



NEOEAE -- Retired

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OEA-Retired Delegate Election

OEA-R delegates will be elected during October by online and mail-in ballot. If you are interested in serving as a Delegate to the OEA Fall and Spring Representative Assemblies, download and return a Declaration of Candidacy form by September 20, 2019. <http://oea-r.ohea.us/page/election-information/>.

In October, look for election information by email and US mail. Please support candidates from NEOEA-R..

OEA-R delegates will meet at the STRS building the day before the OEA Representative Assembly. Over forty delegates will be elected from across the state.

OEA-R leadership is now posting meeting summaries and minutes of the OEA-R Advisory Council, OEA-R Delegate Assembly, and the OEA Board of Directors on the Documents/Reports page of the OEA-R website at <http://oea-r.ohea.us/>.

2019 Labor Day Events for You!

Labor Day 2019 is Monday, September 2. NEOEA members have long been labor activists, and our proud tradition continues <https://www.neoea.org/LaborDay2019.pdf> or <https://neoea.org/announce/labor-day-activities/>. Please let us know which event you will be attending by sending an email to desk@neoea.org.

North Shore AFL-CIO Labor Day Festival - "2020 Vision"

Saturday, August 31 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
James Day (Nike) Park, 11828 Pleasant Valley Road, Parma
NEOEAE will sponsor a table and have giveaways.
<https://www.neoea.org/LD-NorthShore.pdf>

Labor Day Family Celebration

Sunday, September 1 Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Black River Landing in Lorain
NEOEAE will sponsor a table and have giveaways.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/992750101114218/>

11th Congressional District Community Caucus

Monday, September 2 Labor Day Labor Day Parade & Festival
Parade begins at East 146th and Kinsman
Parade kicks off at 10:00 a.m.; festival at noon at Luke Easter Park follows
<https://www.facebook.com/11thcdclabordayparade/>

Barberton

Monday, September 2. Gather at 9:00 a.m.; the parade begins at 10:00 a.m.
NEOEAE will march in the parade again this year.

"All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence." - Martin Luther King

OEA-R Fall Conference

OEA-R Statewide Fall Conference

September 11, 2019
OEA Headquarters
225 E. Broad Street
Columbus. OH 43215

Registration	9:30 - 10:00 am
Introductions/ Welcome	10:00 - 10:10 am
OEA Officers, STRS and SERS Reports	10:10 - 10:30 am
Session 1	10:45 - 11:45 am
Lunch	11:45 - 12:45 pm
Session 2	12:45 - 1:45 pm
Wrap Up	1:45 - 2:30 pm
(Volunteer Opportunities, Drawing and Evaluation)	

Note: FREE parking is provided at the STRS building. Choose two topics from the list below:

1. Technology: Using the internet safely and effectively without risking identity theft.
2. Technology: Using social media safely and efficiently with Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, etc.
3. Travel: Using NEA member benefits to travel more affordably and how can I access these benefits.
4. Education: Social Emotional Academic Development (SEAD). What are these new education buzz words, and how can I support our active colleagues to incorporate the new standards into their already overextended school day?

Complete and return the registration with your \$20.00 registration fee by September 1, 2019 to be eligible for door prizes. Lunch is included in the fee. You will be notified by email once your payment is received. Download Registration form at <http://oea-r.ohea.us/events/fall-conference/>.



NEOEA Day - October 11, 2019

NEOEA DAY is October 11. Retirees will find many workshops of interest. Workshops include topics in Professional Development, Leadership Development and Personal Development. For all things NEOEA Day, visit the NEOEA Day page at https://neoea.org/neoea_day/neoea-day/.

Don't forget the two trips:

New York Trip <https://www.neoea.org/NYC2019.pdf>

Virginia Wine Trip <https://www.neoea.org/WineDine2019.pdf>

The NEOEA Retired Organizing Committee is sponsoring one of the sessions about the Cleveland Kids' Book Bank. Other sessions include financial and retirement planning.

Help Books Change Lives at the Book Bank!

Place: Cleveland Kids' Book Bank, 3635 Perkins Ave., Suite 1E, Cleveland, OH 44114
Time: 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
NEOEA Program #21 Central
Chairperson: Bill Lavezzi and Joyce Hives

AGENDA

Cleveland Kids' Book Bank (<http://www.kidsbookbank.org>) promotes reading and literacy by working with community agencies, setting up and maintaining Little Free Libraries, and making books available at schools, pediatricians, childcare centers, and after-school programs.

On NEOEA Day, we'll help sort, clean, and repair books at the Book Bank and (optional) enjoy lunch at one of the restaurants in the Midtown area.

RESERVATIONS

Cost: None (lunches available to buy on your own). Send registration form to NEOEA Day at KBB, 256 Columbus Road, Bedford, OH 44146. For further information, contact Bill Lavezzi at StageCoach@lavezzi.us or 216.650.2464. Deadline: Oct. 4, 2019. (Limited to 20 participants.) Go to NEOEA Day page for registration form.

NEOEA Day Tours

Although NEOEA Day (October 11, 2019) seems like a long way off, it will be here

before you know it. If you want to be guaranteed a seat on the bus for our annual weekend tours to New York City or Virginia Wine Country, now is the time to make your reservation.

NEOEA Day Tour - New York City - October 10-13, 2019

Tour includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation • Lodging for one night in Pennsylvania • Two nights at The Manhattan at Times Square Hotel in New York City • Baggage handling for one bag per person in New York City • A guided city tour • Breakfast at our hotel in Pennsylvania • Dinner on the way home in Pennsylvania • An escort from 20th Century Tours.

Options: (a) Broadway Show (once we decide which show to offer, we will let you know the cost and when to forward your payment should you want to see it); (b) The cost of the Statue of Liberty/Island ticket (add \$20 to my balance); (c) Dinner at Tony's Di Napoli in Times Square (price TBA—in 2018 it was \$58 inclusive of tax and gratuity).
Download registration: <https://www.neoea.org/NYC2019.pdf>

Fall Foliage in Virginia – History, Mystery, & Virginia Wine, October 11-13, 2019.

Tour Includes: Deluxe motorcoach transportation • Two nights lodging in Leesburg, Virginia • Two hot breakfasts at our hotel • Lunch and wine taste at Winery 32 • Wine taste at Hidden Brock Winery, Barnes at Hamilton Station, and Cana Vineyard and Winery • Family style wine pairing dinner at Creek's Edge Winery • Lunch and wine taste at Quattro Goomb's Winery • Murder mystery dinner theatre performance • Bluemont Vineyard sangria making class • Lunch and wine taste at Bluemont Vineyard • An escort from 20th Century Tours. Download registration at <https://www.neoea.org/WineDine2019.pdf>.

November Election - School Board Races & Local Levies

This November is an important election for local school districts. Many school board races will be decided and local levies will be voted on. Please check with your local school board or the county Board of Elections. You

might also check your voter registration.

Elections Boards in Northeastern Ohio:

- Ashtabula: 440/576-6915, <http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/Ashtabula/>
- Cuyahoga: 216/443-8683, <http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/>
- Erie: 419/627-7601, <http://www.electionsonthe.net/oh/erie/>
- Geauga: 440/285-2222, ext. 2030, <http://www.co.geauga.oh.us/Departments/BOE>
- Lake: 440/350-2700, <http://www.lakecountyoio.gov/lakeelections/Home.aspx>
- Lorain: 440/326-5900 or 5901, <http://www.loraincountyelections.com/>
- Mahoning: 330/783-2474, <http://vote.mahoningcountyoh.gov/>
- Medina: 330/722-9278, <https://www.medinacountyelections.org/>
- Portage: 330/297-3511, <http://www.co.portage.oh.us/election/index.html>
- Summit: 330/643-5200, <http://www.summitcountyboe.com/>
- Trumbull: 330/369-4050, <https://www.boe.co.trumbull.oh.us/>

OEA Web & Social Media Training Resources

At the NEOEA Summer Leadership Conference, July 24-25 at The Bertram Inn in Aurora, Michael Straughter, OEA Communications Specialist, presented several important workshops on using, developing, and maintaining websites and social media accounts.

He has posted links to a great number of informative and useful articles on the OEA website at <https://www.ohea.org/comm-resources/>. OEA website registration and log-in is required. If you are active on the web, this is information you need to have a professional and safe presence.

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.

NEA & OEA Discounts

Enjoy financial programs and discounts offered by **NEA Member Benefits**:

- Savings & investment programs
- Credit, home financing and loan programs
- Special member-only discounts through the NEA Click & Save program

For questions call 1.800.637.4636 (toll free); <https://www.neamb.com/>.

NEA Click & Save, the online discount buying service for NEA members, highlights select retailers and merchants each month. Stop by <http://www.neamb.com/clickandsave> every month to see the featured "Buy-lights" for that month.

Save even more with your OEA membership and the **OEA ACCESS** program:

- A wide range of professional services and benefits
- Professional liability coverage
- OEA/NEA periodicals and publications
- Member-only discounts and services at many local and national businesses

For questions, call 1-866-203-5167. Login with the 10-digit number on your OEA membership card. The Savings Really Add Up! Log in today and discover: <https://ohea.org/member-center/member-benefits/>.

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>.
- **20th Century Tours for NEOEA Day:** Join us on two tours for NEOEA Day weekend: one in New York City (<https://www.neoea.org/NYC2019.pdf>) and the other in Virginia's wine country (<https://www.neoea.org/WineDine2019.pdf>).
- **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** 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, Cedar Point and Kings Island.
- Kalahari Resort Day Pass Pre-Order Sale happens three times a year—the next coming in October.
- 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 will now be 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.
- **Bright Now! Dental** has been involved in the union community for nearly 40 years and is pleased to be providing the NEOEA an exclusive discount on general and specialty dental care. Whether you have dental benefits or not, you will experience cost savings of up to 35% on general dentistry and 30% on specialty dentistry. This is not an insurance plan. There is no cost to participate and no restrictions. Your choice to receive dental care at one of their offices is voluntary. There are 7 locations in Cleveland making access to one of their offices convenient. Evening and weekend hours are also available.. <https://www.brightnow.com/>.
- **Energy Price Choice:** Confused about how and where to get the lowest prices for your natural gas and electricity? EnergyPriceChoice.com/NEOEA is an unbiased energy marketplace that compares energy prices automatically for you. It takes less than 5 minutes to get



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NEOEA Calendar

- September 10** NEOEA-R Organizing Committee, NEOEA Office
- September 20** OEA-R Delegate Declaration of Candidacy forms due to OEA Secretary-Treasurer
- October** OEA-R Delegate Election—vote online or US Mail
- October 11** NEOEA Day Programs and Trips, various locations
- November 9** NEOEA Representative Assembly, Painesville
- December 7** OEA Representative Assembly, Columbus
- January 28** NEOEA Leadership Summit, TBD
- February 11** NEOEA-R Organizing Committee, NEOEA Office
- February 24** NEOEA Legislative Receptions, four locations
- March 7** NEOEA Megaconference, TBD
- April 16** NEOEA-Retired Spring Conference, NEOEA Office
- April 16** NEOEA-R Organizing Committee, NEOEA Office
- April 25** NEOEA Representative Assembly, Cuyahoga Falls

- May 2** NEOEA All Committee Conference
- May 8-9** OEA Representative Assembly, Columbus
- June 5** NEOEA Committees on the Go

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1-844-OEA-info (1 844 632 4636) or membership@ohea.org.

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- SERS <https://www.ohsers.org/>
- PERS <https://www.opers.org/>