



NWOWEA-R NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2018

IN MEMORY OF ROBERTA TEVIS – NWOEA-R Committee member Roberta Tevis passed away on December 30, 2017. Throughout her teaching career and then in her retirement, Roberta was very active in the Association at all levels. She served as a Building Rep, Co-Secretary, and Treasurer of the Kenton Education Association. At the district level she was a member of the NWOEA Board of Directors from September 1, 2000 until her retirement on June 1, 2015. Roberta also served as a NWOEA Unit III Rep on the OEA Board of Directors for several years. She was a delegate to many NEA RA's and was a member on numerous local, district, and state committees. Roberta was an advocate for public education and a mentor to many. She will be greatly missed.

NWOWEA-RETIRED COMMITTEE – On March 14, 2018 the NWOEA-R Committee met and discussed the following topics: New Educator Grant Program, a spring issue of the NWOEA-R newsletter, the OEA-R Spring Conference, the NWOEA Pre-Retired Workshop and the OEA-R college/university education students' mentor program.

2018 NWOEA RA

April 12, 2018 at Bowling Green High School, 530 W. Poe Road, Bowling Green.
Registration opens at 5:00 p.m., RA will begin at 5:45 p.m., and a light meal will be available.
Lifetime membership information will be available at the NWOEA-R Table.

2018 OEA SPRING RA

May 11-12, 2018 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center (Union Station Ballroom)
Candidates running for Ohio Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, and Attorney General have been invited to address the RA delegates.

Representing the retired members at these RA's are delegates Sue Cramer and Don Traxler and alternate James Berta.

OEA-R ADVISORY COUNCIL (AC) – The next meeting of this committee will be May 9, 2018 at OEA Headquarters in Columbus. AC members will attend the OEA-R Delegate Assembly on May 10, 2018 at the STRS Building. Topics of discussion will include the results of the candidates running for OEA-R Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, and District Representatives for NWOEA-R, NCOEA-R, Capital-R, ECOEA-R, and EOEA-R; the newly revised OEA-R Action Plan; the New Educators Program funded with a NEA-R grant; gift baskets for fund raising at the OEA RA; STRS and legislative updates; and budget cuts in anticipation of the U.S. Supreme Court decision regarding the Janis v. AFSCME case.

2018 OEA-R SPRING CONFERENCE – This year WOEAE-R and SWOEAE-R are sponsoring the OEA-R Spring Conference to be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at the Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, Ohio from 9:40 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. The cost of this fun and very worthwhile event is just \$25.00 which also includes lunch. The flier for this 2018 OEA-R Spring Conference is enclosed with this newsletter. Please feel free to make extra copies to distribute to other interested members. For more information contact OEA-R Advisory Council member Judy Buschle at judybuschle@aol.com or Phil Long at palcisv13@gmail.com.

FCPE CONVENTION – Members attending the FCPE (Fund for Children and Public Education) Convention held on March 10, 2018 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Dublin, Ohio discussed the endorsement of candidates running for state offices as well as for open seats in the House Districts and the Congressional Districts. All OEA-R and NWOEA-R members are encouraged to donate to FCPE, as it is important that we elect education friendly legislators no matter what party they represent. Teachers, students, and support staff deserve legislators who are committed to public education and will act in the best interests of educators and our students.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

- The case being heard by the U.S. Supreme court referred to as the Janis v. AFSCME Case is legally challenging unions about having fair share. If the Supreme Court favors this law, no school district or public institution is allowed to deduct dues out of paychecks of employees who choose not to join the union but enjoy the benefits of union representation at the bargaining table.
 - Ohio House Bill 512 will allow legislators and the governor to combine the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), the State Board of Education (OSBE), and the Ohio Workforce and Employment/career Development Offices. The promoters of this bill believe this new combined agency will be best for companies who are looking for skilled workers pursuing technology careers. The ODE and OSBE would no longer be making important educational decisions for Ohio public schools/institutions as they would only oversee teachers' licensures and the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) issues.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 12	NWOEA RA – Bowling Green High School
April 18	OEA-R Spring Conference - Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, Ohio
May 9 -10	OEA-R Advisory Council Meeting - OEA Headquarters/STRS Building
May 11-12	OEA Spring RA - Greater Columbus Convention Center
June 6	NWOEA Board of Directors Meeting
June 18-20	OEA Summer Leadership Conference – Hilton Columbus Downtown
June 28-29	NEA-R Convention – Minneapolis, Minnesota
June 30 – July 5	NEA Representative Assembly – Minneapolis, Minnesota

NWOEA-RETIRED COMMITTEE

Sue Cramer - Chair & Liaison
Ilse Goertz – Secretary
James Berta

Laura Herroon
Lisa Marshall-Scott
Don Traxler

If you have any NWOEA-R suggestions, comments or questions, please feel free to contact any of the above NWOEA-R Committee Members or the NWOEA Center (nwoea_center @sbclglobal.net or 1-419-424-1708).