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ECOEA President,
Angela Stewart

REMEMBER!

This August marked the 25th Anniversary of the Dublin Irish Festival. It has become an annual tradition for some of my friends and me to attend. I had a fantastic weekend creating memories with friends, having loads of fun, and celebrating Irish culture! While researching my own Irish heritage, I came across this Irish saying, "Where the tongue slips, it speaks the truth." This is a sad truth in any culture. And in this already heated political climate, we have heard some major slips of the tongue! And we must remember those candidates that "slipped" when we vote November 6!

If I had to sum up in one word the advice I could give any public school employee, it would be **"REMEMBER"**.

- * **Remember** Issue 2 and how the opposition tried to defeat us with lies and dirty tricks.
- * **Remember** when Governor Romney came to Ohio and sided with Governor Kasich in supporting Issue 2
- * **Remember** how Issue 2 was defeated, yet pieces of legislation found their way into the budget and into the Cleveland Plan.
- * **Remember** the Ohio Tea Party Coalition that wants to make Ohio a Right-to-Work State.
- * **Remember** how Ohio was redistricted in the private hotel room "bunker" and the party in power took every advantage to try to obtain a super majority this fall.
- * **Remember** how voters were disenfranchised and the controversy over early voting.
- * **Remember** how minority rights were attacked and women's issues were minimized.
- * Most importantly, **remember** how angry you got every time a new attack started?

I know we get busy with our work, and emotions fade as we forget the past and those major slips of the tongue. In fact, our opposition is hoping you will forget. But I'm asking you to take a moment to simply **remember**, to get mad all over again, and to do something about it! Gone are the days of simply teaching students, cooking lunches, cleaning buildings, driving bus, aiding teachers, taking temperatures, or answering telephones. This important November election will determine how many more cuts our locals will have to make. Everyone can do something, and here are a few ways to advocate for public education: All spring and summer, OEA members have been screening candidates and making recommendations. So support those OEA endorsed candidates in their campaigns with your time, your money, and your vote. Join Voters First, a coalition of groups and people from across Ohio created to take the power over drawing our congressional and legislative districts out of the hands of the politicians and put it in the hands of the people. The Redistricting Amendment is this year's ISSUE 2...with a YES vote! Participate in local, district, or state activities, workshops, and Representative Assemblies. Give a little time and talent on a local, district, or state committee. Contribute to the Fund for Children in Public Education or even have an FCPE drive at your local. In whatever action you decide to take, always **remember!**

In the words of George Santayana, "*Those who do not **remember** the past are condemned to repeat it.*" We must continue to work together to **remember** and to be strong advocates for public education. We must **remember Issue 2, because this year it means vote YES!** In closing, I leave you with this Irish Blessing: May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far! Have a wonderful year, make some fantastic memories, and always, always, always...**REMEMBER!**

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ELECTION DAY
Tuesday
November 6th



We have the opportunity and the power, as OEA and NEA members, to ensure a victory for Public Education in this Election... This list of OEA recommended candidates represents the work of OEA members on local committees who screened political candidates for the OEA Fund for Children and Public Education (FCPE), and is an example of the OEA's advocacy in helping to shape the future of public education in Ohio...

REMEMBER: POLITICAL ACTION COUNTS !



If we don't change how we draw legislative district lines for Ohio, our schools will bear the brunt of politicians who pick their own voters and pursue their own extreme agenda. Voting Yes on Issue 2 gives the voters a chance to choose their representatives, and it will tend to push Ohio politics back to the moderate middle.

Without a Yes on Issue 2, we risk having the same extreme folks who passed laws to cut state aid to public schools, abridge our collective bargaining rights and constantly tinker to make Ohio's election systems unfair.

Take advantage
of your dues dollars

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Check out the ECOEA Website for info and "online" application forms for all of the following ECOEA member opportunities



- President
Barack Obama
- Ohio Senator
Sherrod Brown
- Carroll County
SD-30 Lou Gentile
HD-95 Charlie Daniels
- Columbiana County
HD-5 Nick Barborak
- Holmes County
HD-98 Josh O' Farrell
HD-70 No Position
- Stark County
HD-38 Michael Kaplan
HD-48 Amanda Trump
HD-49 Stephen D. Slesnick
HD-50 Sue Ryan
- Tuscarawas County
HD-98 Josh O'Farrell
- Wayne County
HD-1 No Position
- US House District 6
Charlie Wilson
- US House District 7
Joyce Healy Abrams
- US House District 13
Tim Ryan
- US House District 16
Betty Sutton
- Ohio Supreme Court
Yvette McGee Brown
William O'Neill
Michael Skindell



- * ECOEA Unit Scholarships for Members - deadline Nov 1st
- * ECOEA Public Relations Grants for Locals - deadline Nov 1st
- * ECOEA Inservice Meeting funds
- * Mid-Atlantic Minority Leadership Conference Scholarship - deadline Jan 1st
- * NEA ESP Conference Scholarship - deadline Jan 15th
- * Quinn Member and Student Scholarship - deadline March 1st
- * NEA-Retired Conference Scholarship - deadline Feb 15th
- * OEA Collective Bargaining Conf.Scholarship for ECOEA Locals
- * OEA Summer Leadership Conference Scholarships

The Picture Gallery



NEA Rep Assembly

ECOEA Delegates pose for group photo at NEA RA held in July in Washington D.C. →



Tusky Valley TA – NEAMB Winners!

Tusky Valley TA was the winner of the NEA Member Benefits California Casualty contest for a school lounge makeover at Tusky Valley High School... The "reveal" was on August 21st, and ECOEA President, Angela



Stewart was on hand for the little celebration along with the Tusky Valley membership... →

Seated in the newly made over lounge are NEAMB reps Lisa Lazorcak and Beth Nagy with Kelley Gulling, TVHS chemistry and physics teacher, who entered the NEAMB contest... See ECOEA website for details on the win...



ECOEA Local Leadership Training Workshop-August 2, 2012

Over 70 members and guests were in attendance at this annual ECOEA workshop... It was held at the Canton Courtyard Marriott where attendees could choose from two of four sessions offered.



Top left Clockwise: LRC LaVonne Lobert-Edmo presented the Building Reps session; Local Leadership session was conducted by Rittman EA President, Ed Sims and Newcomerstown TA President, Janel Travis; Mary Suchy from OEA presented the Constitution and Bylaws Compliance session; Judi Doult, Bob Mutigli and Carol Meyers won the Hibiscus door prizes; Jim Timlin, OEA Secretary-Treasurer presented the local Treasurers workshop and incoming OEA Secretary-Treasurer, Tim Myers was also in attendance...



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



ECOEA FALL ROUNDTABLE – Hartville Kitchen



LEGAL UPDATE



Monday

October 15, 2012

**Presenter will be
OEA Attorney,
Kathleen McKinley**

**Roundtable will begin at 5:00
PM Hartville Kitchen**

- * Sign-In begins at 5:00 PM with complimentary dinner for ECOEA members at 5:30, followed by Legal Update presentation...
- * A \$10 refundable deposit check is required to hold each reservation, and it will be returned to you at the event...
- * MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE AT THE ECOEA WEBSITE BY OCTOBER 8TH

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SOME FUTURE EVENTS / DATES

ECOEA Fall Rep Assembly
Saturday, November 17, 2012

Canton Professional Educators'
Association Office

ECOEA Spring Rep Assembly
Saturday, April 20, 2013

Canton Professional Educators'
Association Office

OEA Fall Rep Assembly
Saturday, December 1, 2012

Vets Memorial
Columbus

OEA Spring Rep Assembly
Fri-Sat, May 10/11, 2013

Vets Memorial
Columbus

** Save the Dates **

ECOEA
Retirement
Workshop



STATE TEACHERS
RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF OHIO

Saturday, February 9, 2013

ECOEA Spring
Legislative Dinner
and Program



Friday, March 8, 2013

Details and reservation information
will be posted on the Website...