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OEA Retired Spring Conference



Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

10:30 AM

714 N. Portage Path
Akron, Ohio 44303

Tour and Lunch \$30



NEOEA-R will host the 2026 OEA-R Statewide Spring Conference, with a guided tour of the estate's beautiful home and gardens. Cost is \$16. Stan Hywet is a historic house museum in Akron, covering 70 acres. The estate includes gardens, a greenhouse, carriage house and the main mansion, one of the largest houses in the United States. More details at stanhywet.org. We'll enjoy lunch afterwards at 12:30 PM at Akron Family Restaurant. Attendees' cost is \$14 for lunch—we'll be able to choose from a set menu upon arrival. We'll also have a short meeting and hear from your OEA officers.

Reservations are due by Thursday, April 2

[Register >>](#)

Election for OEA-R / NEA Representative Delegates

DEADLINE: Saturday, March 21 5:00 PM



OEA-R delegates will be elected through Saturday, March 21 by online and mail-in ballot. OEA-R members should look for an email and/or a postcard "Vote now in the OEA-Retired Elections" from "Ohio Education Association <help@yeselections.com>"



Everyone has received either a postcard, envelope or an email with the notation: "Vote now in the OEA-Retired Elections" from "Ohio Education Association <help@yeselections.com>", an explanation and instructions which provide an "Election Code" and a "Voting PIN" along with a link to the voting page.

Please vote online by **5:00 PM Saturday, March 21**. Candidate biographies and campaign statements are available at <https://www.ohea.org/retired>. Please vote for the following candidates from NEOEA:

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| Valenta Ward-Gravelly | NEOEA |
| Karen Carney | NEOEA |
| Jene' Wilson | NEOEA |
| Diallas York | NEOEA |
| Peg Ham | NEOEA |
| Lynnette R. Harris | NEOEA |

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Ohio Deferred Compensation: The Hidden Advantage for School Employees



Join us **March 26**, for a webinar hosted by the **NEOEA Personal Welfare & Financial Planning Committee**, presented by Ohio Deferred Comp. expert Mike Pacak.

The Ohio Deferred Compensation 457(b) is one of the largest and most well-known public sector supplemental retirement plans but the least known among public education employees. Employees can contribute to both 457(b) and 403(b) plans.

This session will help in understanding this low-cost option and show how to achieve retirement savings goals by bridging any financial gap between STRS/SERS pensions retirement income needs/wants.

Session Flyer

Registration Link

Members who have separated from service without an account may benefit from the financial educational information provided in the webinar.

Are You Ready for some Baseball?



Join the Retired Organizing and active NEOEA members on **Tuesday, June 9** for a night of baseball and fun! The Guardians will be playing the New York Yankees at 6:40 p.m. We have reserved a block of

seats at \$75 each. Last year this event sold out quickly so watch for updated ticket purchase information.

Your Community Vote Matters



Please make sure that you vote either in person or during early voting prior to the **May 5 primary election**. Many districts will have levies on the ballot.

Public educators support public education!

A new change requires absentee ballots to be received **BEFORE election day**. There no longer is a grace period for mailing.

Key Dates for the May 5 Primary

- April 6: Voter Registration Deadline
- April 7: Early Voting Begins
- April 28: Absentee Ballot Request Deadline
- May 5: Election Day

OEA Retired Report



By Jene' Wilson, NEOEA Liaison & OEA-R NEOEA Representative

Join in! If you know a retiree who never signed up for lifetime membership while still working, it's not too late. They can still take advantage of paying the \$450 over time through OEA or pay \$60/month on a credit card. They can continue to access all the discounts available through NEA, as well as \$3000 in life insurance. Plus, OEA-Retired is the only voice in Ohio for all public education retirees. In addition, it allows you to continue to advocate for the profession you loved. Enrollment forms can be found at www.ohea.org/retired or on the NEA website.

Being an OEA-R member gives you access to continuous personal and professional webinars, events, and opportunities. Upcoming ones include a presentation on "Vouchers in Ohio" by our very own Marti Franks. Additionally, there is a library of helpful videos on topics important to seniors and citizens, including STRS and SERS, Senior Scams, and using software.

OEA has screened and **endorsed Amy Acton**. Vivek Ramaswamey did not respond to an invitation to screen. Everyone should check out www.truthonvivek.com to see his scary stance on public education.

OEA-R is planning to celebrate its 50th Anniversary in conjunction with the OEA Educational Foundation Gala. It will be July 25, 2026, from 12-4 at COSI in Columbus. The \$75 ticket price covers food and entertainment, giveaways, and more. Watch for more information!



NEOEA-R Calendar

<http://neoea-r.ohea.us/calendar/>

Mon, March 26 Ohio Deferred Comp Financial Webinar
Tue, April 21 NEOEA-R/OEA-R Spring Conference
Tue, June 9 NEOEA Guardians vs. Yankees

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NEOEA Member Discounts at Playhouse Square



- ◆ March 10—29 | Water for Elephants ■ Connor Palace
- ◆ April 21—26 | The Sound of Music ■ Connor Palace
- ◆ April 28—May 17 | The Outsiders ■ Connor Palace
- ◆ June 9—28 | The Great Gatsby ■ Connor Palace
- ◆ Feb 6—22 | The Heart of Robin Hood ■ Hanna Theater
- ◆ March 20—April 4 | Macbeth ■ Hanna Theater
- ◆ Apr 24—May 10 | Ms Holmes & Ms Watson Apt2B ■ Hanna
- ◆ Jul 8 —Aug 2 | The Lion King Presale ■ KeyBank State