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OEA-Retired Delegate Election Vote During October Please Support Candidates from NEOEA

OEA-R delegates will be elected during October by online and mail-in ballot. In October, look for election information by email and US mail. Please support candidates from NEOEA-R..

OEA-R members should look for an email and/or a postcard "**Vote now in the OEA 2019 Elections**" from "**Ohio Education Association** <help@election-america.com>". Everyone will get a postcard or an email with an explanation and instructions for requesting a paper ballot by October 15. The email and the postcard provide an "Election Code" and a "Voting PIN" along with a link to the voting page. Please vote online no later than Friday, October 31, 2019. For more information, candidate biographies, and to vote online; go to <https://www.ohea.org/ohea-retired-members>. The candidate biographies are also posted at <http://neoea-r.ohea.us/2019/10/01/neoea-candidates-for-ohea-r-delegate/>.

OEA-R members will elect 27 Delegates to the OEA Representative Assembly from a field of 34 candidates. The 18 OEA-Retired Advisory Council members are automatic delegates by virtue of office, for a delegation of 45 delegates and 7 alternates by order of votes.

Please support the 16 candidates from NEOEA. Here are the candidates as they appear on the ballot: **William A. Dorsey, Nancy Wonson, Hank Haynes, Nanci J. DiBianca, Lynnette R. Harris, Bill Lavezzi, Steven Mitchell, Marsh Buckley, Joyce M. Hives, Norm Hillstrom, Diallys York, Marti Franks, John Veverka, Homer Adams, Gary Hollow, Lynn Aring.**

Delegates attend both the Fall and Spring OEA Representative Assemblies. On the day before, the OEA-R Delegate Assembly meets at the STRS Building to carry out the business of OEA Retired and for a briefing with the OEA officers and reports from the OEA-R Advisory Council. Delegates from NEOEA also attend the Fall and Spring NEOEA RAs.

OEA-R delegates will meet at the STRS building the day before the OEA Representative Assembly.

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://ohea-r.ohea.us/>.

NEOE Day - October 11, 2019

NEOE 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/.

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.

2020 OEA-FCPE Candidate Screening Committees

FCPE Reorganization meetings will be held around northeast Ohio in the upcoming weeks. This is a great way to become involved in the screening process and selection of OEA endorsed candidates. In the spring, the committees will screen and endorse candidates for the Ohio General Assembly based on OEA legislative and educational priorities.

Several positions are still vacant. If interested, please contact NEOEA President Rob McFee or NEOEA Executive Director Mary Alice Conkey. The dates are:

- October 21 (DSC 2) for the central area and will be held at the NEOEA office
- November 6 (DSC 3) scheduled for the Youngstown/Warren area
- November 19 (DSC 1) scheduled for the Lorain area

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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.lakecountyohio.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-R Mentoring Program

The Mentoring Program started on September 9th at KSEA. There are 12 Mentors with students still signing up till October 7th.

- There are two mentor programs in Ohio--ours at Kent and another at Miami University.
- Both have been funded to a \$2,000 ceiling, and both include face-to-face contact.
- It is unclear whether OEA's \$2,000 funding has been renewed for this year. We expect the program to formally start in late . Meanwhile, many mentors told their mentees last year that they would stay with them through October this year.
- There is no virtual mentoring program in place, and there is no longer a mentoring program referred to as Inter Generational Mentoring.

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 login is required. If you are active on the web, this is information you need to have a professional and safe presence.

Student Teacher Membership Organizing

By Donna Smoot Walters, OEA-R Advisory Council—NEOEA-R Representative

As part of the OEA Membership Strategy, local leaders are being asked to invite student teachers in each District into membership with the Ohio Student Education Association (OSEA). OEA is covering the cost of membership so there is no financial obligation to the potential student member.

Many school districts have student teachers in the fall and another group in the spring. Some districts also have juniors doing field work. Membership is available for all these opportunities.

To assist with the process, a student teacher packet has been created. These packets include a membership form, details on the liability insurance program, an OSEA brochure and an NEA Member Benefits flyer for student members. Local leaders can request the number of packets they need for each student teacher in their district.

Packets can be requested at <https://tinyurl.com/myoeamaterials>. Membership forms can be returned by scanning and emailing Angela Thum at thuma@ohea.org. They can also be given to the LRC to be returned to the OEA EPRMA Department.

For more details on OSEA, please visit their website at <https://www.ohea.org/osea/>.

Join Us for an NEOEA Retired Luncheon in Your Area!

It is our pleasure to invite you to join retired fellow educators at a luncheon near you on October 15 or October 23.

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 the 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, October 15, 12:30 PM

Lager and Vine GastroPub and Wine Bar

<http://www.lagerandvine.com/>

30 W. Streetsboro Street in Hudson.

Contact: Marti Franks (Twinsburg EA-R) by October 11. martifalk@aol.com

Wednesday, October 23, 11:30 AM

PJ McIntyre's Irish Pub

<http://pjmcityres.com/>

17119 Lorain Avenue in Westpark and

Kamm's Corner area.

Contact: William Lavezzi (Aurora EA-R) by October 18. StageCoach@lavezzi.us

Student Loan Forgiveness Navigation Tool from NEA Member Benefits

NEA Member Benefits launched their new Student Loan Forgiveness Navigation tool (AKA "Savi"). Savi is a free online student loan evaluation tool to determine eligibility for federal repayment and forgiveness programs. The program is available to NE R members and their family. After entering basic personal information, tax information, and employment information, Savi can sync a member's loans and check them against free federal repayment and forgiveness programs.

Depending on your income, there are several repayment plans to help make repaying your loans more affordable as your monthly

student loan payment is set at an amount that is intended to be affordable based on income and family size. Additionally, some or all of the entire loan could be forgiven in exchange for the individual performing certain types of service such as teaching or performing public service.

To learn more, go to <https://www.neamb.com/products/nea-student-loan-forgiveness-navigator> or call the NEA Member Benefits Member Service Center at 800-637-4636.

Cleveland Play House — Two Shows!

Discount tickets available for two shows at Cleveland Play House:

Pipeline: I

In this groundbreaking lyrical drama, Nya—a dedicated inner city school teacher—sends her own son Omani to private school. But when a teacher's questions push a button, Omani pushes back. An altercation ensues, and Nya's plans for Omani's future begin to unravel. Pipeline is a compelling, must see portrait of the systemic school-to-prison pipeline and the experience of being a parent to a young black man in America. October 12 & 20, order by October 6. <https://www.neoea.org/CPH-Pipeline.pdf>.

A Christmas Story:

He's back! One boy. One holiday wish. In a world that seems to be conspiring to make certain it doesn't come true. The record-breaking show returns to the CPH stage in all its pink-bunny-suit, glowing-leg-lamp, triple-dog-daring glory. The perfect holiday treat for the entire family. November 30 & December 7, order by November 24. <https://www.neoea.org/CPH-ACS.pdf>.

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- Savings & investment programs
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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/>.
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- **Ohio Educational Credit Union:** Refinance and consolidate your student loans. <https://www.neoea.org/oheducu-loan.pdf>
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NEOEA Calendar

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
November 15 NEA ESP National Conference Scholarship Applications due
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 Read Across America
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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