

# 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 2021-22**

**November. 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Wandering Griffin  
Restaurant

**December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Franco's Restaurant  
All meetings begin at 11am.  
See pg. 3 for details

Future meetings and programs may need to be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances.. **Check website for all changes.**  
**woea-r.ohea.us**

## ***OUR NEXT MEETING***

**"Living Younger, Longer"**  
**11am Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**  
at  
4525 Troy Sidney Rd.  
Troy, OH 45373  
Phone 937-875-5007

*Essential oils and aroma therapy presented by  
Esther Alspaugh, of Grandma's Essential Oils.*

Enjoy learning about the gifts of the earth (*essential oils*) from leaves, stems, flowers that can improve your life. You'll also take home something special after the presentation! Ms. Alspaugh is trained in the TERRA Essential Oils which are all rated CPTG (*Certified Pure Therapeutic Grade*).

**COST: \$15** includes lunch and along with a "make-it, take-it" item!

As always, we will begin at 11am, break for lunch, then hold our WOE-R meeting. Invite your retired colleagues to attend our first meeting of 2021-22.

**RSVP:** Write a check for **\$15** in the name **Jane Rahn** and mail it to her at **313 Johnson St. Dayton, OH 45410**

**DEADLINE: October 13, 2021.**

## ***BE CAREFUL OUT THERE!***

**FOLLOW**

- the advice of your physician.
- CDC guidelines about wearing a mask.
- get the "shot"
- wash your hands frequently

**coronavirus.ohio.gov**



***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 friendship 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 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday of being in existence.

WOEA-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 2021-2022**

**LIFE Membership is \$100.**

If you join as a LIFE MEMBER, the special cost to you is only \$70 when you mail in your check made out to WOE-Retired by October 20<sup>th</sup> We look forward to seeing you soon!

Questions? **CONTACT** Emmy Brudzynski at [emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu](mailto:emmy.brudzynski@wright.edu) 937-312-5829  
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***Join the OEA-R FALL CONFERENCE***

The OEA-R Fall Conference will take on a different form this year. It will be held virtually beginning **September 30 and continuing October 7, 14, 21 from 10:00-11:30 each session.**

If a member misses a session, they will be able to view the missed session before the next one ***NO COST! Registration is required.*** OEA-R is creating a Racial and Social Justice Taskforce.

Your attendance at this webinar is required to join this Taskforce..

**Paste the link below in your browser to register for this meeting:**

<https://ohea.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMpc-2qrT4jGtPoOQZPpWJVXdTivLLwEBz4>

*After registering, you'll receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.*

*If you have any questions, please contact Phil A. Long, OEA-R Vice Chair at [palcisy13@gmail.com](mailto:palcisy13@gmail.com).*

***Did you know in the State Teachers Retirement System....***

- ...216 recipients are 100 or older - 181 females and 35 males (up from 209 last year)
- ...there are 118 recipients who are age 99 (down from 143 last year)
- ...the longest paid recipient had received \$50 per month at age 21 in September of 1954. The benefit has increased to \$337 per month. She has been receiving a benefit for 67 years as of September, 2021
- ...the member to retire with the most years of service credit this year retired with 61.8 years of service at the age of 83! This member began teaching in 1960 at \$4,120 per year.
- ...the oldest recipient is 109 (born 1912). She began teaching in 1931 at an annual contract of \$900. She is receiving a service retirement benefit that began in January, 1978. She retired at age 65 after 31 years of service with a final average salary of \$9,300 and a \$480 per month benefit. It's now more than \$1,500 per month.

## November 17<sup>th</sup>

*Did you know that moving your head forward one inch equals 25 pounds of pressure on your neck? Join us to learn many interesting facts about the human body.*

**Dr. Terry McCoskey**, NUCCA Chiropractor and author of "The Living Code" will share his experiences and fascinating insights.

**Time:** 11am,

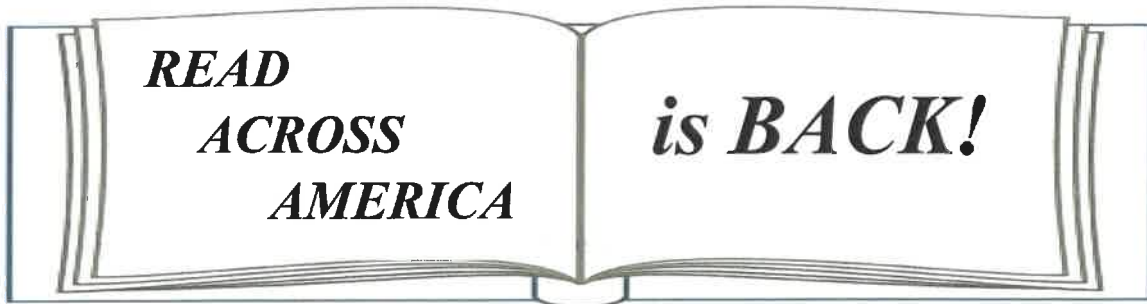
**Location:** Wandering Griffin, at 3725 Presidential Way, Fairborn (across from WSU)

***Reservations are required and needed by November 9<sup>th</sup>.***

**CALL:** Debbie Owens at 937-236-2063 or email her at [hhteach@hotmail.com](mailto:hhteach@hotmail.com).

After Dr. McCoskey's presentation, we will take a break for lunch. The regular WOE-R monthly meeting will take place immediately after lunch.

*Join your colleagues for an informative lecture and great lunch for a good time!*



## December 15<sup>th</sup>

We will be collecting books for **READ ACROSS AMERICA** event in March. Join your fellow members for some holiday cheer.

**Time:** 11am

**Location:** Franco's Italian Restaurant, 824 East Fifth Street in the Oregon District.

***Reservations are required and are needed by December 8<sup>th</sup>.***

**CALL:** Debbie Owens at 937-236-2063 or email her at [hhteach@hotmail.com](mailto:hhteach@hotmail.com).

New or gently used books will be accepted. We will celebrate the holiday season with door prizes that will be awarded throughout the lunch. WOE-R has promoted and will continue to support READ ACROSS AMERICA. There is no better gift an adult can give a child than taking the time to read a story. Consider volunteering your time to read to a child or a classroom of students during Read Across America Week coming up in March.

## For the Good of the Group

### ***What happened at the last Executive Committee meeting?***

**June 16, 2021**

1. Val Roldan moved on June 16, 2021, to suspend the WOE-R By-laws this once to allow for virtual voting. Sandy Dobberstein seconded. Motion passed.
2. Sandy Dobberstein and Phil A. Long, Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for 2021-22 and moved to accept. Slate: Chair: \_\_\_\_\_; Vice Chairs: Marge Punter, Jane Rahn, Doris Moore, Debbie Owens, Sandy Freeman; Secretary: Lori Moodie; Treasurer: Sandy Dobberstein. Motion passed. Phil made it clear that he will not assume Chair duties and responsibilities forward.
3. **A CHAIR FOR WOE-R IS NEEDED!** Responsibilities of the Chair: Preside at meetings; prepare agenda; ex-officio member of committees; appoint committee chairs; prepare report for WOE-R; confer with WOE-R president; attend and report to WOE-R Board of Directors; represent WOE-R at events; communicate with OEA-R and NEA-R through the OEA-R representative on the Advisory Board.
4. Marge Punter reported the **September 15, 2021** meeting will be at Jimmy's Ladder at 11. Artemis will present the program. *(N.B. As of this date, this meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.)*
5. **Note of Personal Privilege by Phil Long:** *It has been an absolute pleasure serving WOE-R members as Chair the past 6 years. I have acquired some new friends and been able to work with long-time friends. I hope I have contributed to the growth of WOE-R in some way following in the footsteps of Jane Rahn and Nancy Brown. Best wishes to you and WOE-R as you continue to grow and serve public education. Welcome new retirees as they are the future for WOE-R. Take care, be well, be safe, enjoy life in retirement!*

### **Treasurer's Report by Sandy Dobberstein      August 8, 2021**

#### **Savings**

Date	Activity	Balance
6/15/2021	Beginning Balance	150.25
<b>Balance</b>		<b>150.25</b>

#### **Cash Management Checking (Money Market)**

Date	Activity	Balance
6/15/2021	Beginning Balance	5893.79
6/30/2021	Dividend	0.75
7/31/2021	Divident	0.77
<b>Balance</b>		<b>5985.31</b>

#### **Vision Checking**

Date	Activity	Balance
6/15/2021	Beginning Balance	72.64
<b>Balance</b>		<b>72.64</b>

<b><u>BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS</u></b>	<b>6208.68</b>
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<b><i>Balance all accounts August 3, 2020</i></b>	<b>6207.27</b>
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*Do you know of a WOE-R member who needs a little sunshine? Contact Debbie Owens*  
[hhteach@hotmail.com](mailto:hhteach@hotmail.com) *Did you know that WOE-R is on line? Information on our history, scholarships, community service, past newsletters and meeting minutes can be found at **WOEA-R.ohea.us**.*