



# East Central Ohio Education Association

## The Link Between Your Local and the Ohio Education Association

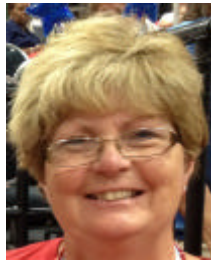
Serving members in Stark, Wayne,  
Holmes, Carroll, Tuscarawas,  
and Columbiana Counties

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## Are You Taking Advantage of Your Membership?

Val Heban, ECOEA Vice President

This past summer we replaced our old television. We relied on the advice of my son-in-law who is up on all the latest technology and purchased his recommendation. We got a very detailed owner's manual that we didn't take the time to read since we were able to connect it easily. We primarily use the TV to watch the weather and the news, so we really didn't ask much of it. Over the Christmas break, my college son was home and was quite excited to use the new television. It appears that my TV can do far more than we are using it for. We found we can use the internet, view pictures from my camera, watch shows in HD, as well as access movie channels we didn't know we had. We spent Christmas break having a good time exploring all that the TV had to offer.

Similarly, you are a member of your Association. You pay your dues and expect that the union will be there working for you day to day. But, like my TV, you might be surprised to find that there are benefits and programs that you may not have utilized. ECOEA programming offers something for everyone with our workshops and events throughout the year, and, as an Association member, you are invited and encouraged to use the services available to you.

Coming up on **Saturday, February 9**, is our **Retirement Workshop** at the Courtyard Marriott at Belden Village. We begin with a complimentary breakfast buffet at 8:45 AM. After a brief general session where you will hear from NEA Member Benefits and OEA-Retired, there will be two break-out sessions offered- one for STRS members, and one for SERS members. Each session features a speaker who will address the upcoming changes in their respective retirement system and what this means to you as a member. You may submit a question in advance, and the speakers will take questions from the floor. While this workshop is not meant to be an individual counseling session, our speakers are most knowledgeable and will provide an overview of the changes as well as individual concerns. Guests are welcome for a nominal fee.

On **Friday, March 8**, our program feature is our **Annual Legislative Dinner**, again held at the Courtyard Marriott at Belden Village. This is a unique opportunity to dine with and talk face-to-face with the legislators and state Board of Education members who represent the districts in our six county ECOEA area. After a buffet dinner, the legislators and BOE members move to a panel where they answer questions and speak to topics submitted by the members in attendance. We have had a great response from the legislators who genuinely want to hear your concerns about public education. After the program, we transition to a less formal setting for hospitality and networking with a DJ, snacks, and door prizes. There is a special rate for those members who chose to stay overnight at the hotel.

Two additional program events are our Summer Leadership Workshop and our Fall Legal Update. This summer we will offer treasurer training, Local Leaders Roundtable, and Building Rep training. We are very excited to have OEA attorney Kathleen McKinley lead a session on the legal aspects of the new Teacher Evaluation System. She will again join us at our Fall Legal Update in October at the Hartville Kitchen. Anyone who has heard Kathleen comes away saying that EVERY member should hear what she has to say. All events are open to you as an Association member at no charge. Simply make your \$10 deposit when you make your reservation and it will be returned to you as you walk in. Other benefits of your Association membership are scholarship opportunities from ECOEA, OEA, and NEA, grants to locals, political action, and leadership development. ECOEA is there for you with services to inform and assist you in your profession.

If I had only read my owner's manual, I could have enjoyed all my TV had to offer sooner. Let ECOEA help you learn more about the benefits of membership. Use our ECOEA website as your owner's manual and learn to use what you have to its fullest!

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The Picture Gallery 

The ECOEA Fall Representative Assembly was held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Canton Professional Educators' Association office...

  
5 STAR LOCALS

12 ECOEA Local associations met the criteria to receive an ECOEA Five Star Local Association Award... Certificates were awarded to SCEPTA, Newcomerstown, Wooster, Perry, Massillon, Rittman, North Canton, CPEA, Fairless, Lake, Malvern, and Alliance...



**LEFT:** Perry Classroom Teachers Association was the winner of the \$500 award in the Five Star Local lottery drawing... PCTA President was on hand to accept the award...

**RIGHT:** Delegates voted to endorse the candidacy of Robin Jeffries for the NEA Director 6 vacancy... Statewide delegates went on to elect Robin to this position at the OEA Fall Rep Assembly on December 1<sup>st</sup> ...



**ABOVE LEFT:** ECOEA Public Relations Grants were awarded to 8 ECOEA Locals... Among them present to accept were Newcomerstown, Wooster, Perry, North Canton, Fairless, and Malvern. Awards also went to Alliance and Triway... **ABOVE RIGHT:** Locals receiving FCPE awards for being a top 10 ECOEA Local in membership participation in the OEA Fund For Children and Public Education for the 2011-12 school year.



Check the ECOEA "Picture Page" on the website for pics of all events



**An FCPE Fund Drive** was held at the Rep Assembly and prizes were awarded to the top four "donors"... Val Heban, N. Canton; Dan Campanaro, N. Canton; Sally Smith, ECOEA-Retired, and Victor Stefan, ECOEA-Retired...

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



## ECOEA Retirement Workshop – February 9, 2013



Saturday Morning  
**February 9, 2013**  
Courtyard Marriott, Canton



4375 Metro Circle N.W. – Near Belden Village

Reps from each retirement system will present their session simultaneously. The STRS session will be presented by John Buch, and Cameron Vaughn, will present the SERS session. Members are welcome to submit any questions they may have on our online reservation form, or on questions cards provided at the event.

**Sign-In begins at: 8:30 AM**  
**Complimentary Buffet Breakfast: 8:45**  
**Separate STRS and SERS sessions: 9:30**

### \* \* \* RESERVATION INFO \* \* \*

ONLINE RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE BY GOING TO THE ECOEA WEBSITE...  
CLICK ON EVENTS / WORKSHOPS TAB and SCROLL DOWN

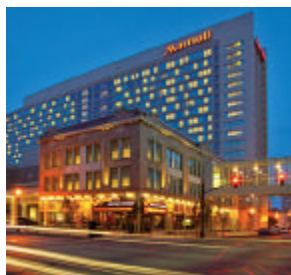
[www.ecoea.ohea.us](http://www.ecoea.ohea.us)

A \$10 refundable deposit is required for members... It will be returned to you at the event...  
A \$15 non-refundable deposit is required for any non-member spouse/guest who may wish to attend with you...  
(A \$15 non-refundable deposit is also required for any ECOEA-Retired member who wishes to attend)

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1, 2013**

## ECOEA Scholarship Application Deadlines

NEA ESP \$500  
Conference Scholarship  
March 8-10, 2013  
Louisville Marriott Hotel  
Application Deadline is  
January 15, 2013



Check NEA website for registration info

Check out the ECOEA website  
[www.ecoea.ohea.us](http://www.ecoea.ohea.us)  
for Criteria and online Applications for these scholarship opportunities

**ECOEA Quinn Member Educational Scholarship (\$500)**

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**ECOEA Quinn Student of Member Educational Scholarship (\$1500)**

Application Deadline is  
March 1, 2013

Ten \$50 OEA Collective Bargaining Workshop Scholarships for locals  
February 1-2, 2013  
Columbus Hilton, Downtown



Check OEA website for registration info

# ECOEA Spring Legislative Dinner and Program



## Educational Decisions are Political Decisions

Invited guests to the Legislative Dinner will include Ohio General Assembly and state board of education members as well

as Congressmen who represent portions of the ECOEA six county District (Stark, Wayne, Holmes, Tuscarawas, Columbiana, Carroll). All of the OEA officers will be invited to attend as well.

After a wonderful buffet dinner, attendees will have the chance to submit questions to the elected officials present. At the conclusion of the program we will transition into our hospitality time to conclude the evening, with DJ entertainment along with snacks and beverages a cash bar and several give-a-way door prizes! **We encourage members to bring their spouses or any other guests of their choosing.**

## Friday, March 8, 2013

Sign-In:	6:00 PM
Legislative Dinner:	6:30 PM
Legislative Program:	7:30 PM
Hospitality:	9:00 – Midnight



- \* For ECOEA Members there will be a \$10 refundable deposit
- \* For non-member guests of ECOEA Members there will be a non-refundable \$15 deposit dinner charge (same for any ECOEA-Retired members)
- \* Online Reservations available on the ECOEA Website [www.ecoea.ohea.us](http://www.ecoea.ohea.us)
- \* Dinner Reservation Deadline is February 28, 2013
- \* Limited number of overnight rooms available at \$109 plus tax... \$25 room charge reimbursement to ECOEA members... All room Reservations must be made directly with Courtyard Marriott (330-494-6494)... Room reservation deadline is February 8, 2013

This event is a chance for all ECOEA members and their guests and colleagues to come and interact with the elected leaders who make decisions that impact our profession... Come and enjoy a wonderful dinner and interactive program. Top off the evening with some DJ entertainment, refreshments and social time with colleagues and friends...

## Awards \* Delegates \* Vacancies

### The following is a list of the top ten ECOEA local associations with the highest % of member FCPE donation participation for 2011-12:

- 1: Newcomerstown TA (37% participation) - \$2,008.00
- 2: Alliance EA (28.7% participation) - \$1,318.00
- 3: Triway EA (26.3% participation) - \$826.00
- 4: Massillon EA (26.1% participation) - \$2,243.00
- 5: Wooster EA (23.3% participation) - \$3,494.00
- 6: Plain Local TA (15.3% participation) - \$711.00
- 7: Louisville EA (12.8% participation) - \$867.00
- 8: Perry CTA (12.3% participation) - \$1,439.00
- 9: East Liverpool EA (9.9% participation) - \$651.00
- 10: Columbiana DD Empl. (6.17% participation) - \$200.00



### Eight ECOEA local associations received Public Relations Grants at the ECOEA Fall RA:

- \* Wooster Education Association (\$250)
- \* Newcomerstown Teachers Association (\$500)
- \* Perry Classroom Teachers Association (500)
- \* North Canton Education Association (\$500)
- \* Alliance Education Association (\$500)
- \* Fairless Education Association (\$500)
- \* Triway Education Association (\$300)
- \* Malvern Education Association \$500

### ECOEA local associations who had delegates attending the Fall OEA Rep Assembly:

- \* Canton Professional Educators' Association
- \* Columbiana MR DD Education Association
- \* Dover Education Association
- \* East Liverpool Education Association
- \* Fairless Education Association
- \* Jackson Classified Personnel Association
- \* Jackson Memorial Education Association
- \* Malvern Education Association
- \* Massillon Education Association
- \* Newcomerstown Education Association
- \* North Canton Education Association
- \* Perry Classroom Teachers Association
- \* Rittman Education Association
- \* Stark Area Vocational Educators
- \* Stark Co. Educators and Professional Trainers
- \* United Education Association
- \* Wooster Education Association
- \* OEA-Retired Educators from ECOEA



### Current ECOEA Vacancies:

ECOEA Exec. Com: Columbiana #1 and #2 Rep, ESP #1 Rep  
 ECOEA Rep on OEA Organizing Strategy Core Function Committee  
**Contact ECOEA President Angela Stewart if you are interested in serving**