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Ohio Education Association Retiree Division Report by Kathleen Purdy

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Across the state, each district's retiree representative is hosting a Retirement Workshop to provide additional information on your STRS and SERS benefits that you can expect upon retirement as well as offering Pre-Retired OEA-R/NEA-R Lifetime Memberships. This is through the cooperation of the districts' executive committee and a grant from OEA-R. Thank you actives and retirees.

During our Saturday, February 7, 2015 Retirement Workshop, attendees that accepted lifetime memberships were **Linda Miester** and **Katherine Wyckoff**. Linda was also the winner for the Fuel Card. All attendees are still welcome to purchase a lifetime membership. Contact Kathleen or Carol for more information.

March 4-5, 2015 was the OEA-R Advisory Council meeting in Columbus where we elected **Pam Smith** as the OEA-R FCPE State Council Representative and **Sandy Duckworth** as Alternate. Congratulations to both for their interest in serving the OEA-R Association. **Bill Sears**, Chair of Communications/Public Relations, OEA-R Board of Trustee Representative and our Editor of the official retiree newsletter, "Newline" has announced his resignation within the next several months. If you have a retiree interested in one or all of these positions, please contact Kathleen or Carol. We also approved the OEA-Retired 2015-2016 Calendar Draft.

- **MARK YOUR BALLOT:** Retired Election Materials must be returned by March 31<sup>st</sup>. **Kathleen Purdy** and **Carol Kinsey** would appreciate your support from your retired relatives and friends.
- NEA-Retired Organizing Conference is in Atlanta, GA, March 24-26, 2015.
- **SAVE THE DATE** - Tuesday, May 12, 2015 Retired Spring Conference to be held at the NEOEA Conference Center, 5422 East 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 200, Garfield Hts., OH 44125. (Registration forms and complete information is on the ECOEA-R website.)

The Summer ECOEA-R Newsletters will be mailed in mid June through early July to our ECOEA-R members. If you are available to help assembling, it would be greatly appreciated. Please send your contact information to [ecoaretired@yahoo.com](mailto:ecoaretired@yahoo.com).

Professionally yours,

Kathleen Purdy, ECOEA-R District Representative