

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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Future meetings and programs will be advertised in this newsletter.

Time/Date may need to be adjusted due to unforeseen circumstances.

Check website for changes.

woea-r.ohea.us

VOTE Nov. 7th

Once again, we are called upon to do our civic duty. In August, Ohioans overwhelming defeated an attempt to subvert our citizen's process to amend Ohio's Constitution that has stood for more than 120 years. Having rescued this process, there are two issues you now must consider:

ISSUE 1 A Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Relating to Abortion and Other Reproductive Decisions

Establish in the Constitution of the State of Ohio an individual right to one's own reproductive medical treatment, including but not limited to abortion...

ISSUE 2 To Commercialize, Regulate, Legalize, and Tax the Adult Use of Cannabis (i.e. marijuana)

These state-wide issues are on the ballot next month. You can review a complete ballot by clicking on the website of your county Board of Elections.

In the search box on your computer or laptop:

- Type in www.ohiosos.gov/elections/
- Find your county under "Board of Elections".
- Click on the icon marked "SAMPLE BALLOT"

You'll find a sample ballot with all issues on which you'll be voting.

-REMEMBER-

If you

- voted in August, you're already registered to vote.
- need more information on Issues 1 or 2? Check out the League of Women Voters => www.lwv.org

Early voting has already started! You can find your voting location on your County Board of Elections website – as mentioned above.

Vote early in the day to avoid long lines.

For the Good of the Group

Upcoming WOE-R Events

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 (Note: This is the 2nd Wednesday.)

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Shen's Szechuan & Sushi 1580 Poe Ave. Dayton, OH 45414 Order from the menu. Average price \$14-18 including tax and tip.

Program: Urban Educator and Author Michael Unger will discuss his book ***TEACH: Lessons I Learned from My Students and Colleagues***, published in 2022. **TEACH** "...showcases inspiring young adults and the remarkable teachers who celebrate the power of the HUMAN SPIRIT." It is now required reading for student teachers at the Ohio State University. Proceeds from his book go to the Yolanda Unger Scholarship Fund.

RSVP: Nov. 11, 2023 to Jane Rahn call: 937-554-5602 (voice mail or text) or jrahna@sbcglobal.net

Date: December 13, 2023 (Note: This is the 2nd Wednesday.)

Time: 11:00 am

Location: Huber Heights Library Community Room 6243 Brandt Pike Huber Heights, OH 45424

Program: Ho, Ho, Ho! The holidays are here! Why not take a break and join us Dec. 13th. Participate and learn ***Movements to Keep You Going through the Winter Season*** with Yamika Leeper, Exercise, Wellness and Sports Science PED instructor at Sinclair. Bring favorite wrapped holiday treats to share with your colleagues as we share nostalgic memories of classroom parties and projects.

At our December meeting we'll be supporting **Artemis Center** www.artemiscenter.org, our community service partner. Consider donating a \$10 gift card to Kroger or Meijer, or bring school supplies.

RSVP: December 8, 2023 to Debra Owen **CALL:** 937-236-3063 or email: hhteach@hotmail.com

Bring your own drink of choice. Water is available on site.

DON'T MISS OUT!

-Save These Dates-

April 25, 2024 OEA-R Spring Conference

Register for an enjoyable and informative program planned by the OEA-R District Representatives from SWOE-R and WOE-R.

WOE-R Event Dates in 2024 – Marked Your Calendar!

March 20, April 17, May 15, June 19, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, and Dec. 11

All Wednesdays at 11am

Just a Reminder

After our Nov. and Dec. events we will not meet until March 20, 2024, at the Huber Heights Police Department, 6121 Taylorsville Road. Officer Lambert will discuss *Internet Safety* and new *AI Precautions*. Details will be in the January/February 2024 edition of ***Discover New Horizons***.

Hey – What's going on with OEA-R ?

OEA-R Advisory Council Report

OEA-Retired Racial and Social Justice Committee Book Study 2023-24.

Sessions on ZOOM the 3rd Monday of the month from 7-8 pm. Book for Nov. - Dec. 2023:

Citizen: An American Lyric by Claudia Rankins. Sign up at www.ohea.org to meet others and share ideas.

Many thanks to WOE-R members, Phil Long, Doris Moore and Karen Shire, who represented WOE-R at the various WOE-R Leadership Councils!

If you have moved, have a new phone number or email address be sure to update your contact information with OEA Membership at 1-844-632-4636. Also, let WOE-R co-membership chairpersons, Jane Rahn or Emmy Brudzynski know. Thank you!

This is our association. Any questions please feel free to contact me. Take an active part, stay well, and look for future news about the Spring Conference being planned by SWOE-R and WOE-R.

-Joni Watson, WOE-R representative/OEA-R Advisory Council

-WOE-R is affiliated with WOE, OEA, NEA, OEA-Retired and NEA-Retired-

Welcome New Members!

Joyce Coney Lacey

Amy Fugate

IF YOU KNOW ANY OTHER RETIREES, PLEASE EXTEND AN INVITATION TO OUR EVENTS AND LUNCHEON. WE WOULD LOVE TO MEET YOUR COLLEAGUES/GUESTS.

Why WOE-R? You only retired from your job, not your profession!

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. Bring a friend!

ANNUAL Membership is \$10 for the year 2023-2024 ~

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 **September 20, 2023**. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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

We recognize those WOE-R members who have passed.

Joan Campbell 10/28/2022

Rosalind Badiner 10/12/2023



A few thoughts from WOE-R Chair Doris Moore

It's that time of year again—various holidays—change of seasons.
I want you all to know that...

YOU

*are important.
are valued.
are appreciated.
count!*



This is the time when we reminisce about all the things for which
we are grateful and able to give thanks.

We have our families, friends, and loved ones. We have each other.

Let's take time to enjoy and to think about the less fortunate as we go into this holiday season.
Most of all, please take time to care about yourself.

Enjoy the rest of 2023, as we look forward to what the new year will bring.

Blessings,
Doris Moore, WOE-R Chair

Recent Election of WOE-R Delegates to the Representative Assembly

WOE-R Delegates Elected

Doris Moore (*virtue of office*)
Lori Moodie
Joni Watson (*virtue of office*)

Willie Terrell Jr
Yuverdia Irving

Alternate for WOE-R

Clarice Thomas

CONGRATULATIONS!

2023 WOE FALL FORUM

Tuesday, November 14

Wayne High School 5400 Chambersburg Rd. Huber Heights 45424.

Dinner, Fellowship, and Workshops are from 4:00 - 7:30 pm.

Any retired member is welcome to attend!

Registration is due by November 9th on the WOE website www.woea.org

Details about workshops is available on the website.

Questions? CONTACT Val Roldan, Executive Director 937-387-9960.

Last, but not least, don't forget...

- As a member of OEA-R/NEA-R you can get an email with NEA's digital calendar of activities and book suggestions for 2023-24. Go to www.nea.org.
- Be sure to check out travel and merchandise discounts on OEA's website www.ohea.org
- Know a member who needs some cheer? Let Debbie Owens know => hhteach@hotmail.com
- Find out what's happening in our Legislature. Contact Dawn Wojcik dawn.e.wo@gmail.com