



East Central Ohio Education Association

The Link Between Your Local and the Ohio Education Association

Serving members in Stark, Wayne,
Holmes, Carroll, Tuscarawas,
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REMEMBER THIS NOVEMBER!

It's that time of year again, and no, I do not mean Starbucks Pumpkin Spice Latte season...although it is a delicious treat! In case you haven't turned on the TV, radio, or computer, driven around the neighborhood, or checked your mailbox, it is election season. The season of changing colors-from the leaves falling from the trees to the various offices around the state-has rolled around again! Are you ready to turn a few red areas blue? Have you made your plan to vote this year? Benjamin Franklin said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Are you prepared for the 2014 election and the results that this election could bring? When preparing your plan of action, ask yourself these four questions: **1) Who will you vote for?** Have you read and researched the OEA endorsed candidates, especially those non-partisan races? Do you know to support Robert Hagan in the State Board of Education District 8, but not to support Christina Hagan in House District 50? To assist you, page 6 of this newsletter is a pullout form of all the OEA Endorsed Candidates in ECOEA. **2) How will you vote?** Will you be requesting an absentee ballot? Will you early vote in-person at your county board of elections? Will you wait until November 4th and cast your vote at the polls? Be sure to follow through if requesting an absentee ballot to avoid having to vote a provisional ballot. **3) What will you do to get your colleagues, friends, family, and neighbors to vote also?** Will you be checking with them to be sure they have a plan too? Encourage them to vote the entire ballot, especially the down-ticket races and the State School Board races.

4) How will you ensure that the OEA endorsed candidates get elected? Will you be talking to colleagues, friends, family, and neighbors? Will you be volunteering for a campaign? Will you be phone banking? Will you be knocking on doors? You can do your part by becoming active in the upcoming November election and volunteering for the OEA Endorsed candidates. For more information about the election and details about how you can help organize your colleagues, please check out the following websites:

<http://ohea.ngpvanhost.com/> and <http://action.ohea.org>. You will also find information about the OEA Campaign 2014 rewards Program. Unfortunately, it won't be enough to just vote. No longer can we simply close the door to our classrooms and work areas and hope someone else is looking out for our rights. Gone are the days of simply teaching students, cooking lunches, cleaning buildings, driving bus, aiding teachers, taking temperatures, or answering telephones. The attacks will keep coming if we do not have legislators in office that support the rights of public education and the middle-class. We make plans for our evenings, our weekends, our days off, and even our vacation. Shouldn't we make a plan for something that may impact us for the rest of our public education careers? Pericles the prominent Greek statesman said, "Just because you do not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you." It is expected that nationwide only 40% of registered voters will be voting in this midterm election. If that number holds true for Ohio, over 60% of the people will be ruled by 100% of the decisions made by elected officials that they did not even vote for. And since everyone will be impacted by those decisions, we should do our best to get out the vote! This year is a crucial year to vote your profession for the entire ballot. If you are not willing to engage in politics, then important decisions and policies will be made by people who do not know about public education, who do not care about the children and the people who serve them, and who do not have society's best interests at heart. The current governor and his allies have the wrong priorities for Ohio's public schools. Kasich and his appointees have created numerous education policies that have hurt our public schools, our profession, and most importantly, our student's ability to learn. Whether it is the extreme emphasis put on high-stakes testing, the large amounts of money lost or redirected to charter schools, or newly disguised SB5-attacks to workers' rights, Kasich and his allies have done irreparable harm to our public school institution, our reputation, and our local and state unions. The number of local unions in crisis right now is overwhelming. This needs to end! We must hold our elected officials accountable for their actions and voting record. It is imperative that we elect and support those legislators that are pro-public education. OEA dues dollars may NOT be used to support campaigns so it is vital to contribute to the Fund for Children and Public Education. I urge you to contribute, and I challenge you to run an FCPE Drive in your local. In this complex political climate, now more than ever, it has become our duty as public school employees to be informed and vigilant about policies and issues in our local, state, and national government. As the leaves turn their colors, we must turn a few colors ourselves-from red to blue. Bad officials are the ones elected because good citizens don't vote. So we must do our part. We must make a plan.

And we must REMEMBER THIS NOVEMBER!

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*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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PUBLIC RELATIONS GRANTS

Got a good idea but need funds? Want to promote your Association within your community? ECOEA annually funds locals who apply through our Public Relations Grant Program. Here is the criteria:

1. Projects should promote education through the educator, the local association, and ECOEA.
2. Projects which enhance local education status will first consideration.
3. ECOEA's name should be prominently displayed in any publicity and should be credited with assisting in the presentation of the project.
4. Grants will be made for first time proposals as a way of initiating a PR Project in a local association. (5/14/08)
5. Deadline for proposals will be November 1st.
6. Grants will be awarded at the ECOEA Fall Representative Assembly. (5/17/90)
7. In order to be eligible a Public Relations Grant, locals must have elected delegates who attended the ECOEA RA the previous year. (2/12/14)

Apply on-line at the ECOEA website by providing a brief description of your proposal along with your Local information. The deadline for applications is November 1. Grants will be awarded at the ECOEA Representative Assembly on November 22.

Take advantage
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

October, 2014

Wed 10/8: ECOEA Executive Committee Meeting - office-5:00PM
Fri 10/17: OEA District Leaders – 7:00 PM – OEA Bldg.
Sat 10/18: OEA BOD – 9:30 AM – OEA Bldg
Mon 10/20: ECOEA Fall Roundtable - Hartville Kitchen - 5:00PM
Wed. 10/29: ECOEA Finance Committee Meeting-office-5:00 PM

November, 2014

Tues 11/4: ELECTION DAY... VOTE! VOTE! VOTE! ---
Wed 11/12: ECOEA Executive Committee Meeting - office-5:00PM
Wed. 11/19: ECOEA Program Committee Meeting-office-5:00 PM
Sat 11/ 22: ECOEA Fall Rep Assembly - CPEA Office - 8:30 AM

December, 2014

Fri. 12/5: OEA Board of Directors
Sat 12/6: OEA Fall Rep Assembly -Columbus

January, 2015

Wed 1/14: ECOEA Executive Committee Meeting... if needed
Fri 1/16-1/18 OEA BOD Retreat
Mon 1/19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Wed 1/21: ECOEA Finance Committee Meeting - office-5:00PM

February, 2015

Sat 2/7: ECOEA Retirement Workshop
Wed 2/11: ECOEA Executive Committee Meeting
Fri 2/20: OEA District Leaders – 7:00 PM – OEA Bldg.
Sat 2/21: OEA BOD – 9:30 AM – OEA Bldg
Mon 2/16: Presidents Day
Wed 2/18: ECOEA Executive Committee Make up meeting... if needed

March, 2015

Fri 3/6: ECOEA Spring Legislative Dinner
Wed 3/11: ECOEA Executive Committee Meeting - office-5:00PM
Wed 3/11: IPPA Screenings - Tentative Date after Exec. Meeting
Fri 3/20: OEA District Leaders – 7:00 PM – OEA Bldg.
Sat 3/21: OEA BOD – 9:30 AM – OEA Bldg
Wed 3/18: ECOEA Program Committee Meeting - office-5:00PM

April, 2015

Wed 4/8: ECOEA Executive Committee Meeting - office-5:00PM
Sat 4/25: ECOEA Spring Rep Assembly - CPEA-8:30AM

May, 2015

Tues 5/5: Election Day... Vote...Vote...Vote
Thu 5/7: OEA BOD – 9:30 AM – OEA Bldg
Fri 5/8: OEA Spring Rep Assembly -Columbus
Sat 5/9: OEA Spring Rep Assembly -Columbus
Wed 5/13: ECOEA Executive Committee Meeting - office-5:00PM (if needed)
Mon 5/25: Memorial Day

June, 2015

Fri 6/5: OEA District Leaders – Crowne Plaza Columbus North
Sat 6/6: NEA Delegate Briefing - OEA BOD

July, 2015

7/1-7/6 NEA Rep Assembly-Orlando, Florida

- * ECOEA Unit Scholarships for Members - deadline Nov 1st
- * ECOEA Public Relations Grants for Locals - deadline Nov 1st
- * ECOEA Inservice Meeting funds
- * NEA Leadership Summit Scholarship - deadline Jan 1st
- * NEA ESP Conference Scholarship - deadline Jan 15th
- * Quinn Member and Student Scholarship - deadline March 1st
- * NEA-Retired Conference Scholarship - deadline Feb 15th
- * OEA Collective Bargaining Conf.Scholarship for ECOEA Locals
- * OEA Summer Leadership Conference Scholarships



ECOEA members added their support to the Reynoldsburg Teachers rally on September 20

ECOEA members Kristi Cropper, North Canton EA, Cheryl Bordner, Newcomerstown Classified, and Tamika Moss, Canton PEA pose with ECOEA President Angela Stewart, Newcomerstown TA after winning door prizes at the OEA Summer Academy this August.

ECOEA at OEA Summer Academy August 2014

Right: OEA President Becky Higgins chats with ECOEA members at the start of the OEA Summer Academy. ECOEA members are Karen Linch, Wooster EA, President Higgins, Tamika Moss, Canton PEA, Tracy Lemus Santos, Fairless EA, and seated, Cindy Endres and Lori Liskey from Jackson Classified PA.

Below: President Angela thanks Massillon EA member Carol Meyers for her many years of service to ECOEA. Enjoy your retirement Carol!



ECOEA Local Leadership Training Workshop-July 31, 2014

East Central held their annual Summer Leadership Workshop at the Canton Courtyard Marriott where attendees could choose from a variety of sessions to strengthen their leadership skills.

The required OEA Treasurers' Workshop was led by OEA Secretary-Treasurer Tim Myers. Tim graciously presented the workshop in two levels to meet the needs of both novice and experienced treasurers. LRC LaVonne Lobert-Edmo joined with ECOEA President Angela Stewart and Vice President Tracy Lemus Santos in a Local Leaders Roundtable.

Dinica Quesada from OEA led a session about using Social Media to reach members. Darren Clum, from OEA Computer Services, did a website training for locals using OEA Do-It-Yourself websites. Kevin Flanagan, OEA Assistant Executive Director-Field, facilitated a grant writing training for the OEA Affiliate Grants. The Workshops were well-attended with over 80 Local Leaders and guests devoting their time to learn more about topics that will strengthen their Associations. Members were treated to a delicious dinner buffet, hand-outs, and door prizes. NEA Member Benefits and OEA-R also provided important member information for our leaders.



ECOEA FALL ROUNDTABLE - Hartville Kitchen

REGISTER NOW!

FALL LEGAL UPDATE



Monday
October 20, 2014

Presenter will be
OEA Attorney,
Kathleen McKinley

Registration begins
5:00 PM Hartville Kitchen
Dinner 5:30
Program follows

- * Sign-In begins at 5:00 PM with complimentary dinner for ECOEA members at 5:30, followed by Legal Update Presentation. Door "Pies" too!
- * A \$10 refundable deposit check is required to hold each reservation, and it will be returned to you at the event.
- * **MAKE YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE AT THE ECOEA WEBSITE BY OCTOBER 10th**

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SOME FUTURE EVENTS / DATES

ECOEA Fall Rep Assembly

Saturday, November 22, 2014

Canton Professional Educators'
Association Office

ECOEA Spring Rep Assembly

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Canton Professional Educators'
Association Office

OEA Fall Rep Assembly

Saturday, December 6, 2014

Columbus Convention Center

OEA Spring Rep Assembly

Fri-Sat, May 8-9, 2015

Columbus Convention Center



*** Save the Dates ***

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Retirement

Workshop

Saturday, February 7, 2015

ECOEA Spring
Legislative Dinner
and Program

Friday, March 6, 2015

Details and reservation information will be
posted on the Website

ecoea.ohea.org

KnowYourCharter.com-analysis of
public and local schools. See where
your tax dollars are going! How does
your school compare?
MyOEA-go to the app store and
download for Apple and android mobile
devices. OEA at your fingertips!

OEA SAVE THE DATE!

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 5-7, 2015

COLUMBUS HILTON DOWNTOWN

ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 11

Be sure to apply for an ECOEA Collective Bargaining Scholarship
ECOEA awards 10 \$50 scholarships to attend the OEA Collective Bargaining Conference.
Apply for scholarships online at the ECOEA website under the Scholarships tab.

OEA SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Due date January 12, 2015

Scholarships and Awards to individuals and
locals include the JFK Scholarship, Jean
Kershaw, and Marilyn Cross Scholarships.
These are open to all members. Links are on
the ECOEA website under SCHOLARSHIPS
Apply now!

[http://ecoea.ohea.us/oea-scholarship-
opportunities-for-members-and-locals/](http://ecoea.ohea.us/oea-scholarship-opportunities-for-members-and-locals/)

ECOEA UNIT SCHOLARSHIPS!

Deadline November 1

THREE \$500 scholarships available to
ECOEA members by lottery drawing at the
ECOEA Fall Rep Assembly on
November 22.

Guidelines and application on the ECOEA
website. Easy application!

<http://ecoea.ohea.us/formsapplications/ecoea-unit-scholarships-application-3/>

Remember in November!

OEA ENDORSED CANDIDATES

Use this page to find the OEA endorsed candidates for the upcoming November elections.

FIND YOUR
LEGISLATOR AT:

[http://www.legislature
.state.oh.us/](http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/)

OEA Statewide Endorsements

For Governor	Ed Fitzgerald
For Attorney General	David Pepper
For Auditor	John Patrick Carney
For Treasurer	Connie Pillich
For Secretary of State	Nina Turner
For Ohio Supreme Court	Judge John O'Donnell

Carroll County-entire county:

Ohio House District 95-Endorsed is Charlie Daniels
Ohio Congressional District 6-Endorsed is Jennifer Garrison
State Board of Education District 8-Endorsed is Robert Hagan

Columbiana County-entire county:

Ohio House District 5-Endorsed is Nick Barborak*
Ohio Senate District 33-Endorsed is Joe Schiavoni*
Ohio Congressional District 6-Endorsed is Jennifer Garrison
State Board of Education District 8-Endorsed is Robert Hagan

Holmes County-county is divided:

Ohio House District 98-Endorsed is Jeremiah Johnson
Ohio House District 70-No position
Ohio Senate District 31-Endorsed is John Carlisle
Ohio Congressional District 7-No position
State Board of Education District 5-Endorsed is Roslyn Painter-Goffi

Stark County-county is divided:

Ohio House District 38-Endorsed is Tim Crawford
Ohio House District 48-No position
Ohio House District 49-Endorsed is Stephen Slesnick*
Ohio House District 50-Endorsed is Deb Cain
Ohio Senate District 27-Endorsed is Frank LaRose
Ohio Senate District 29-Endorsed is Scott Oelslager*
Ohio Congressional District 7-No position
Ohio Congressional District 16-No position
Ohio Congressional District 13-Endorsed is Tim Ryan
State Board of Education District 8-Endorsed is Robert Hagan
State Board of Education District 5-Endorsed is Roslynn Painter-Goffi

Tuscarawas County-county is divided only for Ohio Congressional Districts:

Ohio House District 98-Endorsed is Jeremiah Johnson
Ohio Senate District 31-Endorsed is John Carlisle
Ohio Congressional District 6-Endorsed is Jennifer Garrison
Ohio Congressional District 7-No position

Wayne County-entire county:

Ohio House District 1-No position
Ohio Senate District 27-Endorsed is Frank LaRose
Ohio Congressional District 16-No position
State Board of Education 5-Endorsed is Roslyn Painter-Goffi

**indicates an incumbent who received a "friendly endorsement" from OEA*