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OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION RETIRED



OEA-R NEWSLINE ---Summer 2016 Edition

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

2015-2016 Advisory Council Cabinet

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ELECTION NOTICE

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

OEA-R Delegate to the OEA Representative Assembly (December 2016 and May 2017).

The filing deadline is September 20, 2016.

Vice-Chair of the OEA-R Advisory Council (complete term through August 2018).

The filing deadline is September 21, 2016.

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

LOCAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CFC OPENING

Names of persons interested in being considered for appointment to the position of OEA-R Representative to the OEA Local Training and Development Core Function Committee are now being accepted. This is to complete the unfulfilled portion of a three (3) year term which began September 1, 2015 through August 31, 2018. The duties of the OEA Local Training and Development Core Function Committee are as follows: The Local Development and Training Core Function Committee shall be responsible for recommending to the OEA Board of Directors and other appropriate entities the

creation of OEA policies that ensure the planning, implementation and regular assessment of a statewide local development and training program that meets the needs of and strengthens local affiliates in accordance with the OEA's Effective Locals Initiative. Committee members are expected to attend all meetings, stay until the end and fully participate. Core Function Committees meet two times per fiscal year. Proposed dates are September 2016 and April 2017. Please submit your name to the OEA-R Chair John Hoyes jhoyes@columbus.rr.com with a copy to the Vice Chair Carol Kinsey at cskinsey@aol.com no later than September 7, 2016 indicating that you wish to be considered for the appointment to this position. Please include a brief statement listing your qualifications and reason for wanting to serve OEA-R in this position. A recommendation from OEA-R must be approved by the OEA Board of Directors.

FCPE

Election Day 2016 looms large on the horizon. Your help is needed to bolster the OEA FCPE funds NOW so we are prepared for that election. If we want to have a voice on implementing or changing retirement benefits, social security, the Affordable Care Act, and other issues affecting our fellow teachers and retirees, we must be politically active. The plain truth, as we know from recent campaigns, is that money does talk in getting our positions known and supported. One of the ways to donate is with your VISA or MasterCard via online. Go to www.ohea.org and scroll down on the left to "Donate to FCPE". If you wish to fill out and return a form, one can be mailed to you by contacting Government Relations at 1-800-282-1500. Also, to be a volunteer for OEA Educators for Ohio's Future Campaign 2016 go to <http://tinyurl.com/EOF-signup>.

OEA MEMBER LOBBY DAY

OEA will hold a Member Lobby Day on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. OEA Member Lobby Day is an opportunity to attend a legislative briefing on current issues by OEA staff and to share your views with state lawmakers. OEA member involvement is critical to improving the policies that impact students, educators, and public education. Agenda details will be determined in early November. For more information, contact OEA Government Relations at 1-800-282-1500.

STRS

The investment report was provided by John Morrow and members of his investment team. Investments for the month of May yielded 0.8% return. For fiscal year 2016 investment returns to date are only 1.0 % through May. As of May 31, 2016, STRS Ohio had \$70.3 billion in assets. STRS plans for 7.75 % returns on investments each year. The one percent for 2016 is significantly below that. However, it is better than the first quarter of the fiscal year. The

sluggish economy and the poorer jobs numbers are part of the reason for the poor returns. The health care premiums for 2017 were set at this meeting. Retirees who are not under Medicare but have 30 or more years of service will be paying a monthly premium of \$380 if he/she is under Medical Mutual or Aetna Non-Ohio. For a retiree with 30 or more years of service who is under Medicare the premium that individual will pay is \$111 under Medical Mutual and \$127 if he/she is under Aetna. The increase of \$900,000 to the 2016 budget was approved as well as the proposed budget for 2017. STRS Ohio's associate headcount dropped from 572 full time equivalents in 2016 to 556 FTE's for 2017. There are retirements in the member benefits department that will not be filled. Overtime has decreased. The investment department is reaching full staffing levels and no new position requests were made for 2017.

Submitted by STRS Observer Rita Walters

SERS

Over the past year, SERS has been hosting an informational series for retirees. It covers a variety of topics, including Social Security issues, basics of Medicare, and fraud prevention. The series also features speakers from local agencies. Our next session is from 1 - 4 pm, on October 13, in the O'Keefe Conference Center at the SERS headquarters, located in Columbus, at 300 E. Broad St., 43215. The session is free, but you need to register. To register, please visit www.ohsers.org, or call toll-free 800-878-5853.

CONTACT YOUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM

STRS 1-888-227-7877 or www.strsoh.org SERS 1-800-878-5853 or www.ohsers.org

DISTRICT REPORTS

CAPITAL: On September 8th, we will take a bus trip to Akron and tour of the Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens. Our other September event will be a visit to our local Cloak and Dagger Dinner Theatre on September 23rd. On October 5th, we will gather for lunch at LaScala Italian Restaurant in Dublin to hear local radio and television personality, Shawn Ireland. Our members will be able to ride out October with a bus ride to Dawes Arboretum, a guided tour of the Daweswood House and on to a tour of the Robbins-Hunter Museum inside the Avery Downer Home. In November we will hold the annual Silent Auction and luncheon at Berwick Manor Party House on November 3rd. The next event will be held at the Reeb Avenue Center on November 15th. . Our holiday events include a tea and show at the Northland performing Arts Center on December 8th. *Submitted by District Representative Jeff Corbin*

CENTRAL: Our full schedule of upcoming events will be in the October newsletter. The final event for this year was held August 3. Retired members

attended the literary picnic at the Thurber House with featured author Edward Roach, author of *The Wright Company: From Invention to Industry*. This past year we held our first fundraiser collecting \$505 for the Central Non-Dues Fund. We are very grateful for the quilt donation from one of our retired members Laurel Bowlus. Our Intergenerational Mentoring Program was very successful last year with over 30 retired members serving over 40 students at two campuses. Our New President Mentoring Program had two new participating locals. Our members participated in lobby days, committee work and workshops. We are very grateful for the way our members stepped up to meet the challenges last year and look forward to an even more active and successful 2016 - 2017 year. *Submitted by District Representative Mary Binegar*

ECOEA: Carol Kinsey and Kathleen Purdy from ECOEA attended the NEA RA this year. Next year, it would be a great opportunity for others to attend to meet and share ideas on how we all have important talents that would benefit our professional association. Newsletters were mailed to your most current address on file in OEA's Membership Department. If you did not receive a newsletter, please contact me ASAP since it contains important information on ballot issues, political candidates, delegate and conference details, and district updates. Our Not Back to School Luncheon is August 17, 11:30-1:00, at Mulligans Pub and Grill, 4118 Belden Village St. NW in Canton. *Submitted by District Representative Kathleen Purdy.*

EOEA: We continue to hold our monthly luncheons in Zanesville at the Olde Falls Inn in Zanesville on the last Friday of every month at noon. The attendance averages around thirty individuals. The conversation is lively and there are STRS updates from Jim McGreevy. Everyone is usually interested in what is going on with STRS. We are planning the same type of luncheon over in the eastern area of EOEA. *Submitted by District Representative Rita Walters*

NCOEA: The North Central Ohio Education Association is comprised of Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Morrow, and Richland counties. We are in the process of organizing a retired group of OEA members. Our first planned activity is a "Not Back To School Celebration." A luncheon is planned for August 23, 2016 at Der Dutchman Restaurant in Bellville, Ohio. The restaurant is located at the I71 and State Route 97 exit. Contact Judy Novak jar4439@gmail.com or 740-627-0747 for more information or if you have any questions. *Submitted by District Representative Judy Novak*

NEOEA: We have opportunities for 2016-2017 in all our endeavors for our RETIRED volunteers. Find something that interests you and join us. Call Linda Grunden at the NEOEA Office at (800-354-6794) or (216-518-0200) she will direct you to your choice. We will volunteer for Read Across North Eastern Ohio in March 2017 and we are trained to screen preschoolers by The

Cleveland Sight Center. We plan our own Retired Spring Conference at the NEOEA Conference Center on April 19, 2017. We plan county luncheons right near your home. *Submitted by District Representative Beryl Burkle*

NWEOA: The OEA-R/NWEOA-R Pre-retirement Workshop was held April 13, 2016 at the Blanchard Valley School in Findlay for members considering retiring from teaching in the next few years. The workshop presented retirement options from STRS speaker Hope Short, retirement investment options from Strategic Financial Resources speaker Corey King, and NEA Benefits choices from Guy Kendall-Freas. Seventeen active members and four newly retired members attended the workshop. Carol Kinsey also provided retirement information to the members. Thanks to Ilsa Goertz and Roberta Tevis from the NWEOA-R Committee for registering and welcoming guests to the workshop and the NWEOA office staff. *Submitted by District Representative Sue Cramer*

SEOEA: The Courtside Grill in Gallipolis has been booked by Jane Miller for our second annual SEOEA-R Luncheon on Thursday, November 10th. Christine McVicar, Charlie Wilcoxon and Bob Maher have met to plan the program. Meeting details were presented in the SEOEA-R E-News distributed earlier in August plus luncheon details will be posted on SEOEA-R's website (<http://seoea-r.ohea.us> by Jeff Slattery in early October. Remember, you can update your email address by contacting the Membership Department of OEA by phone (1-844-OEA-INFO; 1-844-632-4636), or by email (memweb@ohea.org) . *Submitted by District Representative Christine McVicar*

SWOEA: SWOEA-R held its Spring General Meeting on May 17th. Deloris Rome-Hudson's presented information on ED Communities and the NEA professional learning community with an emphasis on the School to Prison Pipeline. Deloris encouraged members to sign up to keep informed about professional issues. Following the presentation, election for the office of President, Vice-President, and Secretary was held with all three incumbents elected for another term. The next outing scheduled for SWOEA-R is the "NOT Back to School Brunch" at Panera at Union Centre on August 23rd from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Come out and join us and meet and greet each other. *Submitted by District Representative Judy Buschle*

WEOA: WEOA-Retired has meetings at 11 a.m. that include a program, meal, and business. They are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month for September-December 2016 and March-June 2017. Locations vary throughout the district and all retirees are welcome to attend. The officers for the 2016-17 year are: Phil Long, Chairperson; Sandy Dobberstein, Vice-Chairperson; Jennie Furnas, Secretary; Pat Lynch, Treasurer; and Jane Rahn, Past-Chairperson. September

21: Presentation by Woodland Historic Cemetery: "History, Mystery, Mayhem and Murder". October 19: Presentation by Kathy Druffner entitled "Got Stuff ". November 16: Peg Green's Photography...Be Inspired! For information and reservations RSVP one week prior to meeting to Emmy Brudzynski Phone: 937-813-7661 or email: emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu. Submitted by District Representative Jane Rahn

OEA-R members attending the NEA-R Annual Meeting in Washington



Back row: Donald Traxler, William Dorsey, Jeff Corbin, John Hoyes, Homer Adams. Middle row: Jane Rahn, Judy Buschle, Carol Kinsey. Front row: Beryl Burkle, Kathleen Purdy, Marilyn Allen, Marti Huss. Not pictured: Peg Ham

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great loss that we announce the death of Nancy Brown on June 13, 2016. Nancy was the founder of WOE-Retired in 1989, the Dayton Education Association- Retired (DEA-R) in 1990, and a former Chairperson of OEA Retired. Nancy was involved in education and educational issues throughout her career and retirement. She left a legacy of friends and causes in support of public education and educators. Her knowledge and expertise will be missed.

OEA-R STATEWIDE FALL CONFERENCE

September 14, 2016

Save the Date and Register Now

STRS Building, 7th Floor

275 East Broad Street

Columbus OH 43215

Morning speakers include the OEA Officers, OEA Executive Director Sheryl Mathis, and OEA-R Staff Liaison Todd Jaeck. Other interesting and informational sessions are being planned.

By request, the afternoon will be devoted to the Retirement Systems. STRS Executive Director Mike Nehf will focus on the State of the STRS Pension System. Following that, STRS and SERS Health Care Personnel will be invited to speak on health care issues/changes for 2017 followed by questions and answers. We will again offer our ever popular session featuring our own retired members and their post retirement activities. Attend to "fiddle around" with OEA-R member Charlie Wilcoxon at the end of the day. You may just leave by dancing a jig or singing a familiar tune as you exit the Conference.

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.

Complete and return the registration form (below) with your \$15.00 registration fee by September 2nd 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:

OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION-RETIRED

STATEWIDE FALL CONFERENCE

ATTN: Todd Jaeck

P.O. Box 2550

Columbus, Ohio 43216-2136

September 14, 2016

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