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A Message from Julie

It feels like over the past decade every election is “the most important election of your life.” There is no denying that once again the results of November 8th will have an impact on our careers. Elected officials will decide how our schools are funded, how many tests our students are subjected to, how employees will be evaluated, how to address the epidemic of failing charter schools and what rights our union has.

While we may not agree completely with a candidate, our students need us to stand up and be a voice for them. Take time to visit and promote www.ohioballot.com. You can find which candidates support our positions on education and will work to champion our students and public schools. Share this information with your friends, family, and colleagues. We need to be an active part of the process and encourage everyone to take the time to vote. This election will be won one precinct at a time.

These candidates are chosen for endorsement through a transparent bipartisan screening process led by members. Depending on the race candidates are screened by OEA members serving on FCPE State Council or District Screening Councils. Candidates are invited to complete a written questionnaire and participate in an interview to discuss their views on educational issues like school funding and privatization. Recommendations for endorsement are made based on the candidates’ records in office and their position on education issues.

As OEA attorney Kathleen McKinley shared at the ECOEA Legal Update on October 23, be careful how you address the election with students. Our personal free speech rights are limited when we have a “captive audience” in our classrooms, offices, and buses. Emphasize the importance of voting as a right and responsibility of a democracy.

Minerva Local Education Association teacher Julie Rine wrote [a blog post titled “The elephant and donkey in the room”](#) on the conflicted feelings this presidential election has created. She reminds us “In one of our schools today sits a future President, and how he or she views this great country might very well depend upon how we deal with the fallout of this election in our classrooms.”

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The Louisville Education Association (LEA) in Stark County delivered a 10-day strike notice effective November 2, 2016. The LEA has been working without a contract since June 30th. The bargaining team is ready to engage in meaningful negotiations with the BOE and mediator. LEA represents approximately 180 full time and part time educators.

The Louisville Education Association can be reached at louisvilleea.oh@gmail.com. Check their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ohiolea for up-to-date information.

Cards and letters of support can be sent to:

Louisville Education Association
c/o Angela Emmons, LEA Treasurer
P.O. Box 194
Louisville , Ohio 44641

ECOEA 2016 Friend of Education



The ECOEA Executive Board is proud to announce Senator Lou Gentile (SD30) as the ECOEA Friend of Education. The ECOEA Board selected Senator Gentile because of his work supporting public education and workers' rights. The son of a school teacher, Senator Gentile has been a tireless worker in bringing economic improvement to his senate district which includes part of ECOEA. In the current General Assembly, he opposed the Youngstown Plan (HB70). He supported charter school accountability (HB2) and school funding (SB208). He has been recognized by his party for his leadership, naming him House Assistant Minority Whip. He served in the House of Representatives 2010-2011, and the Senate since 2011. ECOEA appreciates his accessibility and presence at our Legislative Dinners. He will receive his award at the ECOEA Fall Representative Assembly on November 12th. The Friend of Education award is the highest award given to a nonmember by ECOEA and is awarded in even numbered years. Congratulations Senator Gentile!

Per By-Law 3.9 Access to Financial Reports-the Monthly Executive financial reports are available to any member upon request

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of your dues dollars

www.ecoea.ohea.us

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

* **NEA-Minority & Women's' Training**

Scholarship deadline Nov. 9th

* **OEA Winter Advocacy & Organizing**

Scholarship-deadline Jan. 13th

* **NEA SUMMIT Conference Scholarship** -

deadline Jan. 13th

* **NEA ESP Conference Scholarship** -

deadline Jan. 13th

* **NEA-Retired Conference Scholarship** -

deadline Jan. 13th

* **Quinn Member and Student Scholarships-**

deadline March 8th

* **OEA Summer Academy Scholarships-**

deadline April 15th

* **Local Levy Support**-contact the ECOEA office

* **Inservice Funds**-Apply on the ECOEA website

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ECOEA Calendar 2016-2017

Tues., Nov. 1, 2016	ECOEA Unit Scholarship deadline
Wed., Nov. 9, 2016	ECOEA Exec Meeting
	ECOEA Finance meeting to follow
	NEA Minority & Women's Training Scholarship deadline
Sat., Nov. 12, 2016	ECOEA Fall Rep Assembly
Fri., Dec. 2, 2016	DLAMC Banquet
Sat., Dec. 3, 2016	OEA Fall Rep Assembly
Fri., Jan. 13, 2017	ECOEA NEA ESP, Retired & Summit Scholarship deadlines
Wed., Jan. 18, 2017	ECOEA Exec Meeting
	ECOEA Finance meeting to follow
Fri., Jan. 20, 2017	ECOEA Retirement Workshop reservation deadline
Tues., Jan. 24, 2017	Declaration of Candidacy Unit 1 Board of Directors due
Jan. 27-29, 2017	NEA Minority & Women's Training
Sat., Jan. 28, 2017	ECOEA Retirement Workshop
Feb. 2-4, 2017	OEA Winter Advocacy & Organizing-Columbus
Wed., Feb. 8, 2017	ECOEA Exec Meeting
	ECOEA Program Meeting to follow
Feb. 24-26, 2017	NEA Leadership Summit
	ECOEA Legislative Dinner reservation deadline
Tues., Feb. 28, 2017	ECOEA Letter of Intent due
Fri., Mar. 3, 2017	ECOEA Legislative Dinner
Wed., Mar. 8, 2017	ECOEA Exec Meeting
	IPPA screening to follow
March 10-12, 2017	NEA ESP Conference
March 21-23, 2017	NEA Retired Conference
Wed., Apr. 5, 2017	ECOEA Exec Meeting
Sat., Apr. 8, 2017	ECOEA Spring RA tentative
Sat., Apr. 15, 2017	Scholarship application deadline OEA Summer Academy
Wed., May 3, 2017	ECOEA Executive Board meeting
Fri., May 12, 2017	OEA Awards Banquet
May 12-13, 2017	OEA Spring RA
Sat., June 3, 2017	NEA Delegate Briefing
June 19-21, 2017	OEA Summer Academy
June 30-July 5, 2017	NEA Rep Assembly Boston, MA
Mon., July 17, 2017	ECOEA Summer Leadership Workshop

ECOEA Retirement Workshop Canton Courtyard Marriott January 28, 2017

When can I retire? That question applies to everyone although it is more pressing as you move closer to the end of your career. ECOEA programming brings you our winter Retirement Workshop on Saturday, January 28, 2017, to help you make your retirement decisions. Along with a delicious breakfast buffet, representatives from STRS, SERS, NEA Member Benefits, and OEA-Retired will provide important resources in interactive presentations. Choose the session that meets your needs! Registration opens December 1, on the ECOEA website at ecoea.oea.us Please note: This is a general information session, not individual counseling.



CANTON COURTYARD by MARRIOTT

4375 Metro Circle NW
North Canton, OH 44720

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Registration opens **8:15 AM**

Complimentary breakfast buffet, door prizes!

Sessions begin **9:00 AM**

No charge to members. Your \$10 deposit is returned at the door. Bring your spouse/guest \$15 fee.

ECOEA FALL ROUNDTABLE – Hartville Kitchen



ECOEA President Julie Nelson welcomed over fifty members to the Hartville Kitchen on Monday, October 17, for the ECOEA Fall Roundtable. The evening began with a turkey dinner with all the fixings and some famous Hartville Kitchen pie. Several lucky members won door "pies" in the door prize drawings. Victoria Freday, SCEPTA, won a Target gift card from California Casualty in their drawing. Vice President and Program Chairperson Cindy Endres, Jackson Classified PA, introduced ECOEA Board members and guests. LRC Sarah Drinkard updated the members on phone banking and the Louisville EA crisis.

Members were able to visit with Guy Kendall-Freas of NEA Member Benefits and Beth Nagy of California Casualty to learn about the services they can utilize as part of their association membership. Guy shared that maximizing use of the NEA Member Benefits helps offset the cost of your association dues. Sandy Lazette of AT&T, a new NEAMB partner, offered information about savings to members who use AT&T services such as cell, cable, and internet.

The program for the evening was a Legal Update presented by OEA Attorney Kathleen McKinley. Kathleen is a former association president and represents members throughout Ohio in legal cases. In her interactive presentation, Kathleen answered audience questions as well as pre-submitted questions. Questions centered on ESSA and also the pitfalls of social media. Public employees are held to a higher standard, even in your personal life so beware of what you post! Thank you Kathleen for your timely information!



Pictured above are the lucky Door “Pies” winners from the Fall Roundtable. These lucky members won the door prize drawings and took home a delicious Hartville Kitchen pie. Everyone was a winner with one hour of Professional Development for participating in the program!
 LEFT: Janel Travis, Newcomerstown TA and David Frederick, Plain Local TA.
 RIGHT: Nicole Blazer, Minerva EA, Janice Giffin, SCEPTA, and Brooke Harter, Jackson Classified Personnel Association.

SOME FUTURE EVENTS / DATES

ECOEA Fall Rep Assembly
Saturday, November 12, 2016
 Canton Professional Educators’
 Association Office

ECOEA Spring Rep Assembly
Saturday, April 8, 2017
 Canton Professional Educators’
 Association Office

OEA Fall Rep Assembly
Saturday, December 3, 2016
 Ohio Expo, Cardinal Hall

OEA Spring Rep Assembly
Fri-Sat, May 12-13, 2017
 Columbus Convention Center

*** Save the Dates ***
ECOEA
Retirement
Workshop
Saturday, January 28, 2017
Courtyard Canton

ECOEA Spring
Legislative Dinner
and Program
Friday, March 3, 2017
LaPizzaria

Details and reservation information
 will be posted on the website at
ecoea.ohea.us

OEA Summer Academy 2016

OEA Summer Academy 2016 Leaders, Advocates, & Educators: The Power of OEA Members

ECOEA members attended the OEA Summer Academy in Columbus this August 1-3, to gain valuable bargaining, organizing, political activism, and leadership skills. The theme this year was **Leaders, Advocates & Educators: The Power of OEA Members.**

ECOEA was proud to provide scholarships through a matching grant program with OEA. Receiving scholarships this year were:

- Melissa Kath, Fairless EA
- Bruce Steiner, Wayne County CTC
- Brooke Harter, Jackson CPA
- Julie Nelson, North Canton EA

Attending the OEA Emerging Leaders Program were:

- Adam Amato, Fairless EA
- Taylor Haney, Newcomerstown TA
- Brittany Moore, Newcomerstown TA

Congratulations to these members for receiving scholarships to advance their work for their local associations!



**Leaders, Advocates & Educators:
The Power of OEA Members.**

Receiving OEA Region 2 scholarships to attend the Summer Academy were:
 Cindy Endres, Jackson Classified PA
 Lori Liskey, Jackson Classified PA
 Rita Ruffin, Jackson Classified PA
 Kristi Cropper, North Canton EA
 Jen McKelley, North Canton EA
 Roxann Long, Wooster EA


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Visit the Voices of Change blog at <http://blog.ohea.org/>

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Congratulations to several ECOEA members for receiving OEA scholarships to attend the NEA Leadership Summit this February in Orlando, Florida. Representing ECOEA will be:
Craig Linerode, President of East Canton Education Association
Tamika Moss, member of Canton Professional EA and Stark County Rep #6 on the ECOEA Board
Starr Lenardos, member of Jackson Classified PA

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OEA ENDORSED CANDIDATES

To locate the OEA endorsed candidates in your area, use this link:

<http://ohioballot.com/>

or you can download a complete list from the OEA website at this link:

<http://www.ohea.org/oea-endorsed-candidates-2016>

ECOEA SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

November 1, is the deadline to apply for a \$500 scholarship for continuing education for members. ECOEA will give away three scholarships, one per voting unit, at the Fall Representative Assembly. Open to ALL members, for more information and easy application, visit the ecoea website at ecoea.ohea.us.

Apply today at this link:

[ECOEA UNIT SCHOLARSHIP](#)

ECOEA OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION AT ECOEA SPRING REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY APRIL 9, 2017

Officers

President

Vice President

Recording Secretary

Executive Board-Three year term 2017-2020

Carroll County Rep

Columbiana County Rep #2

Holmes County Rep

Stark County Rep #5

Stark County Rep #6

Wayne County Rep #2

Columbiana County Rep #1 is vacant term ending 2018

In order for your name to appear on the ballot, a Letter of Intent must be received by the Business Manager no less than 40 days prior to the Spring RA. The deadline for the Letter of Intent is February 26, 2017.

OEA Board of Directors-Unit 1-Three year term 2017-2020

The OEA Board of Directors is an OEA office. The Declaration of Candidacy form must be filed with OEA 75 days prior to the Spring RA election.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR OEA REP ASSEMBLY DECEMBER 2

ECOEA is looking for a member to serve as a Floor Assistant during the OEA Rep Assembly on Saturday, December 2, 2016. Duties include attending a briefing at 8:15 AM prior to the RA, distributing papers and other floor work during the RA, and staying for the entirety of the RA. Housing will be provided as well as mileage, and meals outside those provided to workers. Please contact the ECOEA office as soon as possible so your name can be submitted to OEA.

We are also in need of two members to serve as voting assistants at the OEA RA. Each district is asked to provide two members to work a two hour shift during the RA. Lunch is provided. Please contact the ECOEA office at ecoea@sbcglobal.net if you are willing to work a shift.

OEA will hold a Member Lobby Day on **November 15, 2016**.

OEA Member Lobby Day offers an opportunity for educators to share their views with state lawmakers. Your involvement is critical to improving the policies that impact students, educators, and public education.

To RSVP for the November 15th Lobby Day, please email Julie Parsley at parsleyj@ohea.org. A briefing from OEA's lobbyists will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Media Center at OEA Headquarters (225 East Broad Street, Columbus, 43215). Parking is available at nearby surface lots, in the parking garage just south of the OEA building or at parking meters located on 5th and Broad Streets.

Please be sure to schedule a meeting with your legislators prior to attending Lobby Day. Contact information for members of the House and Senate can be found by going to www.legislature.state.oh.us.

