

DISCOVER NEW HORIZONS

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NOVEMBER MEETING

Terence Ronald will present a story about tea at the Nov. 17 meeting. Members will meet at the Basically British Tea Room and Gift Shop at 11 a.m. The \$27 cost includes \$21.95 for lunch plus tax and 15 percent gratuity. The Tea Room is located at 502 E. Third Street in Dayton. Check the following website for parking recommendations: www.basicallybritish.com. This event is limited to the first 22 people who respond, so a quick RSVP to Jane Rahn is needed. (See RSVP form.)

DECEMBER MEETING

The December holiday party and gift exchange is set for Dec. 15 at 11 a.m. at Amelia's Bistro. Guests will order from the menu. Prices are around \$9-10 plus tax and gratuity. Amelia's is in Bellbrook at 129 W. Franklin St. Please take a wrapped holiday gift (\$3-\$5 range). Let's see who can be the most creative! Send your RSVP to Jane Rahn by Dec. 8.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Here are the results of the interest survey that was included in the first newsletter. Future programs will take into account the results of the survey. The top six program ideas were: The Gallery of Bing Davis, armchair tour of Dayton, Schuster Center tour, Hayner House in Troy, Dunbar neighborhood, and the Vandalia Historical Society.

The top lunch choices were Tumbleweeds, Panera Bread, Burkey's Family Restaurant, Marion's Pizza, Caroline's in Troy, Franco's, and Mimi's at the Greene. Write-ins were Mr. Lee's and LaComedia for lunch and a play.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MEMBERS

Several members have suggested that scholarships would be helpful in encouraging others to attend workshops, meetings, and conferences. As a result, a Members' Scholarship Fund was established and currently stands at \$600. The Executive Committee has established the following preliminary guidelines for the money's use: there will be a limited amount for each recipient, no one person will receive the entire year's scholarship amount, and the funds must be used as intended.

President Nancy Brown contributed the first \$500 as an "inheritance to WOE-R." Nancy said she believes it is better to contribute small amounts now rather than have the money left in her will.

Wanda Adams donated an additional \$100 to the fund. Because Wanda is a past president of WOE-R, she is eligible for a free WOE-R lifetime membership. However, Wanda said she thinks the free membership is not fair to the organization, so she paid for her lifetime membership and agreed to have it included in the scholarship fund.

Scholarship Fund money will be kept separate from the general funds. Members will be appointed to a guidelines committee. WOE-R expects to begin using the funds for the spring WOE-R Drive-in Conference.

Although WOE-R is not an official non-profit organization, it still has a need for donations and bequests to benefit its members. Anyone wishing to contribute to the new scholarship fund should contact Nancy Brown at 278-5610.

ARTEMIS PROJECT

Members are reminded to donate school supplies or money to the Artemis House. Take your donations to any meeting for the remainder of the year. There is always a need for school supplies, which are greatly appreciated by the students. Please be sure to take your supplies in a bag or box so that they can be easily transported after the meeting. Nancy Mullins will collect supplies at each meeting and take them to Artemis. Money contributions will be used to buy gas cards for older students or mothers to transport their students to school.

SCREENING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

OEA president Pat Frost-Brooks appointed Arnetta Depp and three others to the STRS Retirement Board Screening Committee at the Sept. 25 OEA Board of Directors meeting. OEA vice-president Bill Leibensperger will chair the screening committee.

PHONE CALLS PAY OFF

Congratulations to Wanda Adams for winning a 2 GB iPod Shuffle. Wanda won the third prize for making phone calls for Campaign 2010 encouraging fellow educators to vote for education friendly people in the November election.

OEA-R CANDIDATES

Arnetta Depp, Elvira Montgomery, and Joan Klein represented WOE-R on the statewide ballot to become delegates to the OEA Representative Assembly. Results have not been announced.

WOEA-R DELEGATES

Wanda Adams and Elvira Montgomery will be representing WOE-R at the WOE-R Representative Assembly Nov. 17 at Northmont High School.

THANK YOU TO DEA

Thank you to DEA for the use of the DEA office for WOE-R mailings. We very much appreciate DEA's allowing us to copy and mail our newsletter at their office. Although we use the facilities, we do pay our own copying and mailing costs.

ROSTER CORRECTIONS

Jane Rahn: 898-3895
Sheila Campbell: 849-1518

POEM BY RUTH ANN PECK

At the September meeting, former Northmont Junior High English teacher Ruth Ann Peck read several of her poems to those in attendance. The following poem is one that Ruth Ann wrote for her students. Each year she would give them a copy of the poem with a personal note of affection or encouragement.

*The calendar shows it's that time of year
For classes and homework to end,
To clean out your locker and pack away books
And say goodbye to friends.*

*To sleep late in the morning and play in the sun,
To relax in the shade of a tree,
To goof off with a buddy and watch the late show,
To vacation and swim and be free.*

*But before you take off on your summer of fun,
There's something I want you to know:
I liked being your teacher and helping you learn
I liked helping your intellect grow.*

*One more thing I'll say before you depart:
Every student is special to me,
You touched my life—I hope I touched yours
With visions of the success you can be!*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 9: STRS Conference in Dayton
Nov. 17: WOE-R meeting
Nov. 17: WOE-R Representative Assembly
Dec. 5: OEA Representative Assembly
Dec. 15: WOE-R meeting
Apr. 13: WOE-R Representative Assembly
May 6-2: OEA Representative Assembly

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RSVP FORM

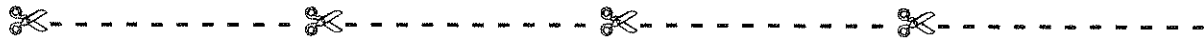
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Name _____ Phone _____

Return form with check for \$27 to:

Jane Rahn
7756 Claude Rd.
Dayton, OH 45414

Deadline: Nov. 8, 2010 (Note: limited to first 22 people)



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