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A Message from ECOEA President Julie Nelson

I continue to be impressed with the quality educators we have leading OEA at every level. In my first year as president of ECOEA I have had the opportunity to get to know local presidents and leaders from throughout our district. I have seen our Board of Directors in action making decisions in Columbus to strengthen OEA. I have also met OEA leaders from across the state working hard to continue to make OEA a leading organization.

Our dues dollars are at work as leaders at the local, district, and state level advocate on our behalf and strive to improve public education for all of our students. I am thankful for ECOEA members who agreed to take on leadership roles this coming year (p.4). I appreciate the support I have received this year and look forward to continuing to serve as ECOEA president.

Three things to do this month:

1. **Vote for STRS Board-** You should have received your ballot in the mail the week of April 3. You can vote by mail, phone, or online through May 1. **Carol Correthers** has earned the endorsement of OEA. She has been representing actives on the STRS Board for the past 8 years. Take time to vote!
2. **Register for OEA Summer Academy 2017-** OEA Summer Academy is June 19-21 at the Hilton Downtown Columbus. There are sessions offered for all members and stages of leadership. Topics include organizing, social justice, professional issues, and government relations. <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1932099>
3. **Register for ECOEA Summer Leadership Workshop- July 31, 2017** at RG Drage. We will be offering sessions for all ECOEA members (page 2). It is a great opportunity for your local's executive committee to come together and free receive training!

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ECOEA Summer Leadership Workshop – July 31, 2017

Monday, July 31, 2017
R. G. Drage
Career Tech Center



Registration opens May 1
Join us at R.G. Drage from 9:00 AM until
3:30PM. Continental breakfast, lunch and
snacks provided for all attendees!
Register on the ECOEA website at:
www.ecoea.ohea.org

Opening session begins at 9:00 AM with a welcome by President Julie Nelson. We begin our day with a whole group presentation on Human Trafficking by Sherri McKinney Frantz, administrator of the Children's Network of Stark County.
Registration opens 8:15 with a continental breakfast by Mr. Mike's Catering. Lunch by Main Street deli, Navarre, and snacks throughout the day. Door prizes! Information! Attendance is free for all members! 6 hours Professional Development!

MORNING BREAKOUTS

OEA Treasurers' Workshop OEA Secretary-Treasurer Tim Myers will hold a session for the required OEA Treasurer training. Each local treasurer is required by OEA to attend a training session or send a representative in his/her place. Please bring your OEA Treasurer's binder for updating. NOTE-only ONE Treasurer session will be held this year, open to all treasurers.

Grievance Training-LRCs Tom Booth and Kim Borzyn will train members on the grievance process, forms, deadlines, and outcomes.

ESSA Update-Facilitated by OEA consultant Ellen Adornetto, participants will learn more about the coming changes because of ESSA.

Building Rep Module-Union History-Facilitated by LRCs Gary Kovach and Ethan Young, members will better understand the history of our Association and how we got to today. A better understanding of history enables members to appreciate the gains made through union membership.

AFTERNOON BREAKOUTS

Quicken Training-OEA Secretary-Treasurer will provide training on the financial software program Quicken, used by many local treasurers to maintain their financial record keeping.

Local Leaders Networking Session-Facilitated by ECOEA President Julie Nelson, Vice President Cindy Endres, and Secretary Kelli Green, all local presidents, Local leadership teams will share ideas to strengthen their local's effectiveness, engage members, FCPE drives, elections, and other duties of Leadership. Bring your whole team to network! It's a great chance to get together before the school year and hear what works in other locals in our area.

Professional Code of Conduct-Second session with Ellen Adornetto. Teachers and educators are held to a higher standard that is spelled out in the Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession. Learn about what you can and cannot do professionally. In this day of social media, cell phones, instant news, learn how to protect yourself by knowing expected professional behavior.

Building Rep Module-Membership Growth and Engagement Second session in the Building Rep Module, LRCs Alison Hoffa and Sarah Drinkard will explore building capacity and engaging members.

WATCH FOR ADDITIONAL SESSIONS ON THE WEBSITE AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE!

EASY TWO-STEP REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- 1. COMPLETE THE ONLINE REGISTRATION AT ECOEA.OHEA.US**
- 2. MAIL YOUR \$10 DEPOSIT WHEN YOU REGISTER. YOU WILL RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION EMAIL WHEN THE DEPOSIT IS RECEIVED. YOUR CHECK WILL BE RETURNED AT THE EVENT.**

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON MAY 1 ON THE ECOEA WEBSITE

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ECOEA Spring Representative Assembly April 8, 2017

ECOEA local associations who had delegates attend the Spring ECOEA Rep Assembly:

- * Alliance Education Association
- * Canton Professional Educators' Association
- * Jackson Classified Personnel Association
- * Jackson Memorial Education Association
- * Lake Local Education Association
- * Malvern Education Association
- * Newcomerstown Teachers' Association
- * North Canton Education Association
- * Rittman Education Association
- * Wooster Education Association
- * Perry Classroom Teachers Association
- * Triway Education Association
- * SCEPTA
- * OEA-Retired Educators

FACT: There are 63 locals in ECOEA. Twenty-four locals elected delegates. Thirty-five delegates attended from 13 locals and OEA-Retired.

Thank you to the Canton Professional Educators' Association for the use of their facility to hold our Representative Assembly. ECOEA thanks President Paul Palomba and all the officers of CPEA for their gracious hospitality!

Is your local electing and sending delegates to the ECOEA and OEA Representative Assemblies?

This is your voice at the District and State level where important decisions are debated and voted upon. If you do not see your local listed, your local is letting others make decisions for you. Get involved!

* Quinn Scholarship Winners *



Each year, ECOEA awards two Quinn scholarships by lottery drawing from all applicants. Pictured on the left is student winner Jenna Holub, Newton Falls High School, who is studying Special Education/Moderate to Intensive at Kent State University. Jenna's mom Nancy is a member of Alliance Education Association. Jenna received a scholarship of \$1,500.

Our Quinn for Members winner by lottery drawing is Nicole Snyder, a member of Garaway Teachers' Association. Nicole received a \$500 scholarship. Congratulations to both of our winners!

Election results from the ECOEA Rep Assembly on April 9:

Board of Directors three year term ending 2020:

OEA Board of Directors Unit I-Cindy Endres, Jackson Classified Personnel Association

ECOEA Executive Officers, two year terms ending 2019:

President-Julie Nelson, North Canton Education Association

Vice President-Cindy Endres, Jackson Classified Personnel Association

Recording Secretary-Kelli Green, Perry Classroom Teachers' Association

ECOEA Executive Committee, three year terms ending 2020 unless otherwise stated:

Carroll County Rep-vacant

Columbiana County #1 Rep, term ending 2018-vacant

Columbiana County #2 Rep-Karen Marquis, Southern Local Teachers' Association

Holmes County Rep-Leora Troyer, East Holmes Teachers' Association

Stark County #5 Rep-Traci Cottrell, Canton Professional Education Association

Stark County #6 Rep-Craig Linerode, East Canton Teachers' Association

Wayne County #2 Rep-Karen Linch, Wooster Education Association

Election results for OEA Committee positions, three year term ending 2020 unless otherwise stated:

OEA Convention Planning-Victoria Friday, SCEPTA

OEA Local Training and Development CFC-Yvonne Parks, Canton Professional Education Association, term ending 2018

OEA Collective Bargaining CFC-Michelle Martin Jones, Canton Professional Education Association

OEA Organizing Strategy CFC-Greg Soper, Canton Professional Education Association

Delegates endorsed the following candidates for OEA positions. The election will be held at the OEA Representative Assembly May 12-13, 2017:

NEA Director #1-Emilly Osterling, Lakota EA

NEA Directors #2-Sophia Rodriguez, Coldwater TO

OEA Board of Directors At Large-Tamika Moss, Canton Professional Education Association

OEA Board of Directors ESP At Large-Cheryl Williams, Dublin Support Association

Delegates also voted support for Proposal #1 and Proposal #2 which will be voted on at the OEA Spring Rep Assembly, May 12-13, 2017.

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Pictured here: Delegates May Alayamini, CPEA, and Dan Campanaro, North Canton EA at the Spring Rep Assembly.

Greeting the delegates are the RA and Elections Committee Victoria Freeday, SCEPTA; Ed Sims, Rittman EA; Michelle Martin Jones, CPEA.

Candidate for OEA Board of Directors At Large Tamika Moss of Canton Professional EA addresses the Rep Assembly.

Leaders, Advocates & Educators: The Power of OEA Members

OEA SUMMER ACADEMY 2017
Leading the way for continuous improvement of public education.



The OEA Summer Academy will be held **June 19-21, 2017**, at Hilton Downtown Columbus. The Academy provides training and current information to help local association leaders, both experienced and new, on a variety of topics. There is always something new to learn!

Registration and details are available now on the 2017 OEA Summer Academy website at: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1932099>

ECOEA and OEA provide scholarships and matching grants to attend the OEA Summer Academy. ECOEA Scholarship/OEA Grant winners this year are: Kristi Cropper, North Canton EA; Lori Liskey, Jackson Classified PA; Karen Brank, Canton Professional EA; Roxann Long, Wooster EA; Glenda Drouhard, Wooster EA; and Mary Beth Liopsis, Massillon EA.

ECOEA LEGISLATIVE DINNER
FRIDAY, MARCH 3



OEA President Becky Higgins meets with Senator Joe Schiavoni, Minerva member Julie Rine and guest.

Our guests and ECOEA officers at the Legislative Dinner held at LaPizzaria on Friday, March 3, 2017.
Front row: ECOEA Vice President Cindy Endres, OEA Retired Rep to Board of Directors Carol Kinsey, ECOEA Recording Secretary Kelli Green, ECOEA President Julie Nelson
Back Row: State Rep Christina Hagan, Senator Joe Schiavoni, State Board of Education member Stephanie Dodd, Senator Scott Oelslager, State Rep Thomas West, Christina Trompower, Admin. Assistant for Congressman Jim Renacci, Paul Mitchell, Field Representative for Congressman Bill Johnson



Above: Lake Local member Ramona Moore and guest meet with Representative Hagan.
Left: Plain Local was in the house!
Below: Our guest panel addresses member questions.



Membership in the OEA Women's Caucus is open to ALL OEA members at all levels----students, actives, and retirees for an annual membership fee of \$15 per year from September 1 through August 31. Please consider joining this Caucus. Currently our own Angela Stewart serves as Chair of the Caucus. ECOEA Pride here!

There are four general membership meetings per year. These membership meetings include a business meeting followed by an informational program. The programs to date have been outstanding! Meetings are usually held in the OEA Media Center beginning with lunch. For this school year, the remaining meeting date is Friday, May 12 during the lunch break at the OEA RA.

The Caucus screens and endorses candidates for OEA offices and OEA candidate screenings precede the business meeting when necessary. The Caucus also conducts fundraisers at the OEA RAs and uses the profits to support groups and/or actions that promote/support women's causes.

The Annual OEA Women's Leadership Training Program will be held July 29-30 in Columbus. The focus this year will be on social justice issues. Save the Date flyers are available today or online with more information along with membership forms if you wish to join. The training program is open to all members.

For more information or to join please contact Angela Stewart, Caucus Chair at angela.stewart.oea@gmail.com; Carol Kinsey, ECOEA Caucus Representative at Cskinsey@aol.com ; or Caucus Treasurer Gail Andrews Turner at gatohiowc@yahoo.com

NEA DELEGATES HEAD TO BOSTON FOR THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 30-JULY 5!



RE-ELECT CORRETHERS TO STRS BOARD

Re-elect Lorain EA member Carol Correthers to the STRS Board. Carol is endorsed by OEA and has served on the STRS Board for the past 8 years. Carol addressed the delegates to the ECOEA Rep Assembly on April 8, and provided the STRS Update. It is very important to retain our OEA member on the STRS board. Be sure to mark your ballot and return it by May 1st!



AROUND THE DISTRICT

Haley Brown, preschool teacher from North Canton EA, has been selected to participate in the OEA Emerging Leaders at the OEA Summer Academy. The Emerging Leaders Program helps identify and encourage members who haven't held a leadership role in their association and are early-mid careers but show promise and interest in becoming the leaders of tomorrow. Congratulations Haley!

Attending the NEA Women's & Minority East Training in Tampa, Florida this past January was Michelle Martin Jones from Canton Professional EA. Michelle received the ECOEA NEA WMLT Scholarship of \$500. The scholarship is open to all members. The conference focused on cultural competence as part of social justice. Here Michelle is pictured with NEA President Lily Eskelsen Garcia.



ECOEA RETIREMENT WORKSHOP 2017



**NEA Member Benefits
OEA-Retired Rep**



**RETIREMENT SYSTEM PRESENTERS:
State Teachers' Retirement System
State Employees Retirement System
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System**

**COURTYARD CANTON
JANUARY 28, 2017**



EAST CENTRAL OEA SHIRT ORDER FORM

ECOEA is offering a new shirt for our members. The shirt is forest green with a white colorblock panel on shoulders and sides and made from moisture wicking, 100%, 3.8 ounce polyester. There is an embroidered ECOEA logo over the heart. Sample shirts are available to try on at the ECOEA Rep Assembly, the OEA Rep Assembly, or at the ECOEA office. Please choose your shirt size and complete the order form below. No returns or exchanges. Please order carefully. Payment due with order. Make check payable to ECOEA and mail to ECOEA, 129 Easton NE, Canton, OH 44721.

Indicate Ladies or Mens style, Tshirt or Polo, and Size XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL, XXXXL

Care instructions: Machine wash cold with like colors, tumble dry. Cool iron if needed. Do not use bleach or fabric softener. Do not dry clean.

Polo Cost \$26 per shirt T Shirt Cost \$16 per shirt
Includes ECOEA Logo Embroidery



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME/CELL PHONE _____ Non-school Email _____

CIRCLE: LADIES or MENS Sizes run small. Please order up!

STYLE POLO or T SHIRT

SIZE: XS S M L XL XXL XXXL XXXXL TOTAL _____ CHECK # _____

Make check payable to ECOEA and mail to ECOEA, 129 Easton ST NE, Suite 103, Canton, OH 44721. You will receive a confirmation email before your order is placed.

EAST CENTRAL OEA CALENDAR 2017-2018

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| Wednesday, September 13, 2017 | ECOEA Exec Board meeting | ECOEA Office |
| Friday, October 6, 2017 | ECOEA Leader of Distinction nominations due | |
| | ECOEA PR Grant applications due | |
| Wednesday, October 11, 2017 | ECOEA Executive Committee meeting | ECOEA Office |
| | ECOEA Program meeting to follow | |
| Wednesday, October 18, 2017 | Legal Update reservation deadline | |
| Monday, October 23, 2017 | ECOEA Legal Update | Hartville Kitchen |
| Wednesday, November 1, 2017 | ECOEA Unit Scholarship deadline | |
| | NEA Minority & Womens' Training Scholarship deadline, NEA Leadership Summit, OEA-Retired, & ESP Scholarship deadlines | |
| Saturday, November 11, 2017 | ECOEA Fall Rep Assembly | CPEA office |
| Wednesday, November 15, 2017 | ECOEA Exec Meeting | ECOEA Office |
| | ECOEA Finance meeting to follow | |
| Wednesday, January 17, 2018 | ECOEA Exec Meeting | ECOEA Office |
| | ECOEA Finance meeting to follow | |
| Friday, January 19, 2018 | ECOEA Retirement Workshop reservation deadline | |
| | | Courtyard |
| Saturday, January 27, 2018 | ECOEA Retirement Workshop | Canton |
| Wednesday, February 7, 2018 | ECOEA Exec Meeting | ECOEA Office |
| | ECOEA Program Meeting to follow | |
| Friday, February 23, 2018 | ECOEA Legislative Dinner reservation deadline | |
| Friday, March 2, 2018 | ECOEA Legislative Dinner | LaPizzaria |
| Monday, March 12, 2018 | Letter of Intent due for ECOEA elections | |
| Wednesday, March 14, 2018 | ECOEA Exec Meeting | ECOEA Office |
| | IPPA screening to follow | |
| Wednesday, April 11, 2018 | ECOEA Exec Meeting | ECOEA Office |
| Saturday, April 21, 2018 | ECOEA Spring RA | CPEA Office |
| Wednesday, May 16, 2018 | ECOEA Exec Meeting | ECOEA Office |
| TBD | ECOEA Summer Leadership Workshop | |