

ECOEA COUNCIL CONNECTION

JANUARY 2013

Please share the following information with your service council on behalf of ECOEA.

ECOEA WEBSITE-all forms, applications, newsletters, calendar, workshops, links, legislative contact information, etc are online; ***new workshop policy requires a \$10 check deposit***; send Bruce photos of union activities www.ecoea.ohea.us
East Central Ohio Education Association Facebook page & Twitter
ECOEA Shirts-order forms available ****ECOEA Committee Members ½ price**

Special ECOEA Levy Assistance-\$100, call office

ECOEA Five Star Award-meet 5/6 criteria (see website); Certificates @ Fall 2013
ECOEA RA; Lottery Type drawing

ECOEA RA-Saturday, March 20, 2013 @ CPEA Office in Canton

****Color Guard or Music Entertainment stipend available for performing @ OEA RAs****

OEA RA- Friday & Saturday, May 10-11, 2013 @ Vets Memorial in Columbus

OEA District Leaders Council Networking and Hospitality-Thursdays, May 9, 2013 @

Double Tree Worthington

OEA Awards Dinner-Friday, May 10, 2013

OEA Education Support Professional Award-deadline July

2012-2013 Annual OEA Awards- Marilyn Cross Scholarship (\$2,000), JFK Scholarship (\$4,000), Jean Kershaw Scholarship (\$2,000), Human and Civil Rights Awards (\$500), Peace and International Relations Award, OEA Media Award for Public Service, OEA Friend of Education Award**all other awards due Jan 2013; May 10-11, 2013
presentation of awards @ OEA Spring RA

OEA Aspire Collective Bargaining Conference: February 1-2, 2013; NEW Columbus Hilton Downtown; ECOEA Scholarships available; other OEA/RCC scholarships will be available soon

ECOEA Retirement Workshop: Saturday, February 9, 2013; 8:30am-noon; Courtyard Marriott, Canton ****GUESTS \$15 non-refundable**

ECOEA Spring Legislative Dinner: Friday, March 8, 2013; Courtyard Marriott, Canton

OEA Women's Caucus-Saturday meetings @ OEA Headquarters; March 2, 2013; May 18, 2013 ***Need ECOEA rep (must be OEA WC member)**

OEA GLBTC-Saturday meetings @ OEA Headquarters;(must be OEA GLBTC member)

Retirees-PreRetired memberships; ECOEA-R newsletter; ECOEA-R website; outings and campaign activities

Current Vacancies for ECOEA- Columbiana County Reps #1 & #2, ESP #1, Various ECOEA Standing Committees, OEA Core Function Committees

NEA Member Benefits & OEA Access card- www.neamb.com & www.ohea.org

*****This is now a permanent card*****

Teacher Tool Kit www.ohea.org

POLITICAL ACTION

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT....

MANY BILLS ARE DROPPING THAT AFFECT PUBLIC EDUCATION. STAY INFORMED & EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT THESE CRITICAL ISSUES

**There are 2 races still out (HD 7 & HD 98) Right now Republicans have 59 seats. 60 House seats= Republicans would have a 3/5 majority and would be able to put legislation on the ballot without collecting any signatures
66 House seats=Republicans would have 2/3 supermajority and could add an emergency clause to any legislation, making it effective immediately. They could also make any legislation referendum and veto proof. If this had been the case when Senate Bill 5 passed, it would be law today!**

WHAT YOU CAN DO...

ACES-Be sure to check it out & update if necessary

FCPE-drives; individual face-to-face contacts; online link. Lobby efforts are crucial!

OEA Facebook-short video clips that can be shared & posted to your own site

OEA Twitter-instant updates & notifications of impending legislative decisions

OEA Text Message Alerts-text "OEA" to 69866 or fill out form on OEA website

LEGISLATION/ISSUES...

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS-5 individual bills passed-Be sure members close to retirement go to a planning mtg with their system to avoid losing any money on their retirement!

OEA/ECOEA ENDORSED CANDIDATES-keep talking to friends, family, and neighbors in your area! Thank those who supported our candidates!

A HUGE "Thank You" goes out to everyone who got involved in Campaign 2012! From displaying yard signs and bumper stickers, attending rallies and meet-the-candidate events, distributing literature at fairs and festivals, marching in parades, writing letters, making phone calls, canvassing neighborhoods, hosting house parties, working directly with candidates, contributing money and other resources, to informing friends, family, and neighbors; OEA and ECOEA members were involved!