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PLAN AHEAD!!!!

November 14 (1 Week early due to Thanksgiving) Program: WACO Air Museum and Learning Center (1865 S Co Rd 25A, Troy) The WACO Aircraft Company was the largest manufacturer of civil aircraft in the country in the late 1920's and early 30's and this museum is dedicated to the plant and the employees that made it great. We will be touring their newly remodeled and expanded space. Fee: \$6. Following the tour we will meet for lunch at: Greenfire Bistro(backroom) 965 W. Main Street, Tipp City.

Dec. 19 Program, lunch and business meeting: 11:00 AM, Archer's Tavern (2030 East Dorothy Lane, Kettering). Archer's is a locally owned restaurant that has purchased and remodeled a previous restaurant site. Thanks to Deb Owens for finding a restaurant with a private space for us!

RSVP for all programs:
sldobberstein@gmail.com or 937-554-6338

OEA-R recently lost a very active member, Pam Smith. Pam was very active with FCPE and was definitely a political activist in Southeast Ohio, as well as at the state level. She will be missed but definitely remembered for her contributions to the education profession and OEA-R.

WOEA-R expresses sympathy to Becky Higgins, OEA President, on the passing of her father, William Lowe.

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 is to maintain professional contact with the education community of public schools and the professional associations, specifically WOE, through utilization of the expertise and knowledge of retired educators.

WOEA-R CHAIR REPORT

October 17 Paul Laurence Dunbar House (219 N. Paul Laurence Dunbar St., Dayton). The tour was led by a very enthusiastic member of the National Park Service, Ryan. His interest in history and in particular, Paul Laurence Dunbar, was obvious. For lunch and our meeting--Texas Beef & Cattle Company (only opened for 3 weeks) was the venue for eleven members. Those present contributed \$154 to FCPE and more contributions were made to the Dawn Wojcik for State Board of Education campaign. WOE-R has been invited to the WOE Ap-

preciation Event, WOEALegislative Reception, and WOEALChew and Chat event(November 8) and the Fall Forum on November 14. WOEAL-R members are wearing Red for Ed at our Wednesday meetings!!!

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FCPE contributions went very well this past year: \$1164. Since September 2018 - \$384. WOEAL-R delegates elected were: Phil A. Long, Val Roldan, Willie Terrell. Candidates for OEA-R: Willie Terrell and Sandy Coe. Jane Rahn and Phil A. Long will serve by virtue of office on the OEA-R Advisory Board.

With the cooperation of Carol Kinsey, WOEAL-R members Sandy Dobberstein, Jane Rahn, and Phil A. Long are attending Uniserv Council meetings in WOEAL. 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.

READ ACROSS AMERICA: The WOEAL Professional Efficacy Committee and WOEAL-R under the direction of Val Roldan are planning for the 2019 Read Across America. 2018

Readers will be honored at the Fall Appreciation Dinner.

WOEAL-R members were involved in the screening process for candidates. WOEAL-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, Congressional District 4 – Phil Long. Thank you to those who participated. WOEAL and OEA screened candidates for the District 3 State Board of Education race and our own **WOEAL-R member, Dawn Wojcik has been endorsed.** Members are encouraged to help in any way possible to make sure Dawn is elected!! WOEAL-R members collected \$440 at the September/October meetings with over \$400 previously donated by WOEAL-R to Dawn's campaign. **Remember OEA only endorses pro-public education candidates!!**

Phil A. Long, WOEAL-R

READ ACROSS AMERICA

WOEAL Professional Efficacy Committee in partnership with WOEAL-R will participate in Read Across America. The committee will pair up WOEAL-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. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Val Roldan at tmeame@gmail.com.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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

WEAR RED FOR ED ON WEDNESDAY

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the latest WOE-R member, Sandra McHone. Two new LIFE members are Andrea Hirtle and Bonnie Bozovich.

Retired members are encouraged to ask colleagues to join WOE-R. Check the website for past and current newsletters.

Membership Numbers as of October 2018:

WOEA-Retired membership - 220

Pre- Retired WOE-Retired - 16

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.

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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.

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.

SOCIAL OUTREACH: ARTEMIS

WOEA-R is accepting donations for Artemis Center as a part of our outreach program. If you have your wish list handy, feel free to select items from that list. If you want to give Gift Cards they are always welcome. Kroger, Target, and Speedway are just a few you might choose. Please include the register receipt.

I am also dropping off items at St. Vincent's. They are thrilled for any donations. They especially are in

need of men's clothing and business attire for men and women.

Remember the season of giving is upon us and all donations are appreciated.

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.

5-7 families each week on average receive support from our food, toiletry and children's pantries.

4,396 victims of Domestic Violence and their children were provided life-saving programs and services through the Artemis Center in 2017 at no cost to them.

694 court accompaniments were provided to clients by advocates to help navigate the legal system in 2017.

100% of caregivers reported that their child was coping better since receiving child therapy services from Artemis Center.

TOGETHER WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!!

Marge Punter

WOEA-R NEEDS A NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Producing a newsletter is NOT in the job description for the Chair!!! This is the second one – I could really use some help. By using this format, it doesn't take that long to put together (cut and paste) when each Committee Chair writes their article plus the Chair and Vice-Chair reports. Please consider and let me know (or I may just draw names!!!)

ENDORSED CANDIDATES

**Endorsements: Senator Sherrod Brown
for re-election**

**Richard Cordray/ Betty Sutton –
Governor**

Zach Space for Auditor

Rob Richardson – Treasurer

**Kathleen Clyde – Secretary of
State**

**Steve Dettelback – Attorney
General**

**Dawn Wojcik – 3rd District State Board
of Education**

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MEDICARE UPDATE

Starting 4/1/18 Medicare will start a year-long project to replace all current Medicare cards for beneficiaries to convert to alphanumeric ID numbers. Currently, the ID number is your social security number.

Just a heads up that there is a scam going around involving the new Medicare Cards coming out in April. Pass it along. It might come in handy to know Medicare will never call you on the phone.

It is true that the new cards will be sent out from April 2018 to April 2019. Medicare has also warned on scams. They do not charge for cards or want your personal information over the phone. Here's what you need to know to protect yourself, family and friends, throughout the US.

First of all the new Medicare card will come to you in the mail. You don't need to request it or do anything. It will show up.

WHAT'S THE SCAM?

Somebody from "MEDICARE " will call to tell you-you are getting a new Medicare card. But until it comes you will need a temporary card.

Fee for the card is between \$5-50 dollars.

They want personal information, bank account or credit card so they can process your temporary card.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Medicare will never call you unless you ask them to.

Medicare does all communications by mail unless you ask them to call.

Ditto for anybody saying they "work with Medicare to make sure you get everything you are entitled to".

Scammer alert

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM THIS ONE?

First of all, spread the word. Feel free to share these notes.

Use your answering machine to screen calls or just don't even answer a number you don't recognize.

If it has happened to you or your friends or loved ones and personal info had been given out (happens consider-ably more often than you think so don't feel bad or stupid) immediately take action to protect yourself against identity theft.

