

District Service Councils

February 2015 District Report from ECOEA-R Representative Kathleen Purdy: ecoearetired@yahoo.com



Using some OEA-R Grant monies, the ECOEA Program Committee will be hosting the Annual STRS/SERS Retirement Workshop, Saturday, February 7, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. Highlights will include financial planning for retirement and important mid-career decisions in place prior to retiring. Because OEA-R has been successful in obtaining NEA grants to continue both Intergenerational Mentoring and Lifetime OEA-R/NEA-R Membership programs, each Ohio district was awarded \$450 to support a Retirement Workshop. Lifetime OEA-R/NEA-R memberships are available at this workshop for \$350 (\$250 for national and \$100 for state).

I would strongly suggest that you begin the process of purchasing a Lifetime Membership so that upon retirement, you are eligible to continue being active in the association and build on keeping public schools strong. My main reason I made the decision was to continue using some of the NEA Member Benefits, such as my MasterCard and Insurance coverage. Those benefits would have discontinued upon no longer being employed with Plain Local Schools. A few years later, I was offered an Early Retirement Incentive and merely had to change my status from active to retired with OEA.

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