**OEA-R Advisory Council District Report from ECOEA-R Kathleen Purdy 12/4/14**

Happy Holidays from East Central Ohio Education Association Retirees!

Our plans toward the OEA-R sponsored Retirement Workshop are in process. We are offering three (3) different workshops: Late Career/STRS; Mid-Career/STRS; SERS Members scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2015. Emphasis on the benefits of membership in retirement would be presented along with a great breakfast buffet, door prizes and much more. Color copies for the Retirement Workshop were available at the November 22, 2014 District RA.

During the November 22nd District RA, I offered an opportunity to raise monies using a Gift Basket Raffle for retirees. The theme of “Tour of Italy” was so profitable that I have chosen it again for the OEA-R basket. OEA-R delegates in attendance were **Sally Smith** and **Kathleen Purdy**. Below is a photograph of the OEA-R display table with 2013 CPEA President, **Dr. Geneva Parker** standing with me.



Our Holiday social event was held in Wayne County at the Pine Tree Barn. We welcomed **Carol Meyers** and spouse, **Bill**. She most recently served on the EC for the District as the Stark #3 Rep, retiring a few months ago from teaching. Table favors were holiday string card holders. Our next social will be Summer 2015.

Happily submitted by ECOEA-R Kathleen Purdy