



NEOEA -- Retired

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OEA-Retired Advisory Council and NEA-Retired Delegate Elections

The OEA-Retired election for Spring 2019 is being conducted by Election America. Online voting opens on March 1, 2019, and closes on March 30, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. (eastern).

Election notices will be mailed (and emailed, if on file) to OEA-Retired members with an individual Election Code and Voting PIN (you will need these to vote). For technical assistance with the voting process or to request a paper ballot, please contact Election-America at Help+OEAR@election-america.com or call (877) 466-7875. The deadline to request a paper ballot is March 14, 2019. For questions regarding your membership or election guidelines, please contact William Baird at bairdw@ohea.org.

The Ohio NEA-R delegation consists of nine delegate seats, the Chair, Bill Sears, is a delegate by virtue of office. There are 27 candidates running for the remaining 8 seats. nine candidates are from NEOEA; one from Capital; three from Central; two from ECOEA; one from EOEA; five from NCOEA; one from NWOEA; two from SWOEA; and three from WOEa.

The candidates for NEA-R Delegate from NEOEA are (as they appear on the ballot): William Dorsey; Jene Wilson; Donna Smoot Walters; Homer O. Adams; Joyce Hives; Steven Mitchell; Barbara Catalano; Martha Franks; and Peg Ham.

Three candidates are running for the NEOEA Representative position on the OEA-R Advisory Council: Marsh Buckley, Willowick; Donna Smoot Walters, Copley; and Diallys York, Lorain.

Download the candidate biographical information:

- 2019 NEA RA Retired Delegate Candidates
<http://neoea-r.ohea.us/files/2018/03/nea2019.pdf>
- OEA-Retired Advisory Council Candidates
<http://neoea-r.ohea.us/files/2018/03/oea2019.pdf>

It is not necessary to conduct an election for the following OEA-Retired Advisory Council positions as they were all elected by acclamation:

**OEA Board of Directors — Carol Kinsey (ECOEA)
ESP — Barbara Catalano (NEOEA)
SWOEA — Judy Buschle
WOEA — Phil Long
Higher ED — No Candidates, now vacant**

Click Here to Vote! <https://vote.election-america.com/oear/>

NEOEA-Retired Spring Conference

The popular NEOEA Retired Spring Conference will be held on April 25, 2019, at the NEOEA Conference Center. Invite a friend for a continental breakfast, lunch, and a visit with new and old friends.

Space is limited. Send enclosed registration form along with your check for \$20 (made payable to NEOEA) by Friday, April 12, to NEOEA, 6001 Landerhaven Drive, Suite D, Mayfield Hts., OH 44124. Or download a form at: <http://www.neoea.org/RetiredSpringConf2019.pdf>.

Educator Lobby Days — April 9th & May 15th

Join your colleagues at the OEA Headquarters' Media Center, 225 E. Broad Street, in Columbus at 9 a.m., for a short briefing about current legislative issues prior to an opportunity to meet with state lawmakers. The interaction of OEA members with elected officials is critical to improving the policies that impact students, educators and public education.

Please register online and make a stand for education. <https://www.ohea.org/actions/2019-oea-educator-lobby-days/>.

Please contact the NEOEA office to pre-schedule meetings with legislators prior to Lobby Days. Find information for your legislator at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/>

Volunteer Opportunity – Greater Cleveland Food Bank

Support our neighbors at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank on Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at 15500 South Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110

Join us as we give back to the community. Come and help sort and repack nonperishable food that is later distributed to local food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters. We're limited to 30 participants—so sign up soon! Please remember to wear closed-toed/closed-heeled shoes! Registration deadline: Friday, March 15, 2019. Download registration form: <http://www.neoea.org/FoodBank.pdf>

Love Your Labor, And Your Neighbor.
NEOEA Social and Human Concerns Committee.

Give to the
Fund for Children
and Public Education



Join us for a NEOEA Retired Luncheon in your area!

It is our pleasure to invite you to join retired fellow educators at a luncheon near you on March 19, March 25, or April 8.

These luncheons provide a personal connection among our retired members and offer an opportunity for communication between retired members and their leaders within the Association. We will order off the menu, and your only expense is the cost of your lunch. If you know a retired educator who is not an OEA-R member, bring them along!

Space is limited, and reservations are required. If you would like to join us, please email the coordinator below for the luncheon you plan to attend. We hope you will join us for one of these exciting programs!

Tuesday, March 19, 11:30 AM
Legally Sweet
<http://www.legallysweet.com/home.html>
36 North Chestnut Street in Jefferson
Contact: Carol Dolgosh (Lakewood TA - Retired) by March 15
carol.dolgosh@gmail.com

Monday, March 25
11:00 AM
Market Street Family Restaurant
<http://www.marketstreetfamilyrestaurant.com/>
8450 Market Street in Mentor
Contact: Tom Moscovic (Willoughby-Eastlake TA - Retired) by March 21
moscovict@yahoo.com

Monday, April 8
1:00 PM
Mavis Winkles Irish Pub
<http://www.maviswinkles.com/>
8870 Darrow Road in Twinsburg
Contact: Marti Franks (Twinsburg EA - Retired) by April 3
martifalk@aol.com

Need to Update Your Contact Information?

Update your OEA & NEOEA contact information with at: 1-844-OEA-info (1 844 632 4636) or membership@ohea.org.

OEA-Retired Spring Conference

Mark your calendars for the OEA-R Spring Conference on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at the STRS Building for a morning session and the Franklin Park Conservatory in the afternoon. Check <http://oea-r.ohea.us/events/spring-conference/> for more details.

Morning speakers include STRS Deputy Executive Director Gary Russell, who will review the status of STRS, and Ohio Teacher of the year Jonathon Juravich. Other topics include the Inter-Generational Mentoring Grant, New Educator Campaign, and Lobby Day.

We will spend the afternoon at the beautiful Franklin Park Conservatory located at 1777 E. Broad Street. We will have a docent led tour of the building and grounds. Parking is free. at the STRS building.

Registration: 9:30 A.M.
Program: 10:00 A.M.
Lunch: 12:00 P.M.
Franklin Park Conservatory: 1:00 P.M.
Conclusion: 3:00 P.M.

Complete and return the registration form with your \$25.00 registration fee by March 27, 2019. Lunch is included in the fee. You will be notified by email once your payment is received. Download a registration form at: <http://oea-r.ohea.us/files/2019/02/OEA-R-SPRING-CONFERENCE-2019.pdf>.

NEOEA Day Friday, October 11, 2019

Do you have an idea for an NEOEA Day program? Do you know someone that would? Planning for fall begins now! Download the "Request for Proposals and Chairperson's Packet" at: <http://www.neoea.org/RFP.pdf>.

First deadline is: Friday, April 5: "Essential Information Form" due to NEOEA.

Miss Your News and Views?

Each issue of the NEOEA News and Views is available online at <http://neoea.org/>. First register at <http://neoea.org/register/> -- it's easy and free. Once registered, you'll have access to the Members-Only page, which has recent issues and member-only information for download.

Educator Appreciation Night at Progressive Field

Cleveland Indians vs Seattle Mariners. Friday, May 3, 2019, 7:10 pm, gates open 6:00 pm. Upper box—\$23; Family deck—\$25; Lower box—\$41. <http://www.neoea.org/TribeEdNight.pdf>.

The Cleveland Indians and the NEOEA want to show appreciation for local teachers and educational professionals with discounted tickets for a night at progressive field with family, friends, and fellow educators. Purchase Deadline: Apr 19th. <https://groupmatics.events/event/TribeEdNight>

Oh, the Places We Go— Grab Your Hat and Read with the Cat

Remember – "You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read with a child."---Dr. Seuss

We will be celebrating NEA's READ ACROSS AMERICA during the month of March 2019. We will read to students across NEOEA land. Retired readers are needed to read in classrooms, libraries, or at other events where children are gathered. Plan to join us. You pick the day, the time, and the place. Invite another retired members to join you. We want you to have a wonderful RAA experience showing students that the joy of reading is a lifelong skill. More information and ideas at: <https://www.ohea.org/get-involved/read-across-america/> and <http://www.nea.org/grants/886.htm>. If you can spend some time in this fun experience contact Beryl Burkle at 330-659-3928 for helpful information. Thanks to a generous grant from the NEOEA Board of Directors, we bought new books to gift where we read.

Marilyn Allen, 1936 - 2019

OEA-R members are remembering Marilyn Allen, who passed away February 6, 2019. Marilyn was a member of the Columbus Education Association and served for many years in various capacities with OEA, the Central and Capital Districts, and her local. Obituary at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dispatch/obituary.aspx?n=marilyn-allen&pid=191680386>.

OAESP Statewide Conference

The Ohio Association of Education Support Professionals (OAESP) is excited to offer a day of professional development, networking and sharing ideas with fellow OEA members from across the state. The theme for 2019 is Educational Support Professionals— Getting the Job Done with Character, Commitment and Compassion

Holiday Inn Mansfield, 116 Park Avenue West, Mansfield, OH 44903

April 26th: Reception and Registration
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

April 27th: Breakfast, Registration and Sessions 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

If you have any questions about registration or the sessions, please call Linda Hofacker at 937-335-4544 or via email at hofacker@ohea.org

This year, our guest lunchtime speakers will be Anthony Spano, the OEA ESP of the Year, and OEA Plan Attorney Kathy McKinley, Baasten Mckinley & Co LPA.

Registration includes lodging, breakfast, lunch and class materials. The first fifty (50) registrants who are OAESP Members will receive a scholarship to the event. If you would like to join OAESP, please call Kathy Abrahamson, OAESP Chair at 440-212-1192 for an application. Otherwise, registration is \$10, payable at the event. We hope to have registration open no later than Friday, March 8, 2019.
<http://www.neoea.org/OAESPconf2019.pdf>.

Host an NEOEA Retired Luncheon

The NEOEA Retired Organizing Committee is looking for volunteers to host a luncheon for retirees in your area. These "county" luncheons are a project of the Outreach Committee of the NEOEA-R Organizing Committee. Their purposes are to provide a social opportunity for an enjoyable luncheon among retired educators and to make grassroots connections with our retired members (especially those not involved in leadership roles within our Association). In the past few years, these gatherings have been well-received both by our volunteers and the retirees they host.

Groups are small and informal. Retirees attend on their own, but NEOEA will pick up your lunch and mileage expenses as the organizer. NEOEA will provide a spokesperson to represent the NEOEA-Retired program, ask non-members to join NEA-R/OEA-R, and most important, ask them what kinds of activities they would like NEOEA-R to provide.

The procedure is simple:

1. Please contact an establishment in your area and ask for a place suitable for a group between five and ten people. Let them know you will provide a count as we get closer to the event. Let them know that people will be on separate checks. (People have generally used informal diners; a semi-secluded room is a plus.)
2. Set a date with the establishment and find out when they need a final count.
3. Provide NEOEA with the date, time, location of the luncheon, and cutoff date for reservations. Tell us how you want the retirees to contact you to make their reservations. (We recommend email and phone.) We will send that information to retirees in the area.
4. As people register, please keep track of their names, email addresses, and locals (retirement employers). Guests are welcome! Immediately after the luncheon, please send the office the information for the people who actually attended. We want to send them a message thanking them for attending and inviting them to further participation.

Great Shows and Discount Prices at Cleveland Play House

Come join us this spring for great shows and discount prices at Cleveland Play House:

Native Gardens at the Allen Theatre: April 27-28; order by April 14. They say good fences make good neighbors, but that's not the case with the Del Valles and the Butleys. What starts out as a squabble over a backyard property line hilariously erupts into a full-blown border dispute. *Native Gardens* comically unearths deeply-rooted assumptions, plants the seeds for understanding, and blossoms into colorful, thought-provoking entertainment. <http://www.neoea.org/CPH-Native.pdf>

NEOEA Discounts

Check the **NEOEA.org** website for complete information on these valuable discounts. Visit <http://neoea.org/resources/member-benefits/>.

- **OEA and NEA Member-Only Benefits:** <https://www.ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/>.
- **OEA Attorney Referral Program:** login at the OEA Member Services page for free half hour and 30% discount. <https://www.ohea.org/legal-services>.
- **NEW! Bedrooms Today:** 50% off regular price of any furniture or bedding item. Be sure to show your employee ID or a copy of the discount letter: <http://www.neoea.org/2019-01-BedroomsToday.pdf>
- **Best Benefits Club:** Best Benefits Club offers activities throughout the year such as:
 - Special family weekends at Cedar Point, and the IX Center where the discount or added value is even greater than their usual benefit.
 - Regal Cinema, Cinemark Tickets, and certain amusement parks are available through the on-line shopping cart.
 - And other tickets are available as an e-ticket program, such as Playhouse Square and the Cleveland Browns.
 - Kalahari Resort Day Pass Pre-Order Sale happens three times a year.
 - There are discounts on zoos, amusement parks, hotels, rental cars and much more available to our members!
 - Each person must register individually with the website in order to have access to the discounts. On the website <http://www.bbcmember.com/>, click on the Login tab near the top of the page. Click on the words REGISTER HERE and use the activation code NEOEA0613 when filling out the small form that comes up. Users are required to make up their own username and password. Please enter NEOEA as your company name where required. For answers to BBC questions, you can call BBC at 330-273-5756. The office in Brunswick is open Monday through Friday between 9:00 and 4:00



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- **Liberty Mutual:** Special Rates for NEOEA Members. <https://www.libertymutual.com/neoea>.
- **Energy Price Choice:** An unbiased energy marketplace that compares energy prices automatically for you. <https://neoea.org/announce/energy-price-choice/>.
- **Park Place:** Discount airport parking. <http://www.neoea.org/ParkPlace.pdf>.
- **Playhouse Square:** Tickets at a discounted rate with a flat \$7 handling fee. Use the promotional code FAMTIX; then select NEOEA. <http://www.playhousesquare.org/ceo>.

- **Great Lakes Science Center:** Join their educator membership program and share your love of science with your family! Enjoy free, unlimited general admission to the Science Center and the Mather Steamship for a full year plus free general admission to more than 340 science centers worldwide. For information on their discounted educator memberships, call 216-696-4576 or visit <http://www.greatscience.com/educators.aspx>.

NEOEA Calendar

- April 4** OEA-R Spring Conference, STRS & Franklin Park Conservatory, Columbus
- April 13** NEOEA Representative Assembly, Bedford HS
- April 25** NEOEA-R Spring Conference, NEOEA Office
- April 25** NEOEA-R Organizing Committee, NEOEA Office
- May 4** NEOEA All Committee Conference, NEOEA Office

- May 9** OEA Retired Delegate Assembly, STRS Building, Columbus
- May 10-11** OEA Representative Assembly, Greater Columbus Convention Center, Union Station Ballrooms, Columbus
- June 7** NEOEA Meet & Great Cookout, NEOEA Office
- June 17-18** OEA Summer Academy, Renaissance Columbus Downtown
- July 2-7** NEA Annual Meeting, Houston, TX
- July 24-25** NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference, TBD

STRS—<https://www.strsoh.org/>

SERS—<https://www.ohsers.org/>

PERS—<https://www.opers.org/>