



# NWOWEA-R NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2017



**NEW EDUCATORS PROGRAM** - OEA and OEA-R have teamed up to provide support for new first-year teachers/educators by calling each individual new teacher and/or talking to each individual. A card is filled out by the new teacher to collect specific information and find out in which areas of support help is needed. Todd Jaeck, Staff Liaison for the OEA Division of Retired Members, is the program organizer. He is providing a data base of information on each new teacher so that OEA can provide them with help in areas such as student debt, classroom management, professional development, collective training, NEA Benefits, etc. NWOWEA-R Committee members are aiding OEA-R with this program.

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**STUDENT- RETIRED MENTORING PROGRAM** - The Student-Retired Mentoring Program is the new title for the Intergenerational Mentoring Program and is a collaborative project between OEA-Retired and the Ohio Student Education Association (OSEA) with support from OEA and NEA. This programs pairs a retired teacher as a mentor with a college/university education student as he/she continues through the student teaching experience and first year of teaching. This partnership gives students a sense of confidence and access to information from life/career experiences of a veteran teacher. The participating higher education schools involved in this program are Ohio State University, Ohio University, Youngstown State, Kent State, and Miami University. An OEA-member interested in serving as a mentor for this program can contact Todd Jaeck, OEA Organizer of the Student-Retired Mentoring Program at [jaeckt@ohea.org](mailto:jaeckt@ohea.org).

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**OEA-R 2018 SPRING CONFERENCE** - WOEAE-R and SWOEAE-R are sponsoring the 2018 OEA-R Spring Conference on April 18, 2018 at CARILLON HISTORICAL PARK in Dayton, Ohio. The cost for this year's conference is \$25 per person. Each Spring different districts host this fun event for OEA-R members and their guest providing them with a variety of sight-seeing attractions throughout Ohio. 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 members Judy Buschle at [judy/buschle@aol.com](mailto:judy/buschle@aol.com) or Phil Long at [palcisv13@gmail.com](mailto:palcisv13@gmail.com).

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**OHIO HOUSE DISTRICTS SCREENING COMMITTEES** - Members of the OEA-R Advisory Board have been given the task of finding retired volunteers to fill positions on Ohio House Districts Screening Committees. These committees are responsible for interviewing candidates running for office. To serve as a Retired member on a screening committee you must be an OEA-R member, live within the house district, be a Fund for Children and Public Education (FCPE) donor, and an OEA-R/NEA-R member. Retired volunteers are still needed for the following house districts: 3, 45, 46, 47, and 89. If interested, please contact Sue Cramer, NWOWEA-R Representative on the OEA-R Advisory Council, at [scramer@toast.net](mailto:scramer@toast.net) or call the NWOWEA Center at 1-800-366-9632.

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**NWOWEA FALL WORKSHOP** - The NWOEA Fall Workshop will be held Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at Perrysburg Junior High School. During the Fall Fiesta Dinner participants will have the opportunity to network with members and hear a Legislative update from OEA Vice President Scott DiMauro. Following dinner members can attend one of five break-out sessions (see flier for listing). This workshop is free to NWOEA members, but **registration is required**. To register or for more information, please refer to the enclosed workshop flier.

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**OEA-R FALL CONFERENCE** - The OEA-R FALL CONFERENCE was held on September 14, 2017 at the STRS Headquarters in Columbus, OH. The conference covered subjects such as STRS Update, Issue #2 (prescription drugs), Social Justice, and Health Insurance issues. Updates about pension and health insurance changes can be found on the STRS Website at [www.strs.oh.org](http://www.strs.oh.org). The Executive Director and Deputy Director from STRS informed conference attendees that the language for Issue #2 is written badly and "entities" and "outside/inside agencies" wording is vague. Because these terms are unclear STRS has many questions as to what this bill will mean regarding discounts for prescription drugs for our members. A presentation on social justice was given at the conference, and because of the importance of this issue, OEA has created the Human and Civil Rights Standing Committee.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov. 30 - Dec 1	OEA-R Advisory Council meeting - OEA Headquarters
Dec. 2	OEA RA - Ohio Expo-Cardinal Hall at Ohio State Fairgrounds
Mar. 6	NWOWEA Awards Banquet - Findlay Country Club
Mar. 7- 8	OEA-R Advisory Council meeting.
Mar. 7- 8	OEA/STRS Buildings.
Mar. 14	NWOWEA-RETIRED COMMITTEE meeting - NWOEA Center, Findlay
May 9 -10	OEA-R Advisory Council meeting - OEA/STRS Buildings
May 11-12	OEA RA - Downtown Hilton Columbus

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## **NWOWEA-RETIRED COMMITTEE**

Sue Cramer - Chair & Liaison  
Ilse Goertz – Secretary  
Laura Herroon

Lisa Marshall Scott  
Roberta Tevis  
Don Traxler

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**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 (nwowa\_center @sbclglobal.net or 1-800-366-9632).**