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FALL PROGRAMS September 20 Program, lunch and business meeting: 11:00 AM, Company 7 BBQ, 1001 S. Main St. Englewood, OH 45322. Program: We will welcome docents from the Garst Museum in Greenville (Home of the Annie Oakley Center). Their program will be: Museum In A Suitcase. They will bring stories from the museum and include opportunities to handle museum artifacts. This is a free program, but be prepared to make a donation to the Garst Museum. RSVP by September 15 to Sandy Dobberstein.

October 18 Program: 11:00AM at St. Vincent de Paul, 120 W. Apple St., Dayton, OH 45402. The tour will last approx. 1 hour. Lunch, and business meeting: 12:00 at Old Hickory BBQ, 1082 Brown St, Dayton, 45409. Please bring something to donate. They urgently need towels and blankets. Visit: stvincentdayton.org RSVP by October 15 to Sandy Dobberstein

November 15 Program, lunch, and business meeting: 11:00 AM, TJ Chump's, 750 Executive Blvd., Huber Heights, 45424. Program: Dr. Joseph Keferi. Dr. Keferi will share what he sees as opportunities and challenges for educational professionals, while also hearing feedback from WOEER as to areas of interest. We will order from the menu following the program. RSVP by November 10 to Sandy Dobberstein

December 20 Meeting and lunch: 11:00AM Coco's Bistro, 250 Warren St., Dayton, 45402 Instead of our traditional food drive, this year we will be donating to Daybreak Dayton. Daybreak operates the region's only emergency shelter, open 24/7, providing shelter, food, clothing, counseling, safety, and stability to more than 300 youth each year. Please give generously. You can visit their wish list at: <http://daybreakdayton.org/index.php?/Give/Wish-List.html>

RSVP by December 15 to Sandy Dobberstein

Contact Sandy Dobberstein for ALL Programs Phone: 937-554-6338 or Email: sdobberstein@juno.com

FUTURE PROGRAMMING This is the time of year that we usually submit a survey for events, locations, and restaurants for future programming. Instead of a survey, I'd like to ask you to submit your ideas and suggestions. Below is a list programming we have had for the last two years, and places that I have already contacted. I will follow up on all and schedule according to interest by members (but you have to let me know!)

Past two years: Dayton Peace Museum, Windows of Woodland Cemetery, Welcome Dayton, Olive Oasis (Troy), Over 60 Education Programs (UD, Sinclair, WSU), Carillon Brewing Company, Boston Stoker, Reducing Clutter, Peg Green Photography, Woodland Cemetery Murder, Mystery and Mayhem, Victoria Theatre, Ted Gudorf (Senior financial planning), NEA Member Benefits, American Packard Museum

Contacted: Dayton Beer Company (no tours), Warped Wing (tours Sunday ONLY), Belle of Dayton (Fri/Sat. tours ONLY), Dayton Masonic Temple (no response contacted twice)

Suggested: Paul Lawrence Dunbar House, Dayton Dragons, Wegerzyn Gardens, Johnston Farm (Piqua), Cox Arboretum, Halderman Museum Barn (Tipp City),

Please either email (sdobberstein@juno.com), snail mail (237 Old Carriage, Englewood 45322) or at the next meeting tell me what you would like to see for the future. The only thing scheduled so far is for the April meeting.

SAVE THE DATE 2018 OEA-R SPRING CONFERENCE sponsored by SWOEA-R and WOEA-R Wednesday, April 18, 2018 Carillon Historic Park 1000 Carillon Boulevard Dayton, OH 45409

NEA-RETIRED ANNUAL MEETING June 27-28, 2017 The Annual meeting was held at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel, a block from the Public Gardens and Boston Commons. OEA-R had eight of their nine

delegates in attendance with four alternates. NEA-Retired President Tom Curran, enjoyed presiding over his final meeting. Voting for a new President incurred a run-off with a difference of less than five votes between the two candidates. The NEA active officers all attended the meeting and stated how valuable we are to the organization. Public Schools are underfunded due to many states having tax dollars used for corporate charter expansion and voucher programs. Even though many programs have been shown to be unreliable with student achievement dropping, many states, like Ohio, have legislators who support privatization of schools. Money was collected through silent and live auction for FCPE (Fund for Children and Public Education). The day after the close of the Annual Meeting I attend the Legacy Project along with SWOEA member Judy Buschle. This event was sponsored by the NEA Student Program at the Everett Public Schools. It was enjoyable working with student educators, the MA Teachers Association and NEA Retirees as various activity stations were set up for student from grades 1- 6. Jane Rahn, WOEa-Retired

OEA-RETIRED NEA REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY REPORT: Ohio had eight delegates in attendance at the two-day NEA-Retired Annual Meeting. Judy Buschle(SWOEA-R) and Jane Rahn(WOEa-R) attended the meeting as nondelegates/observers as well as participating in the Legacy Project in Everett MA. At the NEA RA, OEA-Retired had nine delegates with Phil A. Long (WOEA-R) being moved up from alternate. This is the first time in many years that WOEa-R has had a representative to the NEA RA. The Executive Officers were reelected: Lily Garcia, Becky Pringle, and Princess Moss, as well as the Executive Committee members George Sheridan and Hanna Vandering. Two Constitutional Items were considered. Of the 11 Standing Rules considered, three were adopted. Three of six Legislative Amendments were adopted. A new Policy Statement on Charter Schools was adopted with ten of fifteen amendments adopted. Twenty-eight Resolutions were considered after three were withdrawn. 159 New Business Items were submitted for consideration. For me, it was a very interesting four days to witness how many issues are still being discussed after 45 years in education!!! And, there are many new terms and programs that have come about in my six years of retirement. It definitely signals to me that all educators must keep abreast of current issues, trends, and innovations in education. Thank you for your confidence in helping elect me as a delegate!!! Phil A. Long

READ ACROSS AMERICA VAL ROLDAN In 2017, several WOEa-R members participated in Read Across America. WOEa-R will partner with WOEa for the 2018 Read Across America. Planning committee members are needed along with volunteer readers. Please contact Val 937-266-4227 or tmeame@gmail.com if you are willing to participate in this March 2018 event.

ARTEMIS SCHOOL SUPPLIES Artemis is a domestic violence resource agency located at 310 W. Monument Ave. in Dayton. Many women and their children go there with very little. Supplies needed this Fall include spiral & composition notebooks, binders, construction paper, scissors, pens, pencils, washable markers, white glue, tissues, and backpacks. NANCY MULLINS delivers the supplies to the agency. WOEa-R members are encouraged to take supplies to the monthly meetings for delivery.

EDUCATION REFORM TALKING POINTS Have you ever wondered how to talk to parents, policy makers, the public or even your colleagues about education reform? The new message deals with what makes schools great. What parents want is the critical thinking skills that would make their child the next great entrepreneur or inventor. With that in mind, consider the following points to discuss for reforming education: !talk about inspiring natural curiosity and creativity !discuss funding inequities as a barrier to higher levels of thinking talk about the testing machine and how it is taking time away from learning explain how privatization hurts public schools.

UNISERV COUNCIL MEETINGS Sandy Dobberstein, Jane Rahn and Phil A. Long are attending WOEa Uniserv Council meetings and have found active members to be very receptive. All WOEa locals have been asked to send the names, addresses, emails and phone numbers of 2015 to 2017 retirees to WOEa. All active WOEa members are encouraged to join WOEa-R as a pre-retired member for \$100. OEA-R ADVISORY BOARD Jane Rahn, WOEa-R Past Chair, has been elected to serve on the OEA-R Advisory Board as an At-Large member. Jane received the most votes in the statewide election among six candidates. Jane will begin her term in September.

THANK YOU**THANK YOU**THANK YOU The entire membership body of WOEa-R would like to send a special THANK YOU to Sandy Freeman for her many years as our newsletter editor. Her hard work and dedication are truly appreciated. We want to extend our best wishes to her and Randy as they pursue new adventures.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

WOEA-R retired members serve on each of the WOEa committees. The committees meet once a month at the WOEa office in Troy. Please let Phil A. Long know if you are willing to serve on one of the following committees. WOEa-R can have more than one member serve: !Collective Bargaining: Purpose—to afford opportunities for all WOEa locals to improve their collective bargaining knowledge; to better prepare locals for the collective bargaining process; to foster the development of sound contractual provisions that improve the financial security and working conditions for members of the local associations; and to promote the best interests of local associations. Jane Rahn serves on this committee. !Local Development & Training: Purpose— to assist, initiate, review, identify, develop and implement those activities and programs that help the local associations and members to foster and enhance their current and future leadership. Doris Moore serves on this committee. !Member Rights & Protection: Purpose— to promote, preserve and protect the human and civil rights of all members. Sandy Coe serves on this committee. !Professional Efficacy: Purpose—to sustain and enhance the profession of education by fostering professional and personal growth opportunities for all education professionals to build optimal learning environments which will result in great public schools for all learners. This committee will work with Read Across America. Val Roldan will serve on this committee along with Arnetta Depp. !Organizing Strategy: Purpose—to involve more members so that they can be informed and perform as association leaders, members and professionals. Phil Long serves on this committee.

OEA-R CONFERENCES

The Fall OEA-R Conference will be Sept. 14. Registration information and form attached.

MEMBERSHIP DUES/INFO UPDATES

Annual dues of \$10 per year for WOE-R membership are now due. Members may opt for a lifetime membership of \$100 and avoid having to renew annually. A membership form is enclosed with your mailing or attached to your email. If you have no changes to submit please pass the form to a friend and encourage them to attend an event. Thank you for sharing and growing this organization that was started in 1989. Email Emmy at emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu or call her at 937-813-7661.

In addition, anyone who wishes to receive the newsletter electronically should send your e-mail address to Phil A. Long at palcisv13@gmail.com. Please put "WOEA-R Newsletter" in the subject line. To receive it by USPS, contact Willie Terrell at 937-238-7640.

FCPE - Dawn Wojcik

Many of us contributed to the Fund for Children and Public Education while working. This fund is used primarily to support OEA's recommendations for candidates that are friendly toward public educational issues. Once we retire, it becomes more difficult to contribute because we are no longer at a workplace. OEA has now made it convenient. Visit www.ohea.org or phone 1-800-282-1500 to make Campaign 2017 the largest total of FCPE monies collected. FYI: At WOE-R monthly meetings, FCPE forms will be available. Any donation amount is welcomed. While contributing to FCPE is totally voluntary, members are encouraged to contribute to the Fund. During the 2017-18 year, each time a WOE-R member contributes at least \$10 to FCPE at a regular monthly meeting, a card will be completed with the person's name. At the end of the June 2018 meeting, one of the cards will be drawn. The person will receive a Mexican dinner (plus a bottle of adult beverage!) for up to four people, donated by Sophia Rodriguez and Phil A. Long. Date, time and location will be decided among those involved. During the 2016-2017 year WOE-R established the goal of contributing more funds to FCPE. Over the course of eight meetings, WOE-R members contributed over \$1500 to FCPE. Each member who returned a completed form was entered into a drawing for a Taco Dinner for 4 donated by Sophia Rodriguez, WOE-R President and Phil A. Long, WOE-R Chair. Sheila Campbell, long-time WOE-R and WOE-R activist and former WOE-R treasurer is the dinner recipient! Twenty-four members participated in the year-long project. Retirees feel the importance of staying involved in education and recognize the need for political action by electing pro education candidates. WOE-R members are dedicated to public education!!!

ELECTIONS ELECTION OF WOE-R DELEGATES Any member who wishes to be a delegate to the WOE-R Fall forum on November 15 and Spring Rep Assembly on April 11 should contact Phil Long by September 11. Voting for the WOE-R delegates will take place at the September 20 meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. Two delegates will be elected. OEA-R DELEGATE ELECTION The OEA Representative Assemblies are Dec. 2 and May 1112. The OEA-R Caucus will meet Dec 1 and May 10. To be placed on the state-wide ballot as an OEA-R delegate, you must complete the Declaration of Candidacy form. To obtain a form, contact Carol Price at 1-800-282-1500 or pricec@ohea.org.

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Sept. 14, 2017 – OEA-R Fall Conference. STRS Building. 10 AM- 3 PM

Sept. 20, 2017 – WOE-R Lunch/meeting. Museum in a Suitcase. Company 7 BBQ, Englewood

Oct. 18, 2017 – WOE-R lunch/meeting. St. Vincent de Paul Shelter, Old Hickory BBQ, Dayton

Nov. 15, 2017 – WOE-R lunch/meeting. Dr. Joseph Keferi, speaker. TJ Chumps, Huber Heights

Dec. 20, 2017 – WOE-R lunch/meeting. Coco's Bistro, Dayton

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Apr. 18, 2018 – OEA-R Spring Conference. Sponsored by SWOE-R & WOE-R, Carrillon Historic Park, Dayton, OH WOE-R members are asked to donate inexpensive items for door prizes. Items local to the WOE-R area are suggested. Suggestions might include but are not limited to Mike Sell's chips, Esther Price candy, Winan chocolates, Versailles wine, & Trotwood beer.

EMMY BRUDZYNSKI and JANE RAHN

SYMPATHY WOE-R expresses our sympathy on the passing of long time WOE-R member Pat Eshbaugh. Pat was very active and supportive of the education profession and will be missed. Pat was very supportive of Artemis so please consider donating items in her honor beginning with the September 20th meeting and throughout the year.

WOEA-R extends our sympathy to the family of Margaret Coggin, WOE-R member. Margaret served as WOE-R President in 1983.

THANKS FROM THE CHAIR

After hearing from other retired districts around the state, I know WOE-R is outstanding at serving our members and encouraging our members to be active. Thanks to those who came before and put standards in place for WOE-R. We lost two retirees this year, Nancy Brown and Carol Gerhard, both instrumental in creating WOE-R. There is a lot of information in this newsletter. Please find something of interest and be involved. If we all do a little, a lot can be accomplished.

A HUGE thanks to SANDY COE for her first edition of this newsletter!!! Also, to WILLIE TERRELL and his team for mailing the newsletter!

WOEA-R Membership 2016-2017 2017-2018 2018-2019 Pre-Retired Life Members Deceased
Sophia Rodriguez Jo Fehl Carol Imler Sue Elsner Joni Watson Marjorie Punter Julia Ferguson Nancy Vigh
Susan Waite Susan Waite Cheri Willemsen Rebecca Shepard Stanley Shively Gail Saugstad Amy Moon
Lisa Kiracofe Charlita Keeton Del Shannon

Stephanie Gaylor

Chris Helen Abrams Joyce Coney-Lacy Carol Hone John Van Dine Vonda Smith Debbie DiSalvo Mary
Ann Grimberg Nancy Brown Yolanda Unger Lori Moodie Jo Stull Carol Gerhard Johanna Bright
Elizabeth Adegbile Kay Klopfleisch Pat Eshbaugh Donna McCool Margaret Coggin Mary Hargreaves
Susan Sanders Nola K. Brooks Farhat B. Khan William Hammond II Amy White WOE-R
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