ECOEA COUNCIL CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER 2014

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-this must be paid BEFORE the event, not that day**\*; send Val photos of union activities [www.ecoea.ohea.us](http://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, e-mail office

ECOEA PR Grant-must be a new project, November 1, 2014

ECOEA Local In-Service Grant-$0.50/ECOEA member, not to exceed $150.00

ECOEA Five Star Award-meet 5/6 criteria (see website); Certificates @ Fall 2014 ECOEA RA; Lottery Type drawing

ECOEA Unit Scholarships ($500/each unit)-Deadline November 1, 2014. Winner will be drawn at ECOEA Fall RA

LOCAL ELECTIONS-see OEA Election Manual for guidelines and rules; Contact Elections Coordinator Carol Price for any questions 1-800-282-1500 ext 3169

ECOEA/OEA Fall and Spring RAs-Deadline October 10. NEA RA-Deadline Mid-March.

ECOEA Fall Roundtable-Monday, October 20, 2014 Hartville Kitchen @ 5:00 p.m. Reservations due by October 10 \*\*\*MUST SEND $10 CHECK DEPOSIT TO HOLD RESERVATION! Cost is $15 for retirees or non-ECOEA members

ECOEA RA-Saturday, November 22, 2014 @ CPEA Office in Canton

**BE SURE TO FOLLOW ELECTION GUIDELINES, EVEN IF BY ACCLAMATION**

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

OEA RA- Saturday, December 6, 2014 @ Convention Center in Columbus

DLAMC Dinner-Friday, December 5, 2014 \*\*Afterwards is DLC HOSPITALITY & NETWORKING

Local Presidents’ Meeting-Tuesday, October 21, 2014 @ 5;30 p.m.; Mulligan’s Pub; deadline Oct 15 to Beth Hudson: 1-800-255-5748 or hudsonb@ohea.org

OEA Education Support Professional Award-deadline July 15

2014-2015 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 12, 2015; May 8-9, 2015 presentation of awards @ OEA Spring RA

Core Function Committee Meetings-Oct 10-11, 2014; register on-line at OEA website

OEA Women’s Caucus-Saturday meetings @ OEA Headquarters; September 20, 2014; March 14, 2015; May 30, 2015

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 Rep #2, Carroll County Rep, ESP #1, Various ECOEA Standing Committees

NEA Member Benefits & OEA Access card- [www.neamb.com](http://www.neamb.com/) & [www.ohea.org](http://www.ohea.org/)

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

Teacher Tool Kit [www.ohea.org](http://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\***

**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

EDUCATION VOTES-www.educationvotes.org Updates from NEA, Take “KIDS NOT CUTS” Pledge

**LEGISLATION/ISSUES…**

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES-www.ohea.org---Political Action Tab---“OEA Legislative Watch” AND www.nea.org---Legislative Action Center Tab

RIGHT TO WORK LEGISLATION “Freedom in the Workplace” Petitions are being circulated and can be held for years. Currently, Gov. Kasich has said that RTW is “not on his radar”, but pressure from the Tea Party or a second term could easily change this. There is currently a “So Called Right to Work” Taskforce working on a tool kit and other materials and messaging is being field-tested. There is also some information available on the OEA website. The “UNFAIR, UNSAFE, HURTS US ALL” slogan from the SB5 campaign is very applicable here! “DON’T TRUST IT!”

CAMPAIGN 2014-Preliminary injunction against the GOP-backed bill that ended “Golden Week” and some weekend and evening hours to early voting. The “pull-out” guide will be in the next issue of Ohio Schools. It is a list of all OEA endorsed candidates. Please feel free to share with your friends, family, and neighbors! We MUST elect a new Governor, or many of the bills and actions we have worked so hard to fight, will be passed!

The OEA website also has that information: www.ohea.org ---Issues and Legislation Tab---“Elections and Candidates”---enter your street address and zip code

OEA Endorsed Candidates for Statewide Positions Nov 2014 Election:

Governor-Ed FitzGerald

Treasurer-Connie Pillich

Secretary of State-Nina Turner

State auditor-John Patrick Carney

Attorney General-David Pepper

Reynoldsburg Education Association has issued a strike notice for September 19, 2014. (smaller class size, merit pay, no longer provided group insurance, etc)

If you are on Facebook, please “like” their Facebook page.

Please send cards and messages of support to our fellow OEA union members:

Reynoldsburg Education Association

c/o Natalie Moore

P.O. Box 884

Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

SOLIDARITY RALLY \*\*\*wear red\*\*\*

11:00am Saturday, September 20, 2014

Hueber Park

7232 E. Main Street

Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068