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# The Info **NEWSLETTER**

GRANITE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION

## Two running for GESPA Board President Elect

### **GESPA**

#### **PRESIDENCY**

Boyd Kimber, President

Dave Clark, Vice President

Tracy Atkin, Secretary/Treasurer

Doug Woolsey, Webmaster

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Doyle Herndon, Custodial

Koralynn Drake, Custodial

Jerry Norton, Police Electronics

Brian Mann, Warehouse

Sue De La Cruz, Food Service

Jo Ann Palmer, Food Service

Mike Memmott, Maintenance

Tracy Atkin, Secretarial

Don Turner, Information Systems

Mickey Winter, Para-Professional

Marla Stark, Para-Professional

Tony Beale, Compliance

Susan Nielsen, Transportation

Elese Salmond, Transportation

Susan Neilsen, Transportation

Dave Richard Police Electronics

Eileen Anderton, Jones Center

Nan Kirkpatrick- Uni-Serve Director,

USEA 269-9320

### **GESPA Board Elections**

The following two people have submitted their nomination forms and petitions for the office of President Elect for the GESPA Board:

Boyd Kimber and Gordon Himmelberger.

Elections will take place in March. Look for letters from both candidates on the web-site, good luck to both candidates! Visit [www.graniteclassified.com](http://www.graniteclassified.com)

### **NEA Target of Opportunity Campaign (TOO)**

During the first two weeks of February, NEA teamed up with the teachers association and the classified association from both Granite and Jordan School Districts. Over 50 sites were visited at each district. Granite netted 37 new members from the campaign. The number one reason most of them hadn't joined is that they had never been told about the organization and they had never been asked to join. All of us need to remember to ask our fellow employees if they are a member and spread the word about the association.

All GESPA members need to consider attending their party caucuses this year. If we are ever to make a change with our legislators it is in getting education friendly legislators in office. We need to be active in our local neighborhood caucuses. They will be held this year on March 25th and you can find out where your neighborhood caucus is by logging onto the Democratic web page at [www.utdemocrats.org](http://www.utdemocrats.org) or for Republican at [www.utgop.org](http://www.utgop.org) and follow the links to caucus, or call the voter information line at 468-3427.

### **Negotiations**

The negotiation team will receive training at USEA on Saturday March 15, 2008. The team will begin the process in April. We will be working with the teachers association (GEA) and the secretaries association (GAEOP) to bring our policy books in line with each other this year. The goal will be to have a single policy for sick leave, disability etc.

The 2007 negotiations team, negotiated for additional funding for our classified employees. The employees will be receiving between 1 and 1 1/4 % additional on top of last year's agreement due to additional funding of the total bonus from the legislature. The team made sure that if the additional funding came in for the teachers that it also came in for the classified employees of the District.....Way to go TEAM!!

### **Membership**

Don't forget to ask your fellow employee's if they are a member of GESPA and be ready to give them information on membership or at least refer them to someone who has the information and a membership packet. Everyone should have at least one membership packet on hand, if you would like one please contact Doyle Herndon, Boyd Kimber, Dave Clark or Tracy Atkin to have a packet sent to you. The number one reason most employees are not a member is that they have never been asked and often do not even know that the association exists. We need to let people know about our association and all that its membership has to offer.

**The more members we have, the stronger our message is and the louder our voices are!**

### **IMPORTANT**

If you have a change of address, phone, job location, etc. please contact USEA with your new information. Recently we have had several members not receive association materials. You can contact

USEA at: 269-9320



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**For the latest Information go to our website: [www.graniteclassified.com](http://www.graniteclassified.com)**

# Mass meeting scheduled and Medical Insurance now available to members

## Department elections

Elections for Department president elect will occur in April. look for nomination forms in March for department president elects. Anyone interested in representing your department on the GESPA board should submit a nomination form.

If you submit a form for someone that you think would do well representing their departments, please make sure that they are willing to serve on the board. The term is for 1 year as president elect and 1 year as president for your department.

Nominations must be received by a board member or at USEA headquarters by Friday March 21, 2008. If you do not receive a nomination from you can e-mail Tracy atkin at [tatkin@graniteschools.org](mailto:tatkin@graniteschools.org)

## Employee of the month

Remember to submit nominations for your fellow employees, you can print out the nomination forms on our website and turn them into any board member. It is a nice way to recognize your co-workers and congratulate them on the great job that they do for the District. The following people have received the employee of the month award for the months of June through January:



Tracy Eaton      Mark Smith      Gary Rosenkrantz      Brian Mann

Tracy Eaton is a truck driver for the Bates Central Kitchen; Mark Smith is a warehouseman for the Purchasing Warehouse; Gary Rosenkrantz is a floor manager for the Furniture and Surplus Warehouse; Brian Mann is a warehouseman for the Purchasing Warehouse; Fred Helbling is the head custodian for Eisenhower Jr. High School; Ted Case is the head custodian for Brockbank Jr. High School; Robert Martinez is a custodian at the Granite Education Center; James Baez is an instructional assistant at Academy Park Elementary, congratulations to all of you and keep up the great work!



Fred Helbling      Ted Case      Rob Martinez      James Baez

## Mass Meeting Scheduled

### Attention all members and non-members:

Plan on attending a mass meeting scheduled for Thursday March 27, 2008. It will be held at 6:00 PM at Eisenhower Jr. High School, located at 4351 south Redwood Road in the cafeteria.

We encourage all members and non-members to attend. Bring your friends! We need to discuss what you the members would like to see us take to the negotiations table this year.

We will also be talking about GESPA name recognition and we will be discussing ideas on how we can let employees know who we are and what we do for all employees as an association.

We will have information on the Medical insurance on hand at this meeting.

Notices will be sent out to all GESPA members and building representatives. Please post the notice for all employee's to see and bring your coworkers with you!

## Medical Insurance now available through USEA for all GESPA members

The GESPA Executive board is pleased to announce that medical insurance is now available to all of our members through our state affiliate USEA. The board worked extremely hard negotiating with Educators Mutual and USEA to make this happen for our members. It is available to all locals in the state. We need to make sure that all of our members know about the new insurance and we need to notify all of our part time and hourly employees who may need insurance because they are not offered it through the district. It is a great membership perk, along with dental, optical and life insurance also available through USEA. If you would like a copy of the new insurance packets feel free to call Tracy Atkin at 646-4123 days or 759-3592 evenings, or check it out on our website: [www.graniteclassified.com](http://www.graniteclassified.com)

## Wendover FUN BUS

We have another Wendover Fun Bus trip planned for Friday April 4, 2008 The cost is \$20 per person. On the flier that was mailed out to departments and schools we forgot to list that Bill Cosby will be at the concert hall in Wendover on this night, if you would like to call the concert hall to book tickets for the Cosby show the number is 1-800-648-9660 and ask for the Peppermill Concert Hall.

Watch for a survey on future fun bus trips. We will be conducting a survey on best days and times to go to Wendover, we decided to conduct this survey after hearing from several employee's who work the afternoon shift. It was brought to our attention that by planning these trips on Friday nights we are excluding some of our fellow employee's.

The survey will ask what day and times are better, should we plan a trip around an event at the concert hall, overnight stays etc. Thanks to those who brought this to our attention, we apologize for not thinking about those that work the afternoon shift for our district.