

## March 2023 Retired News Brief

Welcome Spring... In Like a Lion and Out Like a Lamb

*March 26 is "Make up Your Own Holiday" Day! There is always a reason to celebrate!*

Our ECOEA District includes the Columbiana Unit 21 Leadership Council with members impacted from the February 3<sup>rd</sup> East Palestine rail derailment. This community and surrounding towns from a 30-mile area are experiencing uncertainty, emotional and physical stresses that are affecting their educators, staff, students and parents. Please consider methods that you can offer so they know our Association embraces them. Kay Piero is the Columbiana Unit 21 Leadership Council Chairperson, and her email is: [kathleenpiero@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathleenpiero@sbcglobal.net).

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You can access the OEA-Retired Read Across America library of educators reading books for school students on OEA's website: <https://www.ohea.org/resources/all/oear-read-across-america/>. This activity has expanded to include more readers and various genres.

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Keep Growing with Us!

Join online at: [www.nea.org/JoinNea](http://www.nea.org/JoinNea)

ECOEA has sixty members that are pre-retired. Take out your membership today. You will retire from your position; however, you do not have to retire from your profession. Finally, ask your retired members to **Save the Date** for the OEA-Retired Spring Conference. It will be June 7, 2023, at Malabar Farm in Lucas, Ohio. The cost is only \$25.00 and will be 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Each of the ten districts must recruit 5-10 members for ARTeams (Action Response Team Members) before April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please consider being on the TEAM for ECOEA Retired. It includes training! This is a newly created position to help assist OEA-Retired Districts with membership engagement, civic engagement, and supporting active locals. OEA-Retired believes that engaging potential members and supporting retired activists will lead to an increase in membership and establish us as a leading voice for educational and retirement issues. If interested, please contact District Rep Kathleen Purdy.

A young mother was struggling to get the last bit of ketchup out of the bottle one day when the phone rang. She asked her four-year-old daughter to answer it and ask whomever it was if she might call them back later? This was her end of the conversation: " Mommy can't talk to you right now Father Clark. She is busy hitting the bottle."

Educationally yours,

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