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Call 288-4240 IMMEDIATELY to report your injury the Worker's Compensation carrier, Pinnacle Risk Management.



DENNIS OTTESON The Granite Classified Employees Association is an organization organized for the classified employees of Granite Schools District. Over the years many members have agreed or disagreed on many issues that are brought to our Association to be dealt with. Not everyone is always happy with the outcome. For these reasons some individuals feel that the Association did or didn't come to the right solution.

The Association has accomplished a great many things over the past 30 years. They are always interested in helping people to work out problems or concerns with their jobs. The Presidents job in the association is to work for all the members, no matter the department. It is the membership of the association that determines what the President can accomplish while in office. It's important to know that everyone's support is needed if we are to be successful.

I'm running for the office of President of GCEA. I believe we need to take a good look at the direction that we want our Association to pursue. I hate hearing of members dropping out of the association for what I believe are problems that we can resolve.

I have always been the kind of person that stands up for what I believe and that's why I have served on the association executive board for the past ten years. I have gained mutual respect for those that do the same. For those who don't speak up, they never know what they can accomplish.

Over the years I have seen less and less support for our Elected Association Officers and I feel we need to strengthen that support to accomplish our goals. Without the association and the strength of its members employees could see a dramatic change within the school districts. Especially with the threat of privatization of our jobs. We need to stand tall and make ourselves the best we can at our jobs and in the Association.

The pay, the insurance, and all the other benefits we have are from the Association meeting with the District in negotiations to accomplish several things; fairness, salary, benefits.

I will ask the questions, and I will seek the answers. I will stand up for you and do all I can to resolve your issues or problems. Everyone has the right to be heard. I will make sure that we all have that opportunity.

Thank You



Tony Beale, Paint Shop in the Maintenance Department. I've worked for the Granite School District since 1985, and been a member of the Association since 1988.

Representing Classified Professionals in Granite School District for the last

two years as President has been a great privilege and responsibility. Not only have I come to respect the positions of each classified member, but I have seen first hand how classified professionals influence the educational process of our children.

We have a great responsibility as classified employees. For whom would bus the students to school, or make sure they have a nutritious lunch, assist the teacher in teaching them, or cleaning up after them. And, what about the environment in the school. Who would keep the temperature just right, fix the broken desk, etc. if there were no classified professionals to do these tasks?

I see it every day, classified employees going beyond what is expected of them. This makes me feel proud to be a member of the Association, and knowing that we make a difference.

The Association provides a service to its membership that may not always be seen. I've seen the many hours of relentless service by the officers of USEA and GCEA in making sure Classified Employees are treated fairly, and get the respect they deserve and the benefits they need.

I feel we have come a long way these last few of years with respect to the relationship we have with Granite School District. The very structure of our jobs and education has been attacked in recent weeks by our state legislature. It's going to take all employees of Granite School District including classified employees to get through the difficult times ahead.

I know that classified employees are committed to their jobs by the way our schools look and feel. And with the representatives from our Association we can take on this challenge.

I have the experience to be your President and know the difficulties that may lay ahead. I'm asking for our vote on election day.

Outstanding Employees Award



Karen Bradley, Custodian at Eastwood Elementary, was awarded Outstanding Employee of the Month by the Granite Classified Employee's Association for the month of January, 2003.

"If Oscar Awards were given for cleanest school, Eastwood would be going to Hollywood. Thanks to Karen Bradley's efforts, Eastwood always looks like a model school. Parents and visitors immediately comment on how shiny the floors look, and how fresh and clean the building is."

"Karen is always looking for ways to improve her performance. Her 'can do' attitude and desire to have a glowing reputation motivates her to perform at a superior level."

"Her warm smile and gentle mannerisms endear her to children who she unconditionally loves."

Karen received her Outstanding Employee Award at Eastwood Elementary. Her Principal, the office staff, and many of the students attended the presentation of her award.



Paula Pietramali, Administrative Secretary at the Maintenance Office, was awarded Outstanding Employee of the Month by the Granite Classified Employee's Association for the month of February, 2003.

"Paula has been with Granite District for a long time. She goes about her job so smoothly and quietly it is easy to forget just how hectic her job can be. Sometimes we may over-look an employee like Paula because she is so good at her job and goes about it with such efficiency."

"She knows her job inside and out. She always deals with me with patience and never frowns at the many questions I have. She always greets you with a smile and a hello. She brightens up the day. We are very fortunate to have someone like Paula representing Granite School District employees."

Paula received her Outstanding Employee Award at the Maintenance office. The other members of the office and many of the shop Foreman were present to surprise her and congratulate her.

ONLINE FORM

No more making excuses for not submitting an Outstanding Employee **Online Nomination Form is here.** Nominate any Classified Employee that is a member of GCEA for Outstanding Employee.

Members will be judged on performance and whether they improve the image of classified professionals. Also add anything that makes them special.

Each recipient will receive a certificate award and \$35.00.



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For Membership forms call the USEA Office, 269-9320 or goto the GCEA Website at www.graniteclassified.com

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