

June 2022 Newsline Brief from East Central OEA Retired- Kathleen Purdy

Welcome to Summer! Welcome to more relaxation!

Our OEA-Retired Basket Raffle was well-attended by volunteers Kathleen Purdy and Jeff Corbin (Capital OEA-R).



The OEA-Retired Spring Conference was hosted by Region 2 at the Ernest Warther Museum and Gardens. Jane Miller, Rita Walters and Kathleen Purdy developed a warm and relaxing atmosphere to the delight of the attendees. The Presenters were excited to bring their “A+” skills to entertain us with Magic by Tim, Senior Safety Tips and resources to keep us alert by Tiffany Nichols and Better Business Bureau President and CEO Frank Cilona and Tamla Cole, Education Group Member Assistant with State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio.

Many plans are being made to continue to use the conversations from the OEA-Retired Roundtables to shape the next steps. We value your suggestions on how the Retired Members’ involvement has meaning to the work of organizing.

Each Ohio District is encouraged to use as many retired members, as possible, who are interested in being on short-term committees, boards and councils. Presently, we are in looking for District Retirees to serve on House and Senate Screening Committees. We are also inviting our District Retirees to contribute to the former Fund for Children and Public Education (FCPE) to support candidates that are deemed friendly to educational issues and concerns. Why? Because we must influence the work that addresses our mission and values, politically. www.ohea.org/donate.

Because of the 2021 and 2022 Read Across America successes, East Central OEA-Retired is asking for volunteers to help read a book for RAA. We have developed a reading library, which both actives and retirees might use for students. Please visit

<https://www.ohea.org/resources/all/oear-read-across-america/>.