



MISSION STATEMENT

OEA-Retired is dedicated to meeting the needs of its members, providing member involvement within OEA, and supporting public education.

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ELECTION NOTICE

Declaration of Candidacy forms are available for the following positions to be elected this fall:

- OEA-R Delegate to the OEA Representative Assembly (December 2015 and May 2016)
- NCOEA Representative on the OEA-R Advisory Council (3 year term)

Forms can be obtained by contacting Carol Price at 1-800-282-1500 or pricec@ohea.org.

The filing deadline is September 20, 2015. Forms are also available on our web site.

STRS

As of June 30, the fund stood at \$75,506,526,620. The annual rate of return for the fiscal year is an estimated 6.3%. Carol Carrothers will serve as Board Chair and Bob Stein (Retired Member) will serve as Vice-Chair effective September 1. The Board has voted to continue the Health Care Assistance Program for the coming year. Contact STRS to see if you qualify for this program. The Board has also adopted the rates for health care insurance for 2016. STRS Benefit Recipients are encouraged to visit the STRS web site www.strsoh.org and register to attend one of the Regional Health Care Seminars to be held throughout the state this fall to learn more about Health Care changes and costs for

2016. Upcoming STRS Board meeting dates are August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 19. *Submitted by STRS Observer Bill Sears*

SERS

SERS will hold the election of one retired member of the Board for term beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2020. Any service of disability retiree of SERS can be nominated by petition to be placed on the ballot. The Board voted to amend the administrative rule concerning monthly meeting. The Board will hold meeting each month except for August and January. *Submitted by SERS Observer Adele Matia*

CONTACT YOUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM

STRS: 1-888-227-7877 or www.strsoh.org

SERS: 1-800-878-5853 or www.ohsers.org

OPERS: 1-800-222-7377 or www.opers.org

DISTRICT NEWS

NEOEA: We are planning retired events for 2015-2016. The Intergenerational Mentoring Program at Kent State University and Youngstown State University are seeking additional mentors. You will be matched with an education student in the College of Education. Mentors have retired from their jobs, but not their profession! Please volunteer before September 15 by calling the NEOEA Office (800-354-6794). Linda Grunden will take your name and address and how we can contact you. We will answer all questions ASAP. WE NEED YOU! NEOEA Day is Friday, October 16, 2015. Make arrangements to join us. Call the NEOEA Office. Please plan to join March 2016 for Read Across America. You pick the day, the time and the place. Links to material and resources are at <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/read-across-america/>. You can see our video on YouTube at RAA 15. I want to help you have a wonderful RAA experience. *Submitted by District Representative Beryl Burkle*

ECOEA: Our annual "Not Back to School" luncheon will be held August 19. It will be a time to share conversation and great food! Door prizes, place mats and canvas bags will be provided. I will share some information from a recent Elder Fraud Seminar which I attended. It was presented by Ryan Lippe, Consumer Educator with Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's office. The Ohio Attorney General's Consumer Protection Section created an Identity Theft Unit to help victims rectify the effects of identity theft. The unit offers two programs: Traditional Assistance and Self-Help Assistance. The Seminar also addressed various types of Scams, such as Phone, Living Trust Scams, Phishing (pretending to be a bank employee or a government agency to cleverly get your personal information) and Prizes/Sweepstake Scams, to name a few. For more information or assistance, visit www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or call 800-282-0515. ECOEA-R members Mimi Bogard and Carole Eaton are doing an excellent job with our retiree website. Please visit for updates at: oea-r.ohea.org. Soon to arrive is an ECOEA-R

Facebook page as yet another venue to reach out to our members using social media. The 2015 Summer Newsletter was mailed to our ECOEA-R members. If you didn't receive one, please contact me at ecoearetired@yahoo.com. *Submitted by District Representative Kathleen Purdy*

WOEA: The Mission of WOEА-Retired is to support continued leadership and the maintenance of professional skills and to enhance the unique potential of each participating member. The Purpose shall be to maintain professional contact with the education community and support legislation and benefits for retired education employees. WOEА-Retired has meetings at 11 a.m. that include a program, meal and business the 3rd Wednesday of the month for September-December 2015 and March-June 2016. Locations vary throughout the district. Sept. 16 Program: "Welcome Dayton"; Location: Ray's Wine Spirits Grill on N. Main St in Clayton. Oct. 21 Program: "Mausoleum Windows of Woodlawn Cemetery"; Location: GreenFire Bistro 965 West Main Street, Tipp City 4537. The Nov. 18 Program and Location: "Dayton International Peace Museum"; Location: 208 W. Monument Ave. Dayton 45402. Sept. and Oct. lunch will order from the menu. Nov. is a box lunch. RSVP one week prior to meeting to: Emmy Brudzynski. Phone: 937-610-9917; E-mail: emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu
Submitted by District Representative Jane Rahn

SWOEA: The SWOEА-R Executive Committee just had their summer planning meeting and have set goals for the year. Our first goal will be to increase membership and continue to inform our members of the benefits of SWOEА -R. Another goal we have set for the upcoming year is to do at least one or more community projects that will benefit students in Southwest. More information will be coming out as school starts on these community projects and how you can be involved. For our recent retirees I am happy for you, but you need to remember, public education needs you to stay involved if we are to help our colleagues and the students they teach. We will be planning activities and outings as the year goes forward, however for now we have the following activities planned, so mark your calendars.

- August 25, 2015, NOT Back to School Brunch at Panera at Union Centre in West Chester, at 10:00 AM.
- September 17, 2015, Hanover Winery, Sample Tasting, in Hanover Township starting at 4:00 PM. (Bring a snack to share)
- October - TBA (Pre-retirement workshop)
- November 19, 2015, Cincinnati Sign Museum, with tour beginning at 11:00 AM, Lunch to follow at Camp Washington Chili.

The June outing for SWOEА-R and active members was held at Belterra, starting with a great lunch at the Stadium Restaurant, followed by horse racing and slots. We had a great time getting together for some fun, food, and spending time together. *Submitted by District Representative Judy Buschle*

SEOEA: All SEOEA-R members are invited to attend our first ever meeting and luncheon on Thursday, November 12th in Jackson. Once the planning committee completes its work, we will provide you with the restaurant location, details and

registration form by email. The information will also be posted on the SEOEA-R's website (<http://seoea-r.ohea.us>). Remember, you can update your email address by contacting the Membership Department of OEA by phone (1-800-282-1500 X4056), or by email (memweb@ohea.org). *Submitted by District Representative Christine McVicar*

CAPITAL: At the annual meeting, the following were elected for 2015-2016: President, Judy Valentine; Vice-President, Marilyn Allen; Secretary, Sherry Grimes; Executive Board, Carrie Boston, Jeff Corbin, Delena Doan, Joanne Katonak, Gigi Morelli, Joanne Rudisill, Allen Suggs, Karen Zellner. The membership also agreed to designate the proceeds from our 50/50 raffles during the next two years to the Chess Programs in Columbus City Schools. The funding was previously cut by the district, so we are hopeful that more students will be able to participate. The following events are scheduled for the next few months: Relive the Music of Mamma Mia September 9; A Day of Reflection at the Holden and tour of the Kirtland Temple September 22; Educating Troubled Youth October 2; 80 Contemporary Artists at the Wexner Center for the Arts October 15; our Annual Silent Auction5; Early Yuletide Treasure Tour in Cincinnati November 13 (sold out); Christmas with the DuPonts 10-13; Rhonda's New Role with CEA Immediate Past-President, Rhonda Johnson December 15. All of our events are open to any past or current teachers. Each event includes lunch. *Submitted by District Representative Jeff Corbin*

CENTRAL: Central Retired believes we become stronger as individuals and as an association when members are involved. Staying involved at the state level allows us to be informed about political issues and key issues facing educators across the state. Need volunteers for the Intergenerational Mentoring programs at The Ohio State University and the Ohio University Lancaster Campus. Working with student members reminds you why you became an educator in the first place and provides encouragement to future educators. This year we will be organizing at least three social events for retirees and two pre-retirement seminars. Getting together with other retirees is always a great afternoon. Finally, we also need more retired local presidents to become part of our New Presidents Mentoring Program. Helping new local leaders get a grip on time management and stress management enables them to move forward without burning out. Additionally, we will keep you informed of local and state activities that need your support. For complete details on all these programs, please see the August Central Retired Newsletter. *Submitted by District Representative Mary Binegar*

OHIO'S INTERGENERATIONAL MENTORING PROGRAM

If you are a new retiree, you may not be familiar with our highly successful Intergenerational Mentoring Program. We match retired members of OEA-R/NEA-R with college education majors. We started in 2008 on the campus of Kent State University with six retired members serving as mentors and six college students as their mentees. We now have expanded to six campuses! We had 84 mentors and 116 mentees at Kent State, Miami University, Ohio University in Athens, The Ohio State University, Ohio University-Lancaster and Youngstown State University for 2014-15. Won't you help us continue the important work of keeping highly qualified teachers in public school

classrooms throughout Ohio? With your capable assistance, we will be able to expand the Intergenerational Mentoring Program to other campuses as well as grow the program on the existing campuses. We hope you will join us to continue this very important work. Maybe you have retired from the rigors of the everyday challenge of the classroom routine but we believe you haven't retired from your profession. We want to welcome you to participate as a way of "paying it forward" for our future professional educators. Need more information? Please contact mehuss@hotmail.com. We will be getting underway in mid-September so please don't wait. Contact Bev Martin at martinb@ohea.org to have an application sent directly to you. *Submitted by Marti Huss, State Coordinator*

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT GRANT

Through a grant from NEA-R, the OEA-R was able to continue our member-to-member effort to encourage pre-retired members of OEA to join the ranks of OEA-R/NEA-R. In the previous four years, our efforts gained us 290 new unified life members! For 2014-15, we decided to offer retirement seminars across the state. Nine out of the 10 OEA-R districts participated, with a total participation of 372. Eighteen of those participants now hold unified life memberships in OEA-R/NEA-R. Most of the seminars included presentations on financial planning, estates, wills and trusts, and the importance of continuing your membership into the retirement years presented by NEA Member Benefits. Representatives from STRS and SERS also addressed retirement planning issues. We have recently submitted our 2015-16 application to NEA-R to fund our newest idea: "Media + Motivation = Members." We are creating a DVD that shows retired members in action - experiencing the life of leisure we all yearned for "back in the day" yet still involved in the education profession and still involved in association work! Contact your OEA-R District Representative to get the date of the retirement seminar nearest you. *Submitted by Marti Huss*

OEA-R AT NEA-R ANNUAL MEETING AND NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY

OEA-R had a great presence at the NEA-R Annual Meeting and the NEA Representative Assembly this year in Orlando, Florida. Attending the meetings were Marilyn Allen, Beryl Burkle, Judy Buschle, Bill Dorsey, Peg Ham, John Hoyes, Deloris Rome Hudson, Marti Huss, Carol Kinsey, Jane Rahn, Bill Sears, Donna Smoot-Walters, Chris Swank, and Don Traxler. At the Annual Meeting, a discussion panel was held by the NEA Officers, a presentation was given on Congress, elections were held, awards were presented, and ten new business items were discussed.

At the RA, three Constitution Amendments, four By-Laws Amendments, seven Standing Rules Amendments, sixteen Resolutions Amendments, fourteen Legislative Amendments, three NEA Policy Amendments, and one hundred twenty-two New Business Items were considered over the four-day period, as well as elections and presentations. For more information on the RA go to: nea.org. Below are pictures taken at the Annual Meeting (pink shirts) and the NEA RA (blue shirts).



Front Row: Carol Kinsey, Chris Swank, Bill Sears
Second Row: Don Traxler, Marilyn Allen, William Dorsey, Marti Huss, John Hoyes



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Second Row: Don Traxler, Peg Ham, William Dorsey, Bill Sears John Hoyes, Jane Rahn, Chris Swank, Marilyn Allen

SAVE THE DATE
September 3, 2015
REGISTER NOW!

OEA-R STATEWIDE FALL CONFERENCE

STRS Building, 7th Floor

275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 46215

Speakers include the OEA Officers, OEA Executive Director Sheryl Mathis, OEA-R Staff Liaison Dinica Williams, and STRS Executive Director Mike Nehf.

STRS and SERS Health Care Personnel will be invited to speak on health care issues/changes for 2016 followed by questions and answers. Other interesting and informational sessions are being planned including our ever-popular feature of our own retired members and their post retirement activities.

Note: FREE Parking is provided at the STRS building.

REGISTRATION: 9:30 a.m.

PROGRAM: 10:00 a.m.

LUNCH: 12:15 p.m.

CONCLUSION: 3:00 p.m.

Download the Registration Form on our web site, then complete and return it with your \$15.00 registration fee by August 25th to be eligible for door prizes. Lunch is included in the fee. You will be notified by email once your payment is received. Mail form and payment to:

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