

Retired Members and Friends of East Central Ohio Education Association-R



In this photo, NEA-R Alternate Kathleen Purdy and Texas State Teachers Association NEA Delegate Winifred Jackson. Jackson made her first trip to Ohio in June to conduct the OEA MLTP as a National Trainer.

During the May 2015 retiree meetings in Columbus, OEA-R Board of Director's Bill Sears shared with the OEA-R Advisory Council and OEA-R Caucus Members that any OEA-R Member has the opportunity to attend any OEA program, training, meeting or other activities.

With the OEA Minority Leadership Training Program being held June 12-13, 2015 at the Hilton/ Polaris Hotel, two sessions were being offered: Emerging Leaders and

Experienced Leaders with a combined extended training on "Running for Office."

More than 25 members were introduced to our OEA Officers, Becky Higgins, Scott DiMauro and Tim Myers and OEA Minority Leadership Training Liaison Demetrice Davis.

OEA-R Deloris Rome Hudson joined three other National Trainers to conduct the sessions.



L-R Gretchen Washington, Demetrice Davis, Kathleen Purdy, Martha Mitchell and Makia Burns

Visit our website at ecoea-r.ohea.org for up-



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KEEPING SENIORS SAFE AND INFORMED

Con artists and scammers often target older Ohioans. On July 6, 2015, a Senior Citizens Seminar was conducted by Ryan Lippe, Consumer Educator with Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. Ryan shared the top 10 scams that

made Ohio's 2015 list including: "Friends and Family Scams" : * Caregiver interest in your savings* Pressure to sign over a deed* Forging your signature* New 'best friend' * Unusual banking activities * Unpaid bills * Missing belongs.

For more information, to report a scam, or to schedule a speaker on consumer protection issues, contact Ohio AG Mike DeWine's office 800-282-0515 or www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov.

Fund for Children and Public Education



Our members generously contributed to the Fund for Children and Public Education when they were working. This fund was primarily used to support OEA’s recommendation of candidates running for political office. Some district treasurers had made this method very easy by offering payroll deductions.

Once you retired, it became more difficult to contribute because you were no longer at your workplace. OEA has now made it very convenient to continue your contributions. Visit the www.ohea.org website or phone 1-800-282-1500. Help make Campaign 2016 the largest total of FCPE monies raised. Thank you for your continued support of public education.

ECOEA 2015 SPRING REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

During the Assembly, outgoing President Angela Stewart introduced members of her teaching staff and immediate past President Kathy Reid (2007) to the 31 delegates in attendance. Kathleen Purdy (2000-2007) was also present. New officers for 2016– 2018 will be Tracy Lemus Santos, President,



Julie Nelson, Vice President, and Mandy Bankert, Recording Secretary.

Val Heban will continue as the District Business Manager.

Winner of the ECOEA-R basket raffle was Mr. Marty Hammonds, WOE. Thanks Marty!

Congratulations to Angela, Tracy, Julie, Mandy and Val!

OHIO HOUSE SCREENING COMMITTEES

During the Fall 2013, OEA had requested each District Representative work with the District President to suggest retirees willing to serve on Ohio House Screening Committees. ECOEA-R was able to acquire members for each district. East Central OEA consists of HD 1, 5, 48, 49, 50, and 98.

With Campaign 2016, retired education members would be able to keep in touch with political activities by participating at any level. Watch your *OEA-R Newsline* and *Ohio Schools* magazine for upcoming information on being involved. One slogan used in the OEA MLTP session was, “ Amazing things rarely happen in your comfort zone” by OEA UniServ Organizer Makia Burns. She is also available to assist you at burnsm@ohea.org.

The OEA Summer Leadership Academy is being held at the Downtown Hilton in Columbus. Because you are an OEA-R member, this is available to you. Important Campaign 2016 information would be shared.

The Academy is August 3—5, 2015. Registration is required so visit: www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1707224. If you have any comments or suggestions, always feel free to contact me and I will attempt to point you in the right way.

EAST LIVERPOOL ASSOCIATION

The East Liverpool Education Association presented a passionate presentation on their Contract Negotiations at the Rep. Assembly. They were at impasse with the mediator and when that person retired, they received a new one in March 2015. By April 1, 2015, the East Liverpool School Board had given them a last, best and final offer. The Crisis Team, consisting of local President Cathy Reed and two other members distributed flyers with photo, name, position and contact information of their superintendent and current school board members so our OEA

members may communicate that ELEA wants to return to the bargaining table. The ELEA Crisis Members were invited by OEA President Higgins to address the Spring OEA RA in relation to the Board's actions. Delegates were extremely responsive and contributed moral and financial support to the members. To show your support for the ELEA, "like" their Facebook page: East Liverpool Education Association 2015.



East Liverpool Crisis Team at RA

I'm just going to nod and act like I'm listening (male senior citizen t-shirt)



OEA Vice President Scott DiMauro placing the first ticket into the ECOEA-R Raffle.



OEA President Becky Higgins is addressing the district delegates. Recording Secretary Julie Nelson is actively taking notes.



NEOEA-R Representative Beryl Burkle presents at the OEA-R MegaConference for the NEA-R/OEA-R Membership Recruitment Workshop.

NEA President Lily Eskelsen Garcia's blog is an online destination where her perspectives on a variety of issues are shared and discussed through the lens of public education and student advocacy:
LILYSBLACKBOARD.ORG



OEA-R Mission Statement

OEA-R Purpose

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OEA-R is dedicated to providing services to meet the needs of its members, promoting member involvement within OEA, and supporting public education.

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1. Advance and promote the OEA programs for retired members and pre-retired subscribers.
2. Provide a structure for participation within the framework of the OEA.
3. Identify the needs and concerns of retired members.
4. Encourage cooperation and communication among all segments of the public education profession.

SAVE THE DATE : OEA-R STATEWIDE FALL CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

STRS BUILDING, 7TH FLOOR 9:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Registration forms are on the back of the May NEWSLINE edition

SLEEP LATE, THEN COME TO LUNCH

“Not Back to School “Luncheon

Mulligan’s Pub

4118 Belden Village St NW

Canton OH 44718

Directions: I-77N to exit 109A; go through the light to Mulligan’s on the left.

When: **Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

Time: **11:30 a.m.—1:00 P.M.**

COST: SELF-PAY

RSVP by email to ecoearetired@yahoo.com

Holiday Happenin’ at the Historic Pine Tree Barn in Wayne County

This outing provides you several opportunities to shop, dine and catch up with the happenings around the district by attending this social on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 from 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m..

Where: **Pine Tree Barn**

4374 Shreve Rd.

Wooster, Ohio 44691

(330) 262-4077 for directions

Cost: SELF-PAY

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OEA-R Carol Kinsey at the NEA-R Atlanta, GA Conference