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President's Perspective



As we celebrate National Teacher Day on May 6, we take the time to take pride in all our accomplishments. At WOEAs, we know you've worked hard in your local and for our union. We

thank you for all you have done.

For WOEAs we have had a banner year of activities. We have energized our Core Function Committees (CFCs). Our workshops have provided members the opportunities to be better prepared to serve their locals and their schools. We hope you and your members have found these helpful. Please contact us anytime to let us know how we might better serve you and your local.

We are beginning preparations for the next school year.

The Professional Efficacy Committee (PE) is preparing for WOEAs Day on October 17, 2008. We are seeking presenters to provide our members with meaningful professional development. Perhaps you or someone in your local has some tips on classroom management, some Best Practices Lesson Plans, techniques to eliminate bullying, or another subject that you could share with others in the profession. The deadline to register as a presenter is May 30, 2008. Please go to www.woea.org and sign up today.

In May, our CFCs are making initial plans for next year's workshops.

- The Leadership Development and Training CFC has a Treasurer's Workshop scheduled for July 15, 2008, so that locals can qualify for OEA's Fiscal Fitness Award.
- The Collective Bargaining CFC is preparing a workshop for September 20, 2008.
- The Member Rights and Protections CFC is making plans for legislative receptions in September and October so that members will have the opportunity to meet OEA FCPE (Fund for Children and Education) recommended candidates, true public education candidates.

We invite member participation in these workshops and on these committees. As we celebrate this year's accomplishments, at WOEAs, we are not resting on our laurels. We know you aren't either.

Together, let's continue improving public education in our work place and through our Education Association.

Dawn Wojcik

WOEA President

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W O E A N E T W O R K

Mark Your Calendars!!

May 7	Collective Bargaining CFC 5 p.m. Panera Bread, Miller Ln.
May 13	W O E A Board of Directors 5:00 p.m.—W O E A Office
May 15	Member Rights & Protection CFC—5:00 p.m.—W O E A Office
June 7	NEA Delegate Caucus— Columbus
June 13	W O E A Leadership Training 8:30 a.m.—W O E A Office Board of Directors meeting following training.

These dates were accurate as of press time.
For the most up-to-date information, consult
the calendar page at www.woea.org

OEA R.A. HIGHLIGHTS

At the 2008 OEA Spring Representative Assembly, Western was well represented. Phil Long, President of Celina E.A. and W O E A Vice-President accepted the Fiscal Fitness Award on behalf of Celina E.A. and Angie Fisher from Celina won the Holloway Human and Civil Rights Award. Nola Brooks, Xenia ESP and W O E A Treasurer, won the OEA ESP of the Year Award.



Phil Long, President of Celina E.A. who won an OEA Fiscal Fitness Award; Nola Brooks (Xenia ESP) won the OEA ESP of the Year Award; Angie Fisher (Celina E.A.) won the Holloway Human and Civil Rights Award; and Dawn Wojcik (Northmont E.A.) W O E A President

For more photos from the R.A., visit the W O E A website at www.woea.org.

Golliday Receives NEA Grant

Tami Golliday, W O E A Secretary-Elect and a science teacher at Memorial High School in St. Marys, was recently notified that she is a recipient of a Student Achievement Grant from the NEA Foundation. Tami was one of two teachers in Ohio receiving a \$5,000 grant.

She submitted Project BLUE (*Building Local Unpolluted Environments*). Students contributed to the global effort by educating the public and private sector about what the carbon cycle/global warming is and how we influence it. Students conducted scientific research, maintained journals, wrote a research paper, and designed a presentation to deliver to various school and community organizations.

Jesse Graytock, Grants Manager for the NEA Foundation told Tami, "I am impressed with your innovative ideas and am looking forward to learning more about your accomplishments."

Tami will use the grant to purchase a multimedia projector, SmartBoard, a GPS, and other supplies for her classroom.

To learn more about NEA Foundation Grants, visit, www.neafoundation.org.

TREASURER'S WORKSHOP

This workshop will be held on July 15 from 8:00—3:00 at the Dayton Airport Hotel. OEA Secretary-Treasurer, Jim Timlin, will facilitate the workshop which is helpful for new and veteran association treasurer's. Pre-registration is required at www.woea.org.



Leadership for All Building a Bridge to the Future 2008 Leadership Conference

The 2008 Leadership Conference will be held August 4-6, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dublin, Ohio. The conference cost to attendees is \$100. This year the conference will be focused on the skills and knowledge required to be a leader in all facets of the education environment, from the bargaining table to the classroom. Visit the OEA website to see the schedules and program descriptions.

W O E A will award 21 scholarships to attend the OEA Summer Leadership Conference.

Scholarships are \$300 each which includes the \$100 registration fee and up to \$200 in lodging expense. There is no reimbursement for mileage included in the scholarship. **All participants are responsible for their own conference registration and hotel accommodations.** To apply for a OEA Summer Leadership Scholarship, complete the online application at www.woea.org. **Applications must be received by Monday, May 12, 2008.**

Education Support Professionals Committee

The W O E A ESP Committee is conducting a survey on ESP Professional Development Needs.

This information will help W O E A in determining the types of training and workshops to offer Education Support Professionals.

The short survey is available online at www.woea.org. Your opinions matter!

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WOEA DAY 2008



It's not too late to sign up to be a presenter for this year's WOE A Day. You'll find the online application on the WOE A website at www.woea.org. The Professional Conference Day Committee welcomes fresh ideas for workshops and is in need of expanding the program for this year.

The deadline to submit your workshop is May 30. Booklets will be printed this summer and shipped to WOE A members in August.