

December 2025 ECOEA-Retired News Brief by Kathleen Purdy



National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Hanukkah Begins OEA RA Assembly

First Day of Winter Christmas Day Kwanzaa Begins New Year's Eve

NEA Retired Virtual Auction Opens Dec. 1-8 Sign Ups for Volunteering Pre-Retired Fees

OEA FUND FOR CHILDREN & PUBLIC EDUCATION is one of the methods to “Make Your Voice Heard.”

- Protect your retirement benefits.
- Fund educational opportunities for all children.
- Protect your right to bargain fair salaries and benefits.
- Keep public dollars in public schools.

With the Ohio Education Association Retired Category, we have approximately 7,000 members from various backgrounds. We have less than 2% to participate. When you retire, you have fewer opportunities to engage in the Fund. This results in a greater way to be RELEVANT, ENGAGED and VISIBLE. Any contribution is welcomed, whether it is \$2, \$5, \$10 or whatever you wish. Send to: OEA FCPE, 225 E. Broad Street, Box 2550, Columbus, OHIO 43215. Federal and state law requires PAC Committees to report your name, address, and occupation. ECOEA-Retirees are the best!

“I just told the grandkids about the joy of finding coins in a payphone’s return slot. They were amazed... Now, I must explain what a payphone is.”

KIDS VOTING OHIO is a free, non-partisan, civics education program for OHIO SCHOOLS, Grade 3-12. Regardless of your position as an active, you are organized and would flourish in working in your local schools. In order to build the voting habits of the youth, bring a mock election to your school. Mock elections teach kids the importance of voting and civic engagement. To learn more, please visit: www.kidsvotingohio.org

OEA-Retired Fall Virtual Conference was held on September 24 and focused on Health and Wellness. One of the activities helped us relax and allowed us to switch off our brains from other thoughts and focus on the moment. Concentrating on coloring an image may facilitate the replacement of negative thoughts and images with pleasant ones. For those of you in or near Stark County, if you enjoy coloring, visit the Mindfulness Walk a Petros Lake Park. Color page below:



Make a Difference After 55!

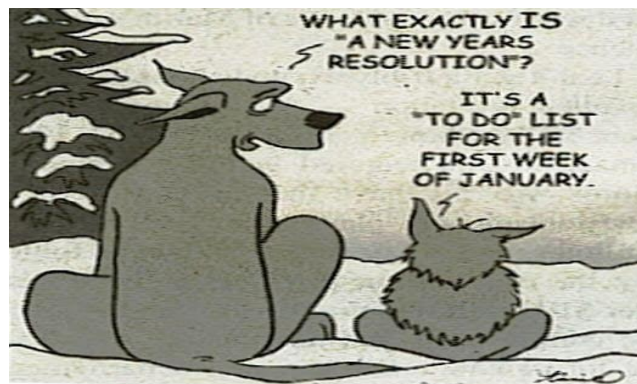
Stay active.

Stay connected.

Share your time and talents through OEA-Retired in your community.

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

- Volunteer at food pantries, schools, hospitals and more and write up an article for OEA-Retire Newslane. Send to [HTTPS://OEA-R.OHEA.US/](https://OEA-R.OHEA.US/)
- Share your skills—or learn new ones.
- Become a Leadership Council Representative in ECOEA



It has been an amazing service to work for you! Despite some health issues, I am hoping for a prosperous, healthy, and rewarding year for each of you. My wish for you is to stay active, eat well, sleep well, exercise your brain, connect with Friends and Family, relax and reduce stress, control risk factors, and **Smile** a little **Bigger**! Thank you and I am looking forward to your PAC participation for our District.

Peace and serenity,

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