

Discover New Horizons

Western Ohio Education Association-Retired

WOEA-R Founded September 1989

Volume 26 Issue 3

March and April 2016

Mission of WOE-Retired is to support continued leadership and the maintenance of professional skills and to enhance the unique potential of each participating member. The Purpose shall be to maintain professional contact with the education community and support legislation and benefits for retired education employees. WOE-Retired has meetings at 11 a.m. that include a program, meal and business the 3rd Wednesday of the month for March-June 2016 and September-December 2016. Locations vary throughout the district and all retirees are welcome to attend.

Programs

Program Chairperson Emmy Brudzynski utilized the survey to plan the following programs. We hope to see you at all or one of them this spring. **Mark your calendars and follow the directions to RSVP.**

March 16, 2016 Program location: 11:00 a.m. Olive Oasis, 7 E. Main St. Troy OH 45373. Nathan will present a talk about oils and vinegars. Samples will be available. 12 noon: Lunch (order from the menu) and business meeting at La Piazza Pasta & Grill located at 2 N. Market St., Troy, OH 45373.

RSVP one week prior to meeting by contacting: Emmy Brudzynski Phone: 937-813-7661; Email: emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu

April 20, 2016 Location: 11:00 a.m. Company 7 BBQ, 1001 S. Main St. Englewood, OH 45322. Program: Panel of presenters from Wright State University, Sinclair Community College, and University of Dayton will share *Educational Opportunities* for people over 60. Members will order lunch and a business meeting will follow. **RSVP** one week prior to the meeting by contacting Emmy Brudzynski (see above).

May 18, 2016 Location: Carillon Brewing Co., 1000 Carillon Blvd. Dayton Ohio 45409. Program will be on the history of "brewing" in Dayton. Lunch (order from the menu), then a short business meeting follows. **RSVP** one week prior to the meeting by contacting: Emmy Brudzynski Phone: 937-813-7661; Email: emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu

June 15, 2016 Location: Tour of Boston Stoker Factory begins at 11:00 am, 10855 Engle Rd., Vandalia, Ohio 45377. Lunch will be at 12 noon at El Rancho Grande 7500 Poe Ave. Vandalia, OH 45377. Short business meeting follows. **RSVP** one week prior to the meeting by contacting Emmy Brudzynski (see above)

OEA-Retired Created Video

OEA-Retired Membership Committee created a DVD and brochure about the benefits of joining the Retired organization of OEA and NEA while still an active member. The title is ***Working for Your Future...Keep Growing with Us***, and it can be view on YouTube. You can view it by going to: <https://youtu.be/RkBsrn4uVs> (Note: Click on Eastern OEA and will see link with two smiling faces). Help us share the message by sharing with your friends and colleagues.

OEA-Retired State Ballot

Phil Long and Warlita Duvall are on the ballot for the position of representing Western on the OEA-Retired Advisory Council. This is a three year commitment with various responsibilities.

OEA-Retired is allowed nine delegates to the NEA-Retired Annual Meeting and NEA RA this summer in Washington D. C. Several members from WOEA have submitted their names to run for delegate. Please consider voting for people from our area.

The retired position for OEA Board of Directors has three members running. They are Carol Kinsey, Kathleen Purdy and Joyce Skocic. The person elected will represent retirees on the active OEA Board of Directors.

WOEA-Retired Hosting Pre-Retirement Workshop

WOEA-Retired is planning on hosting a pre-retirement workshop on April 14, 2016. Coordinating dates with presenters is in progress. The video created by OEA-Retired about membership entitled ***Working for Your Future...Keep Growing with Us*** is on YouTube as well as on DVD.

Active Teachers Will Receive Ballot for Electing an STRS Board Member.

Tim Myers is running for reelection for the STRS Board. He is a current member of the State Teachers Retirement System Board and former Chair of the STRS Board. He has experience and training on pension, investment and health care issues. He is a valuable voice in promoting the wellbeing of both active and retired members. Ballots to active members will arrive in early April.

Dr. Seuss

Did you or are you going to volunteer and read for *Read Across America* in honor of Dr. Seuss? Do you volunteer on a regular basis in a classroom or with a young person? We would love for you to share your experience.

Screening Committees

Those members who expressed an interest in serving on a screening committee that interviews candidates running for political positions in their House or Senate district have been given the dates of June 6-8 as possible meeting dates.

OEA-R Spring Conference in Columbus

Capital and Central districts are hosting the Spring Conference on **April 26** at the STRS Building 275 E. Broad St, 7th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m. the day starts with Welcome/Introductions, Legislative Update, NEA Value Builder, and Museum Overview. Lunch will be provided from 12-12:45. Art Tour is from 1-3 p.m. The Columbus Museum of Art is located at 480 E. Broad St. Parking is free at both locations. **To Register:** Send *Name, Address, email and phone number* along with a *check for \$25* made payable to Capital District by **Friday, April 15**, to the Columbus Education Association, Attention: Jeff Corbin, 929 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205-1101.

WOEA-Retired Elections

Note: It is time to nominate and elect officers for the 2016-17 year.

Please check to indicate if you are interested and wish to run for this position. The job descriptions and responsibilities are found on the WOEa website: www.woea.org. Then scroll down to WOEa-R under the second column labeled directory. There you will find the Guidelines, Policies and Job descriptions for WOEa-Retired. Thank you in advance for your service and continued support of an organization that was started in 1989.

_____ Chairperson

_____ Vice-Chairperson

_____ Secretary

_____ Treasurer

Please check to indicate interest in serving on a committee and or being Chairperson.

	Chairperson	Committee Member
Community Outreach	_____	_____
Legislative	_____	_____
Mailing	_____	_____
Membership	_____	_____
Newsletter	_____	_____
Nominations/Elections	_____	_____
Public Relations	_____	_____
Sunshine	_____	_____
Webmaster	_____	_____

Please bring this form with you to the March 16 meeting in Tipp City. If you are unable to attend this meeting please mail this form to Jennie Furnas 7433 Wellbaum Rd. Brookville, OH 45309, or you may call 937-833-3695 or email jenniefurnas@gmail.com

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone (home and/or cell) _____

Email _____

Election ballots will be sent when more than one person runs for the position. Results will be announced in the May/June newsletter and/or at the May meeting.