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WOEA-R DECEMBER-FEBRUARY REPORT

WOEA-R had a great December meeting with a speaker from Day Break. Members contributed many items to be used at the Day Break Shelter. We learned that several of our Local Associations utilize the services of Day Break. Donations are always welcome.

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

Registration of \$25 (lunch, tour, materials, speakers) will be accepted at the March 21st meeting. Please bring cash or check. Or, you may send in your own. Form attached.

FCPE contributions are going very well: September - \$162; October - \$146; November - \$172; December - \$226; Total: \$706. Members contributed over \$1500 last year. Members will have an opportunity the coming year for a Taco dinner for 4 by Sophia Rodriguez and Phil Long.

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. Assignments are: Sandy Dobberstein: Far West, Western, Miami A&B; Jane Rahn: Greene County and Happy Trails; Phil A. Long: Grand Lake and Grand Old River. The response has been very positive. The cooperation and support of the LRCs is greatly appreciated. We will be participat-

ing in the New Educator Program through Uniserv Councils

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

WOEA-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 do-nation at our next meeting or contact our Treasurer, Pat Lynch at pat2351@hotmail.com. Thank you so much for supporting this important part of WOE-R.

VICE CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Vice Chairperson: Sandy Dobberstein 937-554- 6338 or sdobberstein@juno.com
Save the dates for the following 2018 Spring Programs:

March 21st Program: 11:00 AM Montgomery County Environmental Learning Center (2500 Sandridge Drive, Moraine.) for a free tour. The Montgomery County Environmental Learning Center (ELC) is a resource center, featuring hands-on, interactive exhibits and a “green” parking lot. The ELC is an investment in the future of our region to help citizens and businesses learn how to conserve resources and improve the quality of life in our community. Following the tour, we will meet for lunch at 12 noon at Chappys Tap Room and Grille in their private room. (2733 W Alex Bell Rd, Moraine).

April 18th Program: 2018 OEA-R SPRING CONFERENCE at Carillon Park. We are the co-sponsors with SWOEA. Registration will begin at 9:40 a.m. and the activities will conclude by 2:15 when you are free to continue to explore Carillon Park. In order to attend and receive a lunch you MUST REGISTER and submit payment of \$25 PRIOR to APRIL 11, 2018, TO SWOEA OFFICE, C/O Claudia Miller, 270 Northland Blvd., Suite 224, Cincinnati, OH 45246. This is your chance to attend a state meeting without leaving Dayton!!

May 16th Program, lunch, and business meeting: 11:00 AM, the Dayton Masonic Center, 525 West River-view Avenue, Dayton. The Dayton Masonic Center, formerly known as the Dayton Masonic Temple, is a historically significant building in Dayton. It was built by a Masonic Temple Association formed from 14 Masonic groups. The building was completed over a 2 year, 9 month period and completed in 1928 by 450 workers. We will tour the building then have lunch in the Square and Compasses Cafe, in the Masonic Center followed by our business meeting.

June 20th Program, lunch and business meeting: 11:00 AM, the Dayton Public Library 215 E Third Street, Dayton. On August 5, 2017, the doors of the new Main Library in downtown Dayton opened to the public. Built upon the strong structural core of the 1962 building, the Main Library is four times the size of the previous building. With expansive park and city views, six original art installations, meeting places and gathering spaces of

all sorts, the Main Library is a destination for exploration, learning and discovery. After a private tour we will get lunch at the library café, eat, and have our business meeting in private room #3A, 3rd floor (There is an elevator).

Contact Sandy Dobberstein for ALL Programs, Phone: 937-554- 6338 or 937-771- 0669 or Email: sdobberstein@juno.com

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

We love to spread a little sunshine to our WOE-R members who may have an illness and condolences to family members. If you know anyone needing “Sunshine”, please contact Debbie Owens at hhteach@hotmail.com. and if possible, send an address. Thank you so much!

ELECTION FOR NEA-R DELEGATES

The following WOE-R members are candidates for 2018 NEA-R delegates.

Jane Rahn

Sandy Coe

Warlita Duvall

Phil A. Long

Willie A. Terrell, Jr.

Please support WOE-R members!!!!!!

ARTEMIS: COMMUNITY OUTREACH

WOEA-R supports Artemis Center, a Domestic Violence Resource Agency. Here are some of their successes: 800 court accompaniments were provided to Artemis Center clients from Advocates to help navigate the legal system in 2016, up 5% from 2015. 100% of caregivers reported that their child was coping better since receiving child therapy from Artemis. 25% more children witnessing domestic violence received child therapy in 2016. 17% more families experiencing domestic violence received family therapy in 2016. 77% more educational informative presentations regarding domestic violence were made to our community in 2016 compared to 2015. School supplies will be collected at our monthly meetings and delivered directly to Artemis.

HISTORY OF WOE-R

The Western Ohio Education Association – Retired (WOEA-R) was established in 1989 and is affiliated with WOE, OEA, NEA and the division of retired educators of OEA-R and NEA-R.

The Mission of WOE-R is to support continued leadership and the maintenance of professional skills and to enhance the unique potential of each participating member.

The Purpose of WOE-R is to maintain professional contact with the education community of public schools and the professional association, specifically WOE, through utilization of the expertise and knowledge of retired educators.

MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

WOEA-R meets the third Wednesday of the month. We encourage you to stay mentally and physically active, remain informed about educational, health care, and working conditions in public education.

Membership is about growing and offering the gift of membership. Use your networking skills to offer the opportunity of membership and genuine fellowship with your colleagues so they are aware of WOE-R. Invite them to a meeting.

READ ACROSS AMERICA

The Professional Efficacy Committee has been meeting and working hard to finalize our plans for Read Across America. Each classroom will receive a calendar and a book with a beautiful bookplate stating the book was donated by WOE-R and read by a WOE-R member. We received requests for volunteer readers from Beaver-creek City Schools, Northmont City Schools, and Trotwood Madison City Schools. At this point we have readers confirmed and scheduled for the March 2 event. Please contact Val Roldan at tmeame@gmail.com.

Jane Rahn serves as the At-Large member of the OEA-R Advisory Board. She represents all retirees of OEA-R.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The membership chairpersons have mailed out 83 letters of invitation to recently retired members of WOE-R. Where did they get those names, you ask? They were sent to us from OEA. It is up to the recipients to return the WOE-R membership form with their information if they wish to receive the newsletter. Often times a personal invitation works. Therefore, we

are encouraging all members who receive this newsletter to contact a retiree they know and invite them to join WOE-R. Thank you in advance.

Membership Numbers as of February 2018:

WOEA-Retired membership - 213

Pre- Retired WOE-Retired - 14

OEA-Retired - 880

Please contact Co-Chairpersons Emmy Brudzynski and Jane Rahn;

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 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. Thanks to all for your contributions!!!

WOEA-R Committee Personnel:

Newsletter: Sandy Coe

Mailing: Willie Terrell

Membership: Emmy Brudzynski and Jane Rahn

Community Outreach: Nancy Mullins

Read Across America: Val Roldan

Legislative: Dawn Wojcik

Sunshine: Debbie Owens

WOEA Delegates: Val Roldan and Warlita Duvall

OEA Delegates: Phil A. Long, Jane Rahn, Sandy Coe, Willie Terrell

WOEA Committee Personnel:

Collective Bargaining – Jane Rahn

Local Development and Training – Doris Moore

Human and Civil Rights – Sandy Coe

Professional Efficacy – Val Roldan and Arnetta Depp

Organizing Strategy – Phil A. Long

THANK YOU THANK YOU

WOEA-R really appreciates the support and efforts by David Romick, DEA and Kim Honeycutt, WOE-R, to make this newsletter possible!!!

Stay connected: woea@woea.org

OEA-R DELEGATE BRIEFING AND REP ASSEMBLY

OEA-R delegates met at their Fall Delegate Assembly on December 1, 2017 at the STRS Building.

The OEA officers spoke to the delegates. Becky Higgins spoke about the importance of the 2018 governor race and how all members need to be involved. Scott DiMauro gave a legislative update and talked about the importance of FCPE. Money will be needed for the governor's race and other state races that will be happening in 2018. Tim Myers talked about the budget and membership numbers.

Various reports were given from the NEA directors, the OEA Board of Directors, the OEA Legislative Committee and the OEA Audit Committee.

Guidelines were discussed concerning Appointed Terms and Elections.

The final credentials report showed there were 44 delegates in attendance. The final FCPE report showed 41 delegates contributed \$2,100. 100% of the delegates from WOE-R made contributions.

There was an FCPE giveaway before the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Sandy Coe, OEA-R Delegate

A few OEA RA Highlights

The delegates heard from most of the candidates running for Ohio Governor. Senator Brown, who has the best record of supporting our educational issues, gave a fantastic speech. I was invited to sit with the officers and guest speaker at the Doris L. Allen Minority Caucus Dinner. I was the WOE-R representative to the OEA-R membership and raffle table. As a Hall of Fame contributor to the OEA Fund for Children and Public Education, I made my usual contribution.

Submitted by Willie A. Terrell, Jr.

New Year's Resolution for Public Education

I BELIEVE that public education is the pillar of our democracy. I believe in the common school envisioned by Horace Mann. A common school is a public institution, which nurtures and teaches all who live within its boundaries, regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, sexual orientation or learning ability. All may enroll - regardless of when they seek to enter the school or where they were educated before.

I BELIEVE that taxpayers bear the responsibility for funding those schools and that funding should be ample and equitable to address the needs of the served community. I also believe that taxpayers have the right to examine how schools use tax dollars to educate children.

I BELIEVE that such schools should be accountable to the community they serve, and that community residents have the right and responsibility to elect those who govern the school. Citizens also have the right to insist that schooling be done in a manner that best serves the needs of all children.**

In so stating these beliefs, I will do whatever I can to support and promote public education in Ohio.

The sky is not falling...but you need to be prepared!

The Supreme Court **WILL** soon be ruling that the collection of fair share fees is illegal (*Janus vs. AFSCME*) and OEA locals (fair share fee or not) **WILL** be impacted by this decision.

- What does that mean for your local and its members?
- How do we prepare logistically for ending the collection of fair share fees?
- How do we maintain our collective power in a voluntary membership environment?

OEA staff and governance will be presenting the most up-to-date information that local leadership will need to make preparations for how their local can not only survive, but thrive in a voluntary membership environment.

When and Where:

WOEA: Cox Arboetum 6733 N. Springboro Pike Dayton, OH

Saturday, March 24, 2018 11:00am – 2:00 pm

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/janusrvp>

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

State Legislative Updates: www.ohea.org
National Legislative Updates: www.nea.org

