and birthdate.

Then you will be asked for your personal email address and to create a password.

After you give answers to 3 security questions you will be able to login.

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



The communications committee is looking for new members. Currently we are in need of a Chairperson, plus a minimum of 3 additional members.

The communications committee puts out the ADVOCATE bimonthly and also oversees our FaceBook page. Although new and fresh ideas on how we can communicate more effectively with our members is appreciated.

Anyone interested in joining the communications committee please email [president@ggea.org](mailto:president@ggea.org)

Thank You!

## IFT GRANT



THE INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING

# ONLINE GRANT APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN!

Intended for CTA Members and Local Associations to support Strength-Based Teacher-Driven Change.

**Application period:**  
**December 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024**

Visit [www.cta.org/IFT](http://www.cta.org/IFT)

The graphic features a white background with blue and black outlines of school supplies: a pencil, a ruler, a pair of scissors, and a pencil sharpener. The IFT CTA logo is centered at the top. The main text is in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The application period is highlighted in blue text.

## MESSAGE FROM THE RETIREMENT COMMITTEE

Whether you are at the beginning, middle, or near the end of your career it's a good idea to attend a retirement workshop. There are several online workshops available in the upcoming year. Click on the link below to sign up for a date. If you are nearing retirement and have not set up an appointment with a CalSTRS planning consultant, then I highly recommend that you do this sooner rather than later.

[RETIREMENT WORKSHOPS 2023-24](#)

## HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE – IMAD AWARD

Know a GGEA member who volunteers their time and energy to benefit the school community or the community at large? GGEA wants to recognize our members who go above and beyond to serve students, parents, and/or colleagues. Submission form available on the GGEA Human Rights Committee webpage. A pdf form is also available for download (Click on the flyer below).

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**“I Make A Difference”  
Award**

The Human Rights Committee recognizes GGEA members who make a positive contribution outside of the classroom.

This award is given to members who volunteer their time and energy to benefit the school community or the community at large. This may include involvement in local charities, afterschool tutoring projects, library programs, charity work and other human rights endeavors.

Nominations can be submitted to the GGEA Human Rights Committee via email at [humanrights@ggea.org](mailto:humanrights@ggea.org)

Nominate someone today!

Nominations can be submitted by a single member, by a group of members, or by the entire school staff.

Please include the following in your nomination:

- The nominee’s full name, school and contact information
- His/her/they specific contribution (please provide details)
- Your name and contact information

Quarterly, the committee will honor an IMAD recipient at a Rep Council meeting and feature him/her in the GGEA Advocate

# ORANGE SERVICE CENTER COUNCIL

## 2024 HUMAN RIGHTS POSTER CONTEST

Posters will be judged on creativity, originality, appropriateness, spelling, and relationship to the theme(s). Themes should include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), LGBTQ+, Women's Advocacy, and/or People with Disabilities Topics.



**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD, 2024 @ NOON**

### PLEASE INCLUDE:

Student's Full Name & Grade

CTA Sponsoring Member's Full Name,  
Local Association & Non-Work Email

### SUBMIT ARTWORK TO:

CTA-Orange Service Center Council  
281 N. Rampart, Suite A  
Orange, CA 92868

Must be submitted on 8" x 10" white paper. Original student work only. Winning artwork will not be returned to the student.

### MONETARY PRIZES FOR STUDENTS:

|                   | <u>K-2</u> | <u>3-6</u> | <u>7-8</u> | <u>9-12</u> | <u>Higher Ed</u> |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| First Place       | \$100      | \$100      | \$150      | \$150       | \$150            |
| Second Place      | \$75       | \$75       | \$100      | \$100       | \$100            |
| Third Place       | \$50       | \$50       | \$75       | \$75        | \$75             |
| Honorable Mention | \$25       | \$25       | \$25       | \$25        | \$25             |



# ORANGE SERVICE CENTER COUNCIL

## HUMAN RIGHTS POSTER CONTEST

Name: Grade:

Special Education

Teacher (member) Name:

Teacher (member) E-mail:

Local Teacher's Association:

School:

City:

Artwork Description (100 words or less):

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 3RD, 2024 @ NOON**

**SUBMIT ARTWORK TO:**

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