

DISCOVER NEW HORIZONS

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Founded September 1989

WOEA-R was founded by members who felt that retirees would benefit from getting together to socialize, meet new people and remain aware of events happening in public education after retiring from the job, but not the profession!

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EVENTS for 2019-20

All events are on Wednesdays, beginning at 11am with a speaker, lunch, then followed by WOE-R business.

November 20th

December 18th

March 18, 2020

April 15th

Event locations vary for each event. Check out our website for details.

woea-r.ohea.us

-November 20th Event-

Ray's Wine Bar, 8268 N Main St., Dayton.

Friendship Force is a non-profit, cultural organization that promotes understanding, cultural education and citizen diplomacy through Homestay Journeys. Through these exciting personal encounters, strangers become friends! Friendship Force programs bring diverse people together into each other's cultures and homes to share valuable life experiences. **Julie Vann**, Past- President of the Dayton Chapter, will share her insights and personal stories.

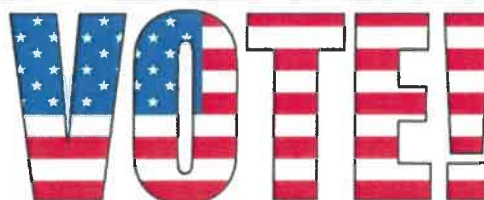
Join us for a lunch and hear about a fascinating program right here in the Dayton area.

-December 18th Event-

Old Scratch Pizza 812 S Patterson Blvd, Dayton

We will be meeting in their private room and will order individually. This month we're hosting our annual **Artemis House and Crazy Christmas Swap** to collect donations for our sponsored, community organization. Bring items or a gift card to share with Artemis House **AND** a wrapped gift (*under \$10 new or used*) to exchange with our group. We can have some fun among ourselves, share the Christmas spirit and support an organization that helps hundreds of women each year.

-RSVP to Sandy Dobberstein at 937.554.6338



TUESDAY Nov. 5th
for those candidates
who **SUPPORT** public
education!



WOEA-R was founded thirty years ago this year! We continue to provide information, tours, speakers and a wide variety of programs for retired educators of the Western Ohio Education Association.

We have events planned throughout the year to make this a very special celebration!

CHECK US OUT!

WOEA-R, because you only retired from your job, but not your profession!

You and your membership are PRICELESS! Each monthly meeting retired educators come to share a good meal, warm friendships and important information about what's happening in Ohio's public schools. Invite colleagues to attend an event. Encourage them to stay involved and help us celebrate our 30th birthday of being in existence. WOE-R was founded by a Dayton teacher, Nancy Brown, upon her retirement. She felt that an organization should enable educators from various school districts to get to know each other and continue to be aware of events in public education. By attending WOE-Retired events one can continue to grow mentally, socially and professionally. At our events you will meet new colleagues from area schools, visit new venues, enjoy lunch, and take away at least one new piece of information to enlighten your life. Come, bring a friend and enjoy retirement with your professional colleagues, and continue to make a difference!

ANNUAL Membership is \$10 for the year 2019-2020.

LIFE Membership is \$100.

If you join as a LIFE MEMBER, the special cost to you is only \$90 when you mail in your check made out to WOE-Retired by Sept. 20th We look forward to seeing you soon!

Questions? **CONTACT** Emmy Brudzynski at emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu 937-312-5829
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-Membership Report-

Welcome New Members!

Life Member

Yuverdia Irving

Annual Members

Mildred Albert

Gail Saugstad

Anita Barton

Pre-Retired Members

Sherry Hood

David Moodie

**For the Good
of the Group**

REMEMBER...

***Wear “RED for ED” every Wednesday!
Now more than ever, we must support and
promote public education.***

WOEA-R Votes to Support the NAACP

Willie Terrell, NEA-R delegate for WOE-R and Mailing Committee Chair, presented information at the September meeting about the NAACP. There was a lot of discussion and good ideas were shared. WOE-R voted to join the Dayton NAACP as a sponsoring member. Members felt there is a strong need to support social justice and the NAACP in their efforts to encourage youth with scholarships and public education.

CONTACT Willie Terrell <que1699@aol.com> about becoming an individual member.

WOEA-R membership is a group membership. This allows any WOE-R member to attend the NAACP meetings on the 4th Monday of each month.

WOEA-R Goals for 2019-2020

Join us as we focus on these goals and aspirations!

- Celebrate WOE-R 30th Anniversary throughout the year
- Increase meeting attendance to 30 participants
- Collect 30 items at each meeting for Artemis House
- Collect 30 contributions to FCPE at each meeting
- Collect books for hospitals and schools
- Participate in WOE-R's annual ***Read Across America*** program
- Work closely with WOE-R to host pre-retirement workshops for all OEA members

IN REMEMBRANCE

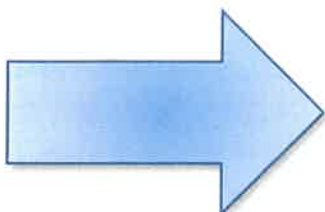
***We recognize those WOE-R members who
have passed this year.***

Elizabeth McLaughlin January 2019

Yolanda Unger March 2019

Anneliese DiGiacomo August 2019

**Did you
know?**



...in a 2015 survey 42% of Republicans supported unions in NJ and WI.
...in one year, support for unions jumped 5 pts to nearly 60%.
...millennials favor unions more than other generations.
...when unions are strong, families are strong.

UNIONS ARE STILL VITAL!

In 2018 an Associated Press poll of Americans found that nearly two-thirds of those people polled approve of national teacher unions. Also in 2018, Educators for Excellence released the initial findings of a survey of educators from across the country showing that a vast majority of teachers believe teacher unions are essential. The survey found that 85 percent of teachers regard unions as important, including 74 percent of nonunion teachers. According to Educators for Excellence's most recent survey, 86 percent of teachers believe that without collective bargaining or a union, the working conditions and salaries of teachers would be much worse. In fact, union wages are 13.2 percent higher than the pay for non-unionized workers.

Teachers rely on their unions to fight for them, but they are also asking more from their unions. Frankly, they don't always feel represented by them, and union leadership must respond to that. Fifty-two percent of teachers say they feel their perspective is only "somewhat" represented, and 20 percent say their perspective is "not very much" or "not at all" represented by their unions.

S P R E A D the W O R D

WOEA FALL FORUM

November 6, 2019
Ponitz Career Tech Center
741 W. Washington Street in Dayton

CHECK IN: 4:30

For registration and more information visit www.woea.org

Join us for dinner and workshops!

**READ
ACROSS
AMERICA**
is coming on March 2nd !

Volunteers are needed to bring
the joy of books to children!
Contact Valerie Roldan at
<www.woea.org>