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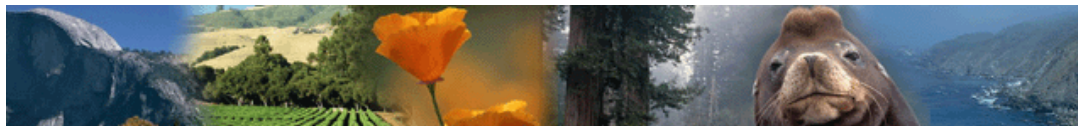
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Monthly Message

A big CGA happy retirement and thank you to Steve Kemper, Fresno regional coordinator for many years. Steve was instrumental in providing quality geographic education to the San Joaquin region.

We welcome Veray Wickham, our new San Joaquin CGA regional coordinator. Veray is the Coordinator for Community Volunteer Services at the San Joaquin County Office of Education. She will be assisted by teacher consultant Cathie Moseley, who will coordinate the CSU



Geography Action! in CA

California kicked off preparations for Geography Awareness Week October 1 when teachers from the SF Bay Area Region staffed a booth at the San

Francisco Presidio Night for Teachers. About 500 San Francisco teachers attended the event.

The Los Angeles Geographic Alliance site celebrated Geography Awareness Week with a fascinating talk on migration by Professor Janice Reiff of the UCLA Department of History, an introduction to the "Mapping the Americas" Geography Action! packet, and a visit to a Fowler Museum exhibit on Mexican migration. To be notified about a future session on Dr. Reiff's intriguing digital mapping technique, send a message to LA Alliance Coordinator Mary Miller at mmiller@gseis.ucla.edu.

Other Geography Awareness Week events were held in San Diego, Fresno, San Jose and Long Beach.

If you conducted or participated in other Geography Awareness Week events or teacher trainings, please [let us know](#) so we can get it in our next newsletter. If you received any press coverage for your event, please contact [Natalie Wojinski](#) with that information.

Got Geography Supplies?

CGA's cool bumper sticker (below) is back in print! If you need materials and supplies for your next geography workshop or family event at school, don't forget you can contact [Mary Hackett at CGA](#) to get what you need.

Among other things, you can order Family Geography World Maps, CGA pencils, inflatable globes, and National Geographic Society's new Crucible of History, the Eastern Mediterranean map as well as the map of Iran.

Be sure to order California Geographic Alliance sign up postcards to use at your next event. New members will receive a welcome packet from CGA beginning in early 2009.

Do you need My Wonderful World supplies? Contact [Natalie Wojinski](#) in Northern California or [Nicki Young](#) in Southern California to get the "We

Fresno preservice
teacher education
program.

"Are Not Alone" posters and postcards or MWW stickers and temporary tattoos with the fingerprint logo. In very limited quantities you can order the very hip My Wonderful World Luggage tags for door prizes.



TC Updates:

What's Happening in Your Neck of the Woods?

Bay Area Region TCs have met with regional coordinator Ann Henry and will all host a Family Geo Night event at Rooftop Elementary and will also participate in the GeoFest scheduled for February 7.

Nicki Young represented CGA at the National Council for Geographic Education meeting in Dearborn, Michigan, along with Natalie Wojinski. Both teachers took part in NGS's My Wonderful World PEC training at the meeting.

Jo Schaefer and Jordan McKee, San Diego, made geography presentations to the preservice teacher classes at San Diego State. They gave an overview of CGA, Geography Action!, Geographic Bee and had learning centers.

Lynn Jones, Humboldt, has presented her Slavery lesson plan to her 8th grade class and is also working on the teacher committee to update the CGA California Atlas.

Do you have events and activities to share? Don't be shy! Send [us an email](#) with a brief description of your event and we'll put it in the next edition of the newsletter. Please send along photos too.



National Geographic Society-led My Wonderful World is a great place to get fun resources for geographic literacy. Check out their [blog](#) for up to date information in a fun, conversational style. Check out their [YouTube Channel](#) with great videos and PSAs. If you haven't already visited the [website](#), check that out too...and don't forget to join the campaign to show your support for geographic education!

Upcoming Events

3rd-4th Grade Institute

June 26-July 3, 2009
University of San Diego
San Diego, CA
more information to come

Advanced Leadership Institute

July 5-10, 2009
Lake Tahoe
Lake Tahoe, CA
more information to come

GeoFest

February 7, 2009
Rooftop Elementary
San Francisco, CA
GeoFest is a one-day workshop primarily for K-12 teachers in the SF Bay Area.
Contact [Ann Henry](#) for more information

California Council for the Social Studies

March 6-8
Ontario Convention Center
Ontario, CA
come see our booth and don't miss sessions led by our Teacher Consultants

The CGA Newsletter Needs You!

As we begin this new venture into the world of e-newsletters, we need your feedback. What do you like about this newsletter? What isn't working? What would you like to see (either periodically or monthly?). Do you have great geography-related websites to share? Send us your ideas, stories and feedback. We want it all!

Please send your comments to [Mary Hackett](#) or [Natalie Wojinski](#).

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