

# DISCOVER NEW HORIZONS

WESTERN OHIO EDUCATION ASSOCIATION—RETIRED

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## WOEA-R OCTOBER REPORT

WOEA-R has numerous activities planned for the 2017-2018 year. The first meeting of the year was held September 20 at Company 7 BBQ with docents from the Garst Museum with: "Museum In A Suitcase". Twenty-four members attended. At the October 18 event, we will tour St. Vincent de Paul in Dayton with lunch at Old Hickory BBQ. Attendees are urged to donate towels, blankets, underwear – all new items. All events begin at 11:00 followed by lunch and meeting around 12. Sandy Dobberstein is responsible for all programs.

The first "Discover New Horizons" was produced by new editor, Sandy Coe. At the September meeting members recognized Sandy Freeman, who was the editor for many years, with a mum. After much work, Emmy Brudzynski and Jane Rahn have compiled an updated mailing/email list for WOE-R. Much appreciation is expressed to Kim Honeycutt at WOE-R for assisting with labels and records.

WOEA-R along with SWOE-R will sponsor the OEA-R Spring Conference on April 18 at Carillon Historic Park. More details will follow.

WOEA-R was featured in the Ohio Schools regarding the effort for FCPE contributions!! Members contributed over \$1500 last year. Members will have an opportunity the coming year for a Taco dinner for 4 by Sophia Rodri-

guez and Phil Long. At the September meeting, \$162 was donated. Members who donated at least \$30 last year were presented fleece shirts donated by OEA.

With the cooperation of Carol Kinsey, WOE-R members Sandy Dobberstein, Jane Rahn, and Phil A. Long are attending Uniserv Council meetings in WOE-R. The response last year was very positive.

Jane Rahn was elected at the At-Large member of the OEA-R Advisory Board. She will represent all retirees of OEA-R.

WOEA-R lost a very active member, Pat Eshbaugh, this summer. Pat helped with Artemis donations, mailings, FCPE, programs. She will be missed but definitely remembered for her contributions to the education profession and WOE-R. Margaret Coggin, former WOE-R President, also passed away this summer. A moment of silence was taken at the first meeting in remembrance of those WOE-R members who passed the previous year. On October 10, WOE-R lost another very dedicated member, Sheila Campbell. Sheila was WOE-R Treasurer and Membership Chair for many years.

WOEA-R members are still very interested in the education process and will actively assist WOE-R with events, programs, and workshops. WOE-R members are on all WOE-R Commit-

tees. Sandy Coe represents OEA-R on the Human and Civil Rights Committee.

WOEA-R will be involved in the screening process for candidates. WOE-R has representatives for House Districts: 39,40,41,42,43,73,80,84.

Phil A. Long, WOE-R Chair

### **WOEA – Retired Meeting, September 20, 2017 New Business:**

**Election for WOE-R Rep Assemblies –** Sandy Dobberstein. Those elected by the group were: Phil A. Long, Val Rodan and Willie Terrell. If Willie is elected to OEA it will be an alternate. Alternates are: Sandy Coe, Doris Moore, Warlita Duvall, Sandy Dobberstein. Election of OEA-R Delegates: September 20 deadline to file

**Budget Proposal – Pat Lynch:** Travel Budget: All reimbursements are for registration only (after submitting proof of payment and attendance) to be divided among attendees if maximum amount requested exceeds budgeted amount: Fall Conference Registration Reimbursement: \$15 up to \$150.

Summer Academy Registration: (amount unknown) up to \$150 and NEA Organizing Conference: (amount unknown) up to \$400. Pat Lynch moved to accept the budget. Second by Sandy Dobberstein Motion carried. A discussion was held concerning making money to support financial responsibilities. Carolyn Elam, Deb Owens and Pat Lynch will get together to discuss the matter.

### **New Educator Campaign – Phil**

**Long:** Phil related that this may have been a difficult task for some but it was well received and appreciated.

**Ohio House District Screenings:** 39 – Walita Duvall; 40 – Jane Rahn; 41 – Sandy Coe; 42 – Willie Terrell; 43 – Val Rodan; 73 – Deb Owens; 80 – Sandy Dobberstein; 84 – Phil Long.

**Issue 2 – ARA, STRS, OEA:** These groups are not taking positions at this time.

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**

Willie Terrell received the Legacy Award from the Dayton and Montgomery County Black Elected Public Officials for his service to education and the community. **Congratulations, Willie.**

## **FALL MEETINGS**

**Nov. 8: First Awards Gala** (register at [www.woea.org](http://www.woea.org))

**Nov. 12: LaComedia Christmas** (register at [www.woea.org](http://www.woea.org))

**Nov. 15: Fall Forum** (register at [www.woea.org](http://www.woea.org)) There will be a session offered that will involve the reorganizational training for district screenings. Choose the last offering with Scott DiMauro and Dan Ramos.

**Dec. 20:** Coco's Bistro is the location. The program will be announced at a later date.

## **SANDY DOBBERSTEIN'S REPORT**

**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 WOE-R as to areas of interest. We will order from the menu following the program. RSVP by November 10 to Sandy Dobberstein. Phone: 937-554-6338 or Email: [sdobberstein@juno.com](mailto:sdobberstein@juno.com)

**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 (See below) RSVP by December 15 to Sandy Dobberstein. Phone: 937-554-6338 or Email: [sdobberstein@juno.com](mailto:sdobberstein@juno.com)

### **More about the December Meeting:**

Traditionally, at our December meeting, this group has collected food for various food pantries. This year, our donations will go to: Daybreak Dayton. For more information: <http://daybreakdayton.org/> Daybreak has four main functions:

1. Shelter - Daybreak operates the region's only emergency shelter, open 24/7, for youth ages 10 to 20. Daybreak provides shelter, food, clothing, counseling, safety, and stability to more than 300 youth each year.
2. Housing - Daybreak's housing program is the region's only program designed to move homeless youth ages 18 to 24 out of homelessness, poverty, under-education, and crisis and into housing, financial independence, educational achievement, and self-sufficiency.
3. Outreach - Daybreak's street outreach program serves youth ages 18 to 24 who are couch-hopping, living on the street, or staying in an adult shelter. Daybreak provides these youth with food, a place to shower and do laundry, hygiene items, and case management while helping them find a safe place to live.
4. Employment - Daybreak's employment program helps Daybreak youth develop the skills necessary to get and keep jobs. In addition, youth have the opportunity to participate in Supported Employment, Individual Placement and Support programming to find the best match for their employment preferences. Lindy's Bakery, Daybreak's gourmet dog treat bakery and transitional job program, provides Daybreak youth with the opportunity to gain valuable work experience in a supportive environment.

Please give generously: Easy open individual meals, fruit, snacks, fruit, bottled water, cheese and crackers, peanut butter, granola bars, pop-tarts, etc. Also, bus tokens are especially appreciated.

Report on **Happy Trails Uniserv Council** meeting September 26, 2017 In Troy Ohio 5 p.m.

Wayne Wlodarski, LRC. Seven out of twelve locals represented, plus OEA Board representative, WOEa representative, OEA President, and myself representing WOEa-Retired.

Officers chosen for Council: Scott H. Troy SSA Chair, Bob Chance, Miami East SSA Vice Chair, and Jodi, secretary.

Dates for future meetings: Nov. 28 2017, Feb. 27, 2018, and April 24, 2018

Locals gave reports:

**Miami East:** smooth start; revamping educational aide job description. Using quote: "Association—Your Voice"

**Tipp City:** Looking at first contact negotiations to start Jan. 2018

**Troy:** satisfied with 3 year contract as of Spring 201. 8 week paternity leave and extra step 31.

**Troy SSA:** new contract and new language. Now looking at "Fit for Duty" language

**Versailles:** Negotiate this year. At KNOW YOUR CONTRACT meeting were happy that 25 out of 80 attended.

**Bethel:** as of this meeting no contract; asking to reinstate 6 steps lost and want equal recognition for experience

Other reports:

**Wayne W:** Fall Forum Topics will include Local Buddies , Social Media Do's and Don'ts, Organizing FCPE, and Know Your Contract . Encourage all members to attend.

Happy Trails published a manual called *School Superheroes for ESP* members. Distributed to all ESPs' in this District (4000 copies since first publication). Also revamped manual *For the New Teacher* and distributed to new hires.

Highlighted some info printed in **Trail Mix** newsletter such as extension of Resident Educator Program and new movie out called **Education Incorporated**

**Becky H., OEA Pres.:** 124,000 members and over half do not know Sherrod Brown. Shared info of moneys taken from district for charter school funding. Go to **Know Your Charter** to find out more info.; also Title II Funding Elimination adopted by House subcommittee Trump/DeVos.

**OEA Board:** gave dates that are in **Ohio Schools**

**WOEA:** Handed out WOEa Legislative Report and gave dates that are on Web site

**WOEA-Retired:** Shared Sept. report, handed out membership material and emphasized joining as a pre-retired so when retire from job are not retired from profession. Encouraged members to check us out on the tab of the WOEa website.

Meeting was adjourned about 7:15 pm

Note: have one copy of the two manuals to share for those interested.

Submitted by:

Jane Rahn, WOEa-Retired representative

## IN MEMORY

### READ ACROSS AMERICA

WOEA Professional Efficacy Committee in partnership with WOE-R will participate in Read Across America. The committee will pair up WOE-R volunteers and classroom teachers from surrounding districts. We would like each volunteer to read a book to the class and depending on the grade level do an activity that correlates with the book. The book will then be donated to the participating class. Along with the book we hope to have goody bags to pass out to each student. Volunteers will be invited to a WOE-R Board meeting for recognition.

### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We love to spread a little sunshine to our WOE-R members who may have an illness. If anyone has news of an illness or death, please let Debbie Owens know at [hhteach@hotmail.com](mailto:hhteach@hotmail.com). and if possible, send an address. Thank you so much!

### WOE-R SCHOLARSHIP

The WOE-R Scholarship was established to help members continue their participation in WOE-R and OEA. The scholarship covers registration only. For WOE-R to continue its commitment to this fund, donations are welcomed. Please consider making a donation at our next meeting or contact our Treasurer, Pat Lynch at [pat2351@hotmail.com](mailto:pat2351@hotmail.com). Thank you so much for supporting this important part of WOE-R.

10/10/2017	Sheila Campbell	Retired Mad River City Schools 1995
9/8/2017	Barbara Bradfute	Retired Dayton Public Schools 1994
11/12/2015	June Mary Fahner	Retired Dayton Public Schools 1992
3/27/2015	Carolyn S. Hurley	Retired Dayton Public Schools 1997
10/21/2014	Janet Bittner	Retired Tri-County North 1996
11/9/2013	Bobby Williams	Retired Dayton Public Schools

The Membership Committee is trying to locate the following people:

James Binkley	Retired Dayton City 1990
David Cameron	Retired Northmont 1990

Membership Numbers as of October 2017:  
WOE-R-Retired membership - 213  
Pre- Retired WOE-R-Retired - 14  
OEA-Retired - 880

Please contact Co-Chairpersons Emmy Brudzynski and Jane Rahn;  
[emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu](mailto:emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu) 937-813-7661  
with any information about our members and colleagues. Thank You.

### SAVE THE DATE, 2018

**Apr. 18, 2018** – OEA-R Spring Conference.  
Sponsored by SWOEA-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.

## **Portage County EADD Unit B Needs Your Help!**

**Who We Are:** We are a 20 member unit of Service and Support Administrators (SSA's) for the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities. We provide coordination and authorization of services that ensure the health and welfare of citizens with developmental disabilities in the county. We serve nearly 700 citizens, and many of their families, county-wide.

**Why We're Taking a Stand:** The SSA's have not had a cost of living increase in pay for 10 years. We have attempted to work with the DD Board for over a year to negotiate a fair and reasonable contract to no avail. Instead, the Board demands that we accept another 3 years with no increases, despite steeply rising employee health care costs and increasing workloads. The Board is currently operating with over a \$20 million budget **surplus**, and the Board has told us, "We have plenty of money, just not for you."

**Where You Can Find Us:** Visit and Like "Support Our Portage SSAs" on Facebook. Visit Portage County Educators Association for the Developmentally Disabled – Unit B's homepage at <http://pceadd-b.ohea.us/>.

**Where We're Taking a Stand:** We are picketing the Administrative Center of the Portage County Board of Developmental Disabilities, **2606 Brady Lake Rd. in Ravenna**, and Happy Day School, **2500 Brady Lake Rd. in Ravenna**, every day Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Parking is available across Brady Lake Road from the two picket sites, directly in between the Happy Day School and the Administrative Center. You'll see two large tanks, one that is green, as you pull onto the property.

**What Else You Can Do to Help:** Send donations and letters of support to:

**University Plaza Shopping Center**

**c/o Jenn Schumm**

**1514 S. Water Street**

**Suite #2**

**Kent, OH 44240**

***Please make checks payable to "PCEADD"***

**Together We Can Do It! Union Strong!**