

March 28, 2022 – Members of the Advisory Council had the opportunity for an OEA-Retired Testimony Writing Training which was conducted by **Robert Davis**, OEA Lobbyist to provide a guide on three things you want to convey:

- Who you are?
- Why you care?
- What you want?

Our three Lobbyist (**Matt Dotson**, **Melissa Clark** and **Robert Davis**) are willing to assist with talking points, guides and to review your writings. We also learned how to respond to questions and using protocol by addressing all questions through the Chair of the Committee. All members will have the same opportunity as the Advisory Council members at another **Legislative Testimony Writing training that will occur virtually on April 4 at 4:00 p.m.** The training will last about 45 minutes. This is an excellent opportunity to become even more involved in the political system through written or in-person testimony. Feel free to contact me for the Zoom link and passcode, if interested. You will be pleased with the training.

- Ohio Primary Election dates are May 3, and a second special election will be August 2.

Statewide Social and Luncheon Conference- Save the Date

Ohio Education Association-Retired Spring Conference 2022 will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at the Ernest Warther Museum and Gardens, 331 Karl Ave. Dover, OH 44622 (Exit 83 off I-77). The Hostesses are **Rita Walters**, Eastern OEA, **Kathleen Purdy**, East Central OEA and **Jane Miller**, Southeast OEA Retired Chapters. Deadline to register is **Friday, April 29, 2022**, which includes your meal choice for your delicious, boxed lunch. Register at oea-r-ohea.us.

Presentations from STRS Representative **Tamla Cole**, **Frank Cilona**, Director of the Better Business Bureau on Senior Scams and Senior Safety and retired teacher **Tim Angeloni** from the Fellowship of Christian Magicians and door prizes.

Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. with a complimentary continental breakfast. The Conference will start at 9:15 a.m. and conclude by 4:00 p.m. A limited number of double rooms (self-reservations) are available at the beautiful Carlisle Inn of Sugarcreek, where they serve a complimentary hearty breakfast for their guests. Carlisle Inn Sugarcreek, 1357 Old Rt. 39 NE, Sugarcreek, OH 44681, phone 330.852.2586 and ask for Group Number: R8879, Ohio Education Association of Retired Members, Room rate is \$134.00. Cut off date is April 16 for the room block and then open to the public.

Area attractions: <https://gleasonfamilyadventure.com/things-to-do-in-ohios-amish-country>

