

ECOEA COUNCIL CONNECTION

OCTOBER 2012

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 2012
ECOEA RA; Lottery Type drawing

ECOEA Fall Roundtable-Monday, October 15, 2012 Hartville Kitchen @ 5:00 p.m.
Reservations due by October 8th *****MUST SEND \$10 CHECK DEPOSIT TO HOLD RESERVATION!**

ECOEA RA-Saturday, November 17, 2012 @ CPEA Office in Canton
****Color Guard or Music Entertainment stipend available for performing @ OEA RAs****
OEA RA- Saturday, December 1, 2012 @ Vets Memorial in Columbus
DLAMC Dinner-Friday, November 30, 2012

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

Region 2 Presidents Meeting-Tuesday, October 23 @ 5:30; Mulligans; rsvp to Kathi Gallagher gallaghe@ohea.org

OEA Women's Caucus-Saturday meetings @ OEA Headquarters; October 27, 2012; 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)

Save the Public Common School Conference; Keynote Speaker Diane Ravitch Tuesday, October 16, 2012 9:30 am to 2:00 pm; Powell; register on OEA website

Seventh Annual State OAESP Conference-Saturday, November 10, 2012 @ 9:00 a.m.: OEA Headquarters; \$20 cost; limited to 100 participants; Deadline is Oct. 19; Regional scholarships may be available

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

****If Democrats lose ONE more house seat, Republicans would have a 3/5 majority and would be able to put legislation on the ballot without collecting any signatures
If Democrats lose SEVEN more house seats, the 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

PHONE BANKS-check ECOE website for closest phone bank location, dates and times!
Every 90 minutes of calling earns a \$20 gas card and 1 chance in a drawing for an iPad!

SCRUB OFF SATURDAYS-Be sure to remove old "Vote No on Issue 2" bumperstickers & replace with VOTE YES ON ISSUE 2!

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!

REDISTRICTING: Be sure to check out your voting area! www.votersfirstohio.org
DO WHAT YOU CAN!!!! VOTE YES ON ISSUE 2!!!!

OEA/ECOEA ENDORSED CANDIDATES-keep talking to friends, family, and neighbors in your area!

MAIL IN BALLOTS-check postage rate and your Board of Election's address!