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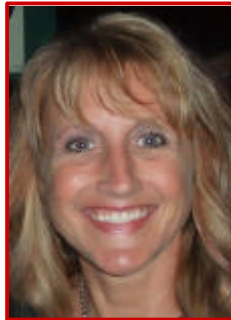
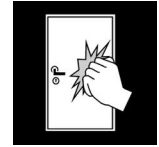
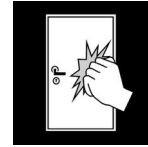
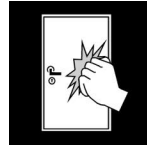
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Knock, Knock, Knock!

By ECOEA President Angela Stewart



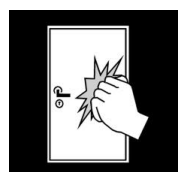
This weekend was our Annual Stewart Family Retreat: a weekend of family bonding... in a cabin... in the middle of winter... in the middle of nowhere. One would think it would be a relaxing weekend except for one little thing-and her name is Miss Addison Rose. She is my five-year old niece and I adore her, but she loves to get up very early, and wants someone to get up with her. So she knocked very persistently and didn't give up until my sister, or myself, woke up. At the time, I didn't appreciate her early morning wake up call, reminiscent a

Sheldon-like manner from The Big Bang Theory: **Knock knock knock, Auntie?! Knock knock knock, Auntie?! Knock knock knock, Auntie?! Ugh, I'm up!** It wasn't until I got home and starting working on this article that I could fully appreciate her rather obvious example of perseverance. I read a quote from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow who said, "Perseverance is a great element of success. If you only knock long enough and loud enough at the gate, you are sure to wake up somebody." I respect the simplicity of this advice, especially since my niece reminds me every time she spends the night. If she knocks long enough and loud enough, I will wake up! **SUCCESS!**

I tell you this story because it is time **TO WAKE SOME PEOPLE UP!** It is time to wake up our colleagues, our administrators, our parents and community members, our friends, our families, and our neighbors. But most importantly, it is time **TO WAKE OUR LEGISLATORS UP!** If you are as frustrated as I am with HB555 or any other harmful legislation that is being passed at lightning speed, I suggest you start knocking long and loud at the gate. And perseverance will be the key to getting us inside and achieving success. We must contact our legislators and tell them the impact HB555 is having on us and our students, and not just one time. We need to keep knocking and knocking and knocking until someone wakes up! You can use the **ECOEA or OEA website** to identify your legislators. You can sign up to be an **ACE** (Advocates for Children and Education), send e-mails, make phone calls, or lobby face-to-face. Or better yet, you can attend the **ECOEA LEGISLATIVE DINNER MARCH 8** and discuss those issues that impact you and your students. See the ECOEA website for details. No matter what your career, or what year you are in your career, HB555 will impact your career. Whether it was intended or not, the consequences of this legislation are disastrous to public education employees. If you need more information about HB555 see the December 2012 OEA Legislative Watch or you can use the OEA website to arm yourself with talking points. Bottom line is what you allow, is what will continue. Are you ready to do some knocking? I sure am! And I have been schooled by the best... Miss Addison Rose!



**Educational Decisions
are Political Decisions**



The Picture Gallery



Attendees were treated to a buffet breakfast prior to the event... Separate breakout sessions were given by John Buch, from STRS and Cameron Vaughan from SERS...



About 70 Members and spouses made reservations for the ECOEA Retirement Workshop held on Saturday, February 9th at the Courtyard Marriott in Canton



ABOVE: ECOEA President, Angela Stewart; STRS Rep John Buch; ECOEA Executive Director, Bruce Rostette; SERS Rep, Cameron Vaughan; ECOEA VP, Val Heban; ECOEA Rec. Secretary, Tammy Bixler-Zalesinsky.....

BELOW: Smuckers gift box Door Prize winners pose with Angela and Val: Ann Kaminski (CPEA), Patty Chelf (Wooster EA), and Donna Ruwadi (Jackson Classif).....



Supporting our ECOEA Locals



ECOEA provides funding help to locals who send members to the OEA Collective Bargaining Conference in February... This year locals receiving funds were: New Philadelphia EA, Lake Local EA, Wooster EA, Triway EA, Jackson Classified Pers. Assn, and North Canton EA....

ECOEA SPRING REP ASSEMBLY will be held APRIL 20, 2013



Calling all delegates...

Where: Canton Professional Educators' Association office
1327 Market Ave. N., Canton, Ohio

Time: Delegate registration begins at 7:45 AM
Gavel comes down at 8:30



Elections will be held at the 2013 ECOEA Spring Rep Assembly for the following positions. The term of office for each will expire at the end of the summer. New terms for each will begin with the 2013 school year and run for three years. The Spring RA will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2013, and letters of intent must be received by ECOEA Executive Director, Bruce Rostetter, by March 11, 2013 (40 days prior to the RA) for your name to appear on the ballot. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor of the Assembly on April 20th as well. Letter of intent forms can be found on the ECOEA website.

Expiring Terms:

- * ECOEA Exec. Committee – OEA Board of Directors Unit III Rep (new term exp. 2016)
(Angela Stewart appointed to this vacancy, submitted Decl. of Candidacy form to OEA)
- * ECOEA Exec. Committee – Stark #1 (new term exp. 2016)
- * ECOEA Exec. Committee – Stark #2 (new term exp. 2016)
- * ECOEA Exec. Committee – Stark #4 (new term exp. 2016)
- * ECOEA Exec. Committee – Tuscarawas (new term exp. 2016)
- * ECOEA Rep on OEA Prof. Efficacy CFC (new term exp. 2016)

Current Vacancies:

The following positions are currently vacant and can be filled by appointment. If you are interested in filling any of these positions at this time, please contact ECOEA President, Angela Stewart with your request at ecoeapresident@yahoo.com or at 740-498-6601

ECOEA Exec. Committee

- * OEA Board of Directors Unit II
(Vacancy-Anne Bowles appointed in Nov)
- * Columbiana #1 Rep (term ends 2015)
- * Columbiana #2 Rep (term ends 2014)
- * Wayne #2 Rep (term ends 2014)
- * ESP #1 Rep (term ends 2015)

ECOEA Reps on OEA Committees

- * OEA Organizing Strategy CFC Rep (term ends 2014)

Your voice is needed... We invite you to expand your association involvement and consider running for one of these positions... Put your leadership and classroom skills to work by serving your local at the district and state level...

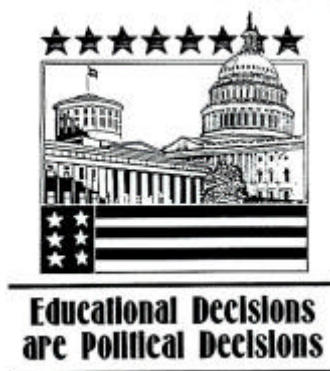
MARK YOUR CALENDARS



ECOEA Legislative Dinner – March 8, 2013

There is still time to get your reservation in for this annual event...

The evening starts off with a complimentary dinner for ECOEA members followed by the program that allows attendees to ask questions of the legislators present, and will conclude with a hospitality gathering with DJ entertainment, snacks and giveaways... Bring a guest if you like for a nominal charge... get more info and reservation form on the ECOEA website... Deadline is closing in!!!



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**Friday Evening
March 8, 2013
Courtyard Marriott,
Canton**



* Sign-In:	6:00 PM
* Legislative Dinner:	6:30 PM
* Legislative Program:	7:30 PM
* Hospitality Time:	9:00-Midnight

OEA Member Lobby Days have been scheduled – Make Your Voices Heard!



Wednesday, March 20, 2013

(OEA Legislative Reception in the evening at the Statehouse
– to RSVP to the OEA Legislative Reception, please contact
Briana McKay at mckayb@ohea.org or 614-227-3056)

- Tuesday, April 16, 2013**
- Tuesday, April 30, 2013**
- Tuesday, May 14, 2013**
- Tuesday, June 11, 2013**

An informational flier for these events can be found on the ECOEA website...
click on the Political Action/Events tab at the top of the homepage

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**ECOEA Scholarships Available for
The OEA Summer Academy – August 5-7, 2013**

Once again, ECOEA is offering a total of six scholarships to ECOEA members who wish to attend the OEA Summer Academy

Selection criteria along with an online application can be found on the ECOEA website under the "ECOEA Scholarships" tab

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**This year's theme is
HALLMARKS OF EXCELLENCE:
UNITY, POWER AND INFLUENCE**

- * School of Collective Bargaining
- * School of Association Leadership
- * School of Communications, Organizing and Political Action
- * School of Professional Advocacy and Leadership

Attendance is open to any ECOEA Member
Apply for scholarship by April 26th

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR THIS CONFERENCE BEGINS MAY 1ST ON THE OEA WEBSITE

For information on all ECOEA events, scholarship opportunities, online reservations, political updates and much more... check us out on the web...

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