

# DISCOVER NEW HORIZONS

WESTERN OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION—RETIRED  
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## Officers

Phil A. Long, Chair  
Sandy Dobberstein, Vice Chair

Jennie Furnas, Secretary  
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## FALL PROGRAMS

**September 19** Business meeting followed by lunch and program: 11:00 AM Miami County Parks District Lost Creek Reserve (2385 OH-41, Troy, OH) Come hear a presentation by the director of the Miami County Parks District and maybe be surprised with an animal visit. If weather permits, an easy guided hike after the program. Lunch and program \$12.00 – please send to Sandy if you have not already paid.

**If you are attending the Sept. 19 meeting, you MUST RSVP so the park district has enough chairs and you get lunch. This includes everyone!!!! RSVP: [sldobberstein@gmail.com](mailto:sldobberstein@gmail.com) or 937-554-6338**

Please note two schedule changes for the fall programming. The October meeting will begin with a tour of the Paul Lawrence Dunbar House at 10AM instead of 11AM. Also, due to Thanksgiving our November meeting will be the second Wednesday (Nov. 14) instead of the third Wednesday.

### **October 17 TIME CHANGE!!!! 10AM**

Program: Paul Lawrence Dunbar House (219 N. Paul Laurence Dunbar St., Dayton) The tour is free and will last 1 ½ - 2 hours, note the time change to 10AM. Following the tour we will meet at 12 noon for lunch and our meeting, Texas Beef & Cattle Co. (1101 W 3rd St, Dayton). After lunch you might want to continue your afternoon across the street at the Wright Cycle Shop. (also free admission)

### **November 14 (1 Week early due to Thanksgiving)**

Program: WACO Air Museum and Learning Center (1865 S Co Rd 25A, Troy) The WACO Aircraft Company was the largest manufacturer of civil aircraft in the country in the late 1920's and early 30's and this museum is dedicated to the plant and the employees that made it great. We will be touring their newly remodeled and expanded space. Fee: \$6. Following the tour we will meet for lunch at: TBD

**Dec. 19** Program, lunch and business meeting: 11:00 AM, Archer's Tavern (2030 East Dorothy Lane, Kettering). Archer's is a locally owned restaurant that has purchased and remodeled a previous restaurant site. Thanks to Deb Owens for finding a restaurant with a private space for us!

**RSVP for all programs: [sldobberstein@gmail.com](mailto:sldobberstein@gmail.com) or 937-554-6338**

## FUTURE PROGRAMMING

This is the time of year that we usually submit a survey for events, locations, and restaurants for future programming. Instead of a survey, I'd like to ask you to submit your ideas and suggestions.

**Please either email ([sdobberstein@juno.com](mailto:sdobberstein@juno.com)), snail mail (237 Old Carriage, Englewood 45322) or at the next meeting tell me what you would like to see for the future.**

## SAVE THE DATE

### 2018 OEA-R FALL CONFERENCE

September 13, 2018

OEA Headquarters (see attached registration form)

## UNISERV COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sandy Dobberstein, Jane Rahn and Phil A. Long are attending WOE A Uniserv Council meetings and have found active members to be very receptive. All WOE A locals have been asked to send the names, addresses, emails and phone numbers of 2015 to 2018 retirees to WOE A. All active WOE A members are encouraged to join WOE A-R as a pre-retired member for \$100.

## OEA-R ADVISORY BOARD

Jane Rahn, WOE A-R Past Chair, serves on the OEA-R Advisory Board as an At-Large member.

## NEA-RETIRED ANNUAL MEETING

June 27-28, 2018

The Annual meeting was held in St. Paul, MN prior to the RA. OEA-R had nine delegates in attendance with four alternates – **Jane Rahn** and **Phil A. Long**. NEA-Retired President Sarah Borgman did an outstanding job conducting her first meeting. She kept to the agenda, mixed in a little humor and made sure voices were heard for business. The following were elected during the business meeting: Vice-President Jean Dobashi; Executive Committee: Allen Ritchie and Lynda Wolfe Smith.

We were in session when the Janus decision came down so heard immediately from the NEA Legal team. The NEA-R Distinguished Service Award went to Lydia Wolfe Smith, a very deserving individual.

The NEA active officers attended the meeting and stated how valuable we are to the organization. Public Schools are underfunded due to many states having tax dollars used for corporate charter expansion and voucher programs. Even though many programs have been shown to be unreliable with student achievement dropping, many states, like Ohio, have legislators who support privatization of schools.

Money was collected through silent and live auctions for FCPE (Fund for Children and Public Education). Both Jane and Phil contributed and supported the silent auction.

Jane Rahn and Phil A. Long **WOEA-R**

## OEA-RETIRED NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY REPORT:

At the NEA RA, OEA-Retired had nine delegates with **Phil A. Long** (WOEA-R) being elected. This is the first time in many years that WOEA-R has had an elected representative to the NEA RA. The Executive Committee members were reelected: Eric Brown and Shelly Krajacic with Robert Rodriguez being elected for a one year term. Hasheen Wilson of Ohio was reelected to the ESP At-Large position. We heard outstanding speakers – David Hogg of Parkland, FL and the Teacher of the Year – Mindy Manning. 129 New Business Items were submitted for consideration.

For me, it was a very interesting four days to witness how many issues are still being discussed after 45 years in education!!! And, there are many new terms and programs that have come about in my seven years of retirement. It definitely signals to me that all educators must keep abreast of current issues, trends, and innovations in education. Thank you for your confidence in helping elect me as a delegate!!! Phil A. Long

### THANK YOU\*\*THANK YOU\*\*THANK YOU

The entire membership body of WOEA-R would like to send a special THANK YOU to **Nancy Mullins** for serving as the WOEA-R Social Outreach, in particular Artemis, the past several years. Nancy has delivered numerous

supplies to the shelter and encouraged members to donate to a most needed cause in our community.

THANK YOU to **Sandy Coe** serving as our newsletter editor last year.

## READ ACROSS AMERICA

**VAL ROLDAN** WOEA-R will partner with WOEA for the 2019 Read Across America. Planning committee members are needed along with volunteer readers. Please contact Val 937-266-4227 or [tmeame@gmail.com](mailto:tmeame@gmail.com) if you are willing to participate in this March 2019 event.

## ARTEMIS SCHOOL SUPPLIES

You know how much you like going through that back to school sale section. It really is difficult to resist those crayons and markers! Pack one of those adorable backpacks full of supplies and I will deliver them to the ARTEMIS CENTER. Don't wait to shop...the sales are going on right now. PLEASE leave the donations in your car to have handy at the September meeting. Thanks in advance for your generosity. Artemis is a domestic violence resource agency located at 310 W. Monument Ave. in Dayton. Many women and their children go there with very little. Supplies needed this Fall include spiral & composition notebooks, binders, construction paper, scissors, pens, pencils, washable markers, white glue, tissues, and backpacks. **MARGE PUNTER** delivers the supplies to the agency. WOEA-R members are encouraged to take supplies to the monthly meetings for delivery.

## EDUCATION REFORM TALKING POINTS

Have you ever wondered how to talk to parents, policy makers, the public or even your colleagues about education reform? The new message deals with what makes schools great. What parents want is the critical thinking skills that would make their child the next great entrepreneur or inventor. With that in mind, consider the following points to discuss for reforming education: talk about inspiring natural curiosity and creativity; discuss funding inequities as a barrier to higher levels of thinking; talk about the testing machine and how it is taking time away from learning; explain how privatization hurts public schools.

## NAACP ANNUAL CONVENTION

**Willie A. Terrell Jr.** attended the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the NAACP held in San Antonio July 14-18, 2018. Willie was a recipient of the Million Dollar Club Membership Award. This award is for members who collect over \$1000 in memberships over a year. The NEA and NAACP have been educational partners for years and share very similar report cards. Willie is 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president and a Diamond Life Member in the Dayton unit of the NAACP.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

WOEA-R retired members serve on each of the WOEAs committees. The committees meet once a month at the WOEAs office in Troy. Please let Phil A. Long know if you are willing to serve on one of the following committees. WOEAs-R can have more than one member serve:

**Collective Bargaining:** Purpose—to afford opportunities for all WOEAs locals to improve their collective bargaining knowledge; to better prepare locals for the collective bargaining process; to foster the development of sound contractual provisions that improve the financial security and working conditions for members of the local associations; and to promote the best interests of local associations. Jane Rahn serves on this committee.

**Local Development & Training:** Purpose—to assist, initiate, review, identify, develop and implement those activities and programs that help the local associations and members to foster and enhance their current and future leadership. Doris Moore serves on this committee.

**Human and Civil Rights:** Purpose—to promote, preserve and protect the human and civil rights of all members. Sandy Coe serves on this committee.

**Professional Efficacy:** Purpose—to sustain and enhance the profession of education by fostering professional and personal growth opportunities for all education professionals to build optimal learning environments which will result in great public schools for all learners. This committee will work with Read Across America. Val Roldan serves on this committee along with Arnetta Depp.

**Organizing Strategy:** Purpose—to involve more members so that they can be informed and perform as association leaders, members and professionals. Phil Long serves on this committee.

## ELECTIONS

### ELECTION OF WOEAs-R DELEGATES

Any member who wishes to be a delegate to the WOEAs-R Fall forum on November 14 and Spring Rep Assembly on April 10 should contact Phil Long by September 11. Voting for the WOEAs-R delegates will take place at the September 19 meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Two delegates will be elected.

### OEA-R DELEGATE ELECTION

The OEA Representative Assemblies are Dec.1 and May 10-11. The OEA-R Caucus will meet Nov. 30 and May 9. To be placed on the state-wide ballot as an OEA-R delegate, you must complete the Declaration of Candidacy form. To obtain a form, contact at 1-800-282-1500 (Mark Hill) or hillm@ohea.org.

## WEAR RED FOR ED ON WEDNESDAY

## FCPE - Dawn Wojcik

Many of us contributed to the Fund for Children and Public Education while working. This fund is used primarily to support OEA's recommendations for candidates that are friendly toward public educational issues. Once we retire, it becomes more difficult to contribute because we are no longer at a workplace. OEA has now made it convenient. Visit [www.ohea.org](http://www.ohea.org) or phone 1-800-282-1500 to make Campaign 2018 the largest total of FCPE monies collected. FYI: At WOEAs-R monthly meetings, FCPE forms will be available. Any donation amount is welcomed. While contributing to FCPE is totally voluntary, members are encouraged to contribute to the Fund.

During the 2017-18 year WOEAs-R contributed over \$1100 to the FCPE Fund. **Barb Weikert** received a Mexican dinner (plus a bottle of adult beverage!) donated by Sophia Rodriguez and Phil A. Long.

During the 2016-2017 year WOEAs-R members contributed over \$1500 to FCPE. Retirees feel the importance of staying involved in education and recognize the need for political action by electing pro education candidates. WOEAs-R members are dedicated to public education!!!

## ENDORSED CANDIDATES

**Endorsements: Senator Sherrod Brown for re-election**

**Richard Cordray/ Betty Sutton – Governor  
Zach Space for Auditor  
Rob Richardson – Treasurer  
Kathleen Clyde – Secretary of State  
Steve Dettelback – Attorney General**

These candidates were screened by OEA members and approved by OEA members. WOEAs-R members Warlita Duvall, Sandy Coe, and Phil A. Long were present to vote for endorsement!!

### **WOEAs-R MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT HOUSE SCREENINGS.**

**Debbie Owens** participated in House # 73 to endorse Kim McCarthy.

**Phil A. Long** participated in House #84 to endorse Joe Monbeck. (former student!!!!)

**Willie A. Terrell Jr** participated in House #41 to endorse John McManus and Sen.#5 for Paul Bradley

**Warlita Duvall** participated in House #40 and endorsed Ryan Rececca Taylor. House #43 endorsed Dan Foley, #42 Zachary Dickerson and #39 Fred Strahorn.

Sandy Dobberstein, Jane Rahn, Val Roldan, and Sandy Coe were also representatives. THANKS to all!!!!

**WOEA-R SCHOLARSHIP**

The WOEa-R Scholarship was established to help members continue their participation in WOEa and OEA. The scholarship covers registration only. For WOEa-R to continue its commitment to this fund, donations are welcomed. Please consider making a donation at our next meeting or contact our Treasurer, Pat Lynch at pat2351@hotmail.com. Thank you so much for supporting this important part of WOEa-R.

**SUNSHINE COMMITTEE**

We love to spread a little sunshine to our WOEa-R members who may have an illness or needs cheer. If anyone has news of an illness, death, or need, please let **Debbie Owens** know at hhteach@hotmail.com. and if possible, send an address. Thank you so much!

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY LADIES LUNCHEON**

Debbie Owens did an outstanding job putting the 2018 luncheon together. Other WOEa-R members present: Dawn Wojcik, Jane Rahn, Emmy Brudzynski, Sophia Rodriguez, and Phil A. Long.

**Red for Ed Wednesday – New business item passed at 2018 NEA Representative Assembly to bring more attention to education. Please participate!!!!**

**MEMBERSHIP DUES/INFO UPDATES**

Annual dues of \$10 per year for WOEa-R membership are now due. Members may opt for a lifetime membership of \$100 and avoid having to renew annually. A membership form is enclosed with your mailing or attached to your email. If you have no changes to submit please pass the form to a friend and encourage them to attend an event. Thank you for sharing and growing this organization that was started in 1989. Next year will be 30 years!! Email Emmy at emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu or call her at 937-813-7661. In addition, anyone who wishes to receive the newsletter electronically should send your e-mail address to Phil A. Long at [palciv13@gmail.com](mailto:palciv13@gmail.com). Please put "WOEA-R Newsletter" in the subject line. To receive it by USPS, contact Willie Terrell at 937-238-7640.

**2017-2018**

Susan Waite  
Amy Moon  
Chris Helen  
Abrams  
Sue Elsner  
Gail Saugstad

**2018-2019**

Susan Waite  
Anita Barton  
Virginia Burroughs

**Pre-Retired**

Sophia Rodriguez  
Joni Watson  
Cheri Willemsen  
Lisa Kiracofe  
  
Joyce Coney-Lacy  
Debbie DiSalvo  
Elizabeth Adegbile  
Donna McCool  
Mary Hargreaves  
Susan Sanders  
Nola K. Brooks  
Farhat B. Khan  
William Hammond II  
Amy White  
Lori Moodie  
Amy Fugate

**Life Members**

Yolanda Unger  
Andrea M Hirtle

**Deceased**

Sheila Campbell  
Barbara Bradfute  
Margaret Coggin  
Pat Eshbaugh  
  
Carol Gerhard  
Nancy Brown  
Carol Imler  
June Fahner  
Julia Ferguson  
Carol Hurley  
Janet Bittner  
John Van Dine  
Del Shannon  
Bobby Williams  
Stanley Shively  
Avalon Matczynski

**WOEA-R Membership**

216

**OEA-R Membership**

880

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**HISTORY OF WOE-R**

The Western Ohio Education Association-- Retired (WOEA-R) was established in 1989 and is affiliated with WOE, OEA, NEA and the division of retired educators of OEA-R and NEA-R.

The Mission of WOE-R is to support continued leadership and the maintenance of professional skills and to enhance the unique potential of each participating member.

The Purpose is to maintain professional contact with the education community of public schools and the professional associations, specifically WOE, through utilization of the expertise and knowledge of retired educators.

**MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

We look forward to seeing you the third Wednesday of the month this coming year. We encourage you to stay mentally and physically active and remain informed about educational, health care and working conditions in public education.

Remember membership is about growing and offering the gift of membership. Use your networking skills to offer the opportunity of membership and genuine fellowship to your colleagues so that they are aware of WOE-Retired. Pass on your newsletter, invite them to a meeting and use your personal connections to promote personal and professional growth to a potential member.

**2018-2019 WOE-R Directory**

CHAIR	Phil A. Long	617 Devonshire Drive	Celina	45822	419-7336947	palcisv13@gmail.com
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OUTREACH	Marje Punter	6453 Lander Lane	Centerville	45459	937-436-3424	Mipunter6018@gmail.com
SUNSHINE	Debbie Owens	3927 Saddlerridge Cr.	Dayton	45424	937-9010729	hhteach@hotmail.com
READ ACROSS	Val Roldan	4970 Natalie Ct.	Trotwood	45416	937-2664227	tmeame@gmail.com

## MEDICARE UPDATE

Starting 4/1/18 Medicare will start a year-long project to replace all current Medicare cards for beneficiaries to convert to alphanumeric ID numbers. Currently, the ID number is your social security number.

Just a heads up that there is a scam going around involving the new Medicare Cards coming out in April. Pass it along. It might come in handy to know Medicare will never call you on the phone.

It is true that the new cards will be sent out from April 2018 to April 2019 Medicare has also warned on scams. They do not charge for cards or want your personal information over the phone. Here's what you need to know to protect yourself, family and friends, throughout the US.

First of all the new Medicare card will come to you in the mail. You don't need to request it or do anything. It will show up.

## WHAT'S THE SCAM?

Somebody from "MEDICARE " will call to tell you-you are getting a new Medicare card. But until it comes you will need a temporary card. Fee for the card is between \$5-50 dollars. They want personal information, bank account or credit card so they can process your temporary card.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER

Medicare will never call you unless you ask them to.

Medicare does all communications by mail unless you ask them to call.

Ditto for anybody saying they "work with Medicare to make sure you get everything you are entitled to".

Scammer alert

## HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THIS ONE?

First of all, spread the word. Feel free to share these notes.

Use your answering machine to screen calls or just don't even answer a number you don't recognize.

If it has happened to you or your friends or loved ones and personal info had been given out (happens considerably more often than you think so don't feel bad or stupid) immediately take action to protect yourself against identity theft.

**OEA-R STATEWIDE FALL CONFERENCE**

September 13, 2018

Save the Date and Register Now

STRS Building, 7th Floor  
275 East Broad Street  
Columbus OH 43215

Speakers include the OEA Officers and speakers from the retirement systems. Other interesting and informational sessions are being planned.

Note: The Conference will be held in the Media Room on the second floor of the OEA Building. FREE Parking is provided at the STRS building.

REGISTRATION: 9:30 a.m.  
PROGRAM: 10:00 a.m.  
LUNCH: 12:00 p.m.  
PROGRAM 12:45-2:45  
CONCLUSION: 3:00 p.m.

Complete and return the registration form (below) with your \$15.00 registration fee by August 31st to be eligible for door prizes. Lunch is included in the fee. You will be notified by email once your payment is received. Mail form and payment to:

OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
STATEWIDE FALL CONFERENCE  
P.O. Box 2550  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-2136  
ATTN: Todd Jaeck

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OEA DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_ Retirement System \_\_\_\_\_ SERS \_\_\_\_\_ STRS

Lunch Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Roast Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

