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NEW ONLINE OEA-R VOTING PROCEDURE!

- OEA-Retired Delegate Election
- OEA-R Advisory Council Vice-Chair Election

OEA-R members should look an email and/or a postcard "**Vote now in the OEA Retired 2016 Elections**" from "**OEA Retired Elections Admin help@election-america.com**". OEA-R Elections will now be done online. Everyone will get a postcard with an explanation and instructions for requesting a paper ballot in the mail. The email and the postcard provide a link, taking you to the voting page, and an "**Election Code**" and a "**Voting PIN**". Please vote online no later than Friday, October 31, 2016.

OEA-R members will fill the vacancy for **OEA-R Advisory Council Vice-Chair**. **Gary Hollow, Donna Smoot-Walters, and Beverly Woolridge** from NEOEA are running in a field of five candidates. Please consider supporting one of our NEOEA candidates.

OEA-R members will also elect 28 **Delegates** to the **OEA Representative Assembly** from a field of 36 candidates. The 18 OEA-Retired Advisory Council members are automatic delegates by virtue of office, for a delegation of 46 delegates and 6 alternates by order of votes.

Please support the 18 candidates from NEOEA: **Homer O. Adams, Lynn Aring, Debbie Bernauer, Beryl Burkle, Lyn Curry-Huston; Nanci DiBianca, William A. Dorsey, Marti Franks, Lynnette R. Harris; Hank Haynes, Warren Hershberger, Norm Hillstrom, Joyce M. Hives; Adele Matias, Donna Smoot-Walters, John Veverka, Pat Wagar, and Nancy Wonson.**

Delegates attend both the Fall and Spring OEA Representative Assemblies and on the day before, a delegate briefing with the OEA officers and reports from the OEA-R Advisory Council. Delegates from NEOEA also attend the Fall and Spring NEOEA RAs.

infoOEA Contact Center

OEA has set up **infoOEA**--a one-stop contact center--to provide assistance to our members with questions they may have. **OEA-Retired** members who have changes to their mail or email addresses, telephone numbers, or other information now have a one-stop place to report those changes.

All members are welcome to contact OEA at:
1-844-OEA-info (1 844 632 4636) or membership@ohea.org

OEA Membership Specialists are available to assist or connect the member to the appropriate staff person. The contact center hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30-4:30 during normal OEA business hours.

Early Voting begins October 12 Support Children and Public Education

Before you vote this year, please use <http://ohioballot.com/> to find out which candidates are considered to be "**Champions of Public Education**" by Ohio educators. OEA Campaign 2016 has relaunched the site that was so successful in 2014 in letting members and the public know who the education-friendly candidates are in their area. It's now got information on OEA's 2016 endorsed candidates, as well as a video message from OEA members - "**The Lesson that Donald Trump Never Learned.**"

Just type in your name, address and zip code and you will see a list of the recommended candidates appearing on your ballot. The stakes are high in this election. Our children's future will be shaped by the outcome.

Watch the video and click on the "If you're an OEA member, click here" link for more information.

To help promote **Ohio Ballot**, please like the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/OhioBallot/> and share the link with your friends and family.

OEA-R Advisory Council Vice-Chair Election Platform Statements

Editor's note: All candidates from NEOEA were asked to submit campaign platform statements for this newsletter. The only statement received was from Gary Hollow.

Gary Hollow

As a past chair of the NEOEA Organizing Committee I wish to bring my experience dealing with a variety of retired issues particularly protecting health care. NEOEA Retired during my term of office helped OEA-R promote the Intergenerational Mentoring Program, made videos to promote Read Across America, and initiate county lunches to promote OEA-R the much less politically involved members but who still wish to contribute to education.

Having served on the NEOEA Legislative Committee for 25 years, been on House and CCT Screening committees and a delegate to the FCPE state convention I believe OEA needs to identify and communicate with retired political activists by creating and maintaining a dedicated database to enlist their political experience. OEA-R should also use the social media as our younger retiring members are much more comfortable using it.

OEA-R needs to reach out to retirees who are not political active but still have the desire and are eager to volunteer. As mentioned above

NEOEA-R has several programs reaching out to these interested educators. Other Districts have programs that should be spread across the state.

OEA and OEA-R are doing a fine job with STRS Ohio issues. To increase our membership we need communicate with our active locals and offer a wider range of activities to evolve them.

Gary Hollow, garyh78049@aol.com

Campaign 2016 OEA Endorsed Candidates, October 5, 2016

President: Hillary Clinton
U.S. Senate: Ted Strickland

Ohio Supreme Court
 Judge John P. O'Donnell
 Judge Cynthia Rice

State Board of Education
 SBE 1 Linda Haycock
*SBE 5 Roslyn Painter-Goffi**
 SBE 6 Antoinette Miranda
SBE 8 Debbie Phillips
 SBE 9 Stephanie Dodd*
 SBE 10 Braydon L. Bevens
SBE 11 Bill Lavezzi

Ohio House
HD 1 Stephen Spoonamore (I)
 HD 2 No Position
 HD 3 No Position
 HD 4 Bob Cupp (R)*
HD 5 John Dyce (D)
HD 6 Phil Robinson (D)
HD 7 Tom Patton (R)
*HD 8 Kent Smith (D)**
*HD 9 Janine Boyd (D)**
HD 10 No Position
*HD 11 Stephanie Howse (D)**
HD 12 No Position
*HD 13 Nickie Antonio (D)**
*HD 14 Martin Sweeney (D)**
*HD 15 Nicholas Celebrezze (D)**
HD 16 Tommy Greene (D)
 HD 17 Adam Miller (D)
 HD 18 Kristin Boggs (D)
 HD 19 Michael Johnston (D)
 HD 20 Heather Bishoff (D)*
 HD 21 Mike Duffey (R)
 HD 22 David Leland (D)*
 HD 23 Lee Schreiner (D)
 HD 24 Jim Hughes (R)

HD 25 Bernadine Kent (D)
 HD 26 Hearcel Craig (D)*
 HD 27 Joe Otis (D)
 HD 28 No Position
 HD 29 No Position
 HD 30 Bill Seitz (R)
 HD 31 Brigid Kelly (D)
 HD 32 Catherine Ingram (D)
 HD 33 Alicia Reece (D)*
*HD 34 Emilia Sykes (D)**
*HD 35 Greta Johnson (D)**
HD 36 Anthony DeVitis (R)
HD 37 No Position
HD 38 No Position
 HD 39 Fred Strahorn (D)*
 HD 40 No Position
 HD 41 Jim Calhoun (D)
 HD 42 No Position
 HD 43 Jeffrey Rezabek (R)
 HD 44 Mike Ashford (D)*
 HD 45 Teresa Fedor (D)*
 HD 46 Michael Sheehy (D)*
 HD 47 No Position
 HD 48 Kirk Schuring (R)*
 HD 49 No Position
 HD 50 John Juergensen (D)
 HD 51 No Position
 HD 52 No Position
 HD 53 Suzi Rubin (D)
 HD 54 No Position
*HD 55 Nathan Manning (R)**
*HD 56 Dan Ramos (D)**
HD 57 Tom Dunlap (D)
*HD 58 Michele Lepore Hagan (D)**
*HD 59 John Boccieri (D)**
*HD 60 John Rogers (D)**
HD 61 Rick Walker (D)
 HD 62 No Position
HD 63 Glenn Holmes (D)
*HD 64 Michael O'Brien (D)**
 HD 65 Jerod Weber (D)
 HD 66 No Position
 HD 67 No Position
 HD 68 Rick Carfagna (R)
HD 69 Steve Hambley (R)
HD 70 No Position
 HD 71 Joseph Begeny (D)
 HD 72 No Position
 HD 73 Brian Housh (D)
 HD 74 Barb Niemeyer (D)
*HD 75 Kathleen Clyde (D)**
HD 76 Terri McIntee (D)
 HD 77 Brad Nicodemus (D)
 HD 78 No Endorsement
 HD 79 Alex Wendt (D)
 HD 80 No Position
 HD 81 No Position
 HD 82 No Position

HD 83 No Position
 HD 84 No Position
 HD 85 No Position
 HD 86 No Position
 HD 87 No Position
 HD 88 No Position
HD 89 Lawrence Hartlaub (D)
 HD 90 No Position
 HD 91 No Position
 HD 92 No Position
 HD 93 Ryan Smith (R)*
 HD 94 Sarah Grace (D)
 HD 95 Ginny Favede (D)
 HD 96 Jack Cera (D)*
 HD 97 No Position
 HD 98 Jeremiah Johnson (D)
*HD 99 John Patterson (D)**

Ohio Senate
*SD 2 Randy Gardner (R)**
 SD 4 No Position
 SD 6 Peggy Lehner (R)
 SD 8 Mary Rose Lierman (D)
 SD 10 Matthew Kirk (D)
 SD 12 No Position
 SD 14 Charlie Carlier (D)
 SD 16 Cathy Johnson (D)
SD 18 John Eklund (R)
 SD 20 No Position
SD 22 No Position
SD 24 Emily Hagan (D)
 SD 26 No Position
SD 28 Vernon Sykes (D)
 SD 30 Lou Gentile (D)*
SD 32 Sean O'Brien (D)

U.S. House
 CD 1 Michele Young (D)
 CD 2 No Position
 CD 3 Joyce Beatty (D)*
 CD 4 Janet Garrett (D)
 CD 5 No Position
 CD 6 No Position
 CD 7 No Position
 CD 8 No Position
 CD 9 Marcy Kaptur (D)*
 CD 10 No Position
 CD 11 Marcia Fudge (D)*
 CD 12 No Position
 CD 13 Tim Ryan (D)*
 CD 14 David Joyce (R)
 CD 15 No Position
 CD 16 No Position

* – Endorsed as friendly incumbent
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NEOEA-Retired Outreach Committee News

• Are You a Volunteer? Does Your Organization Need Help?

NEOEA-R is looking to connect NEOEA retirees with your organization. Submit the details on the NEOEA-R website, <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/volunteers/> and we will post them on our Volunteer page.

• Cleveland Kids Book Bank

Are you looking for something to do in your retirement, ha-ha? Well, NEOEA-R has some opportunities for you. The Cleveland Kids Book Bank (<http://www.kidsbookbank.org/>) has thousands of books that need to be sorted by reading and or grade level. The book bank is seeking volunteers to do just this... Sort books. Otherwise these books would be shredded. What a waste! If interested please contact Leslie Mazzolo, Volunteer/Operations Coordinator, lmazzolo@kidsbookbank.org ; (216) 417-1803; or drop in at 3635 Perkins Avenue, Suite 1E, Cleveland, OH 44114; 216-417-1803.

Gather some of friends, retirees or active and have some fun giving back volunteer have some fun and afterward got to lunch with your friends. Then tell NEOEA-R about your experience; NEOEA Office 216-518-0200.

Patricia Frost-Brooks
Gary Hollow, garyh78049@aol.com

• Intergenerational Mentoring

The Intergenerational Mentoring Programs at Kent State University and Youngstown State University are looking for additional MENTORS. You will work with education students who will graduate as teachers. Mentors have retired from their jobs, but not from their profession. Please volunteer by calling by October 15th. Leave your name, address, telephone number and email address with Linda Grunden at the NEOEA Office (800-354-6794). Nanci DiBianca and Beryl Burkle will return your call for KSU and Harold Wilson and Bonnie Harris will return your call from YSU. We want you to live within 50 miles of these Universities. Mentors must be OEA-R/NEA-R members.

We need you! We will answer all questions ASAP. This is fun and a very worthwhile endeavor for retired members and students.

Beryl Burkle, 330-659-3928

• Read Across America

Please plan to join us March 2017 for Read Across America. We will read across North Eastern Ohio. You pick the day, the time and the place. I want to help you have a wonderful RAA experience. Links to materials and resources are at <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/read-across-america/>. All you really need is a good book of your choice to read and share the joy of reading with students. Let them know that reading is a lifelong skill. It is a very rewarding experience. Please put yourself on the list of readers. Let me know that you will join us in March 2017.

Beryl Burkle, 330-659-3928

Thank you to all of the members of the NEOEA-R Outreach Committee who have been working hard to connect with out members: Beryl Burkle, Chair; Nanci DiBianca; Marti Franks; Patricia Frost Brooks; Norm Hillstrom; and Joyce Hives.

Candidate for State Board of Education

NEOEA Executive Director, Bill Lavezzi announced his candidacy for the **District 11** seat on the **Ohio State Board of Education**. The seat is currently held by Mary Rose Oakar who is term limited.

SBE District 11 includes Ohio Senate Districts 21, 23, and 25 encompassing three-quarters of Cuyahoga County and half of Lake County

Mr. Lavezzi updates a weekly blog covering issues affecting education at <http://bill4board.us/>. People may sign up online to receive his weekly newsletter. Contributions can be sent to: Bill4Board, 256 Columbus Road, Bedford, Ohio 44146 .

NEOEA Discounts

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

- **OEA Attorney Referral Program:** login at the OEA Member Services page <https://www.ohea.org/legal-services> or download <http://www.neoea.org/ARP.pdf>
- **Best Benefits Club:** Our purchasing power allows Best Benefits Club to offer a complete and comprehensive benefits package including excellent discounts on quality products and services from mortgages, food, clothing, auto purchase/lease/repair and insurance... to theaters, amusement parks, sporting events, and more. Our password is **NEOEA0613e** or call 330-273-5756. <http://www.bbcmember.com/>
- **Energy Price Choice:** Confused about how and where to get the lowest prices for your natural gas and electricity? <https://energypricechoice.com/NEOEA> is an unbiased energy marketplace that compares energy prices automatically for you. It takes less than 5 minutes to get the best possible price without hours of confusing research and hidden catches.
- **Playhouse Square:** Tickets at a discounted rate with a flat \$7 handling fee. Use the promotional code FAMTIX. <http://www.playhousesquare.org/ceo>
- **Park Place:** Discount airport parking. <http://www.neoea.org/ParkPlace.pdf>
- **Dollar Bank:** Special Rates for NEOEA Members. <http://www.dollarbank.com/neoea/>
- **Liberty Mutual:** Special Rates for NEOEA Members. <https://www.libertymutual.com/neoea>
- **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>.





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- Nancy Wonson, Lakewood TA-R, Chairperson
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OEA-R ESP Representative
- Marsh Buckley, NEOEA Liaison &
OEA-R NEOEA Representative
- Hank Haynes, ACCESS-R, web/newsletter editor
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- Patricia Frost-Brooks, East Cleveland EA-R
- Hazel Haffner, Willoughby-Eastlake TA-R
- Martha Harper, Mentor TA-R
- Norman Hillstrom, Mentor TA-R
- Joyce Hives, East Cleveland EA-R
- Richard Javorek, Brunswick EA-R
- Dale Kain, Mayfield EA-R
- Mary Keefe, Maple Hts. TA-R
- Adele Matias, Mayfield EA-R
- Patricia Sharkey, North Ridgeville EA-R
- Donna Smoot-Walters, Barberton EA-R
- Pat Wagar, Mayfield EA-R

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Looking for More Information?

- NEOEA-Retired – <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/>
- “NEOEA Retired” on Facebook
- NEOEA – <http://www.neoea.org/>
- “NEOEA” on Facebook
- OEA-Retired – <http://oea-r.ohea.us/>
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- “OhioEA” on Facebook
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- “NEA Today” on Facebook

Need to Update Your Contact Information?

Make sure that we have your correct contact information; update your address and email on our “Contact Us” page at <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/contact-us/> . Don’t have internet access? Just call the NEOEA Office at 216-518-0200.

NEOEA Calendar

- October 12** General Election Early Voting Support Pro-Education Candidates..
- October 13-16** NEOEA New York City Tour and Broadway Show, Bus Tour to New York City
- October 14-16** NEOEA Fall Foliage and Wine in the Finger Lakes, Bus Tour to Finger Lakes
- October 14** NEOEA Day Professional Workshops
Various Locations
- November 8** General Election Day. Support Pro-Education Candidates. Your local polling place or vote by mail.
- November 12** NEOEA Representative Assembly, Brookside HS, Sheffield Lake, OH
- December 2** OEA-Retired Delegate Caucus, STRS Building, Columbus
- December 3** OEA Representative Assembly, Ohio Expo, , 717 East 17th Avenue, Columbus,

NEOEA Special Interest Groups

NEOEA maintains eighteen email lists for members who want to receive news and updates from NEOEA on a particular topic. Members can sign up for as many topics as they want. Scan the QR Code to see the lists and sign up.

