

# DISCOVER NEW HORIZONS

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## NOVEMBER MEETING

A tour of the Schuster Performing Arts Center is on the agenda for the Nov. 16 meeting. The tour will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at Citilites in the Schuster Center. Members will order from the menu. Prices range from \$6.95 to \$9.95 before tax and tip. The Schuster Center is located in downtown Dayton at the corner of Second and Main streets. Return the RSVP form or call Jane Rahn (898-3895) by Nov. 9.

## DECEMBER MEETING

The annual holiday lunch and gift exchange will be at The Caroline restaurant, 5 South Market Street in Troy Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. Be sure to take a wrapped gift in the \$5-7 range. Members will order from the menu (\$8-12 plus tax and tip). RSVP to Jane Rahn by Dec. 9 by returning the RSVP form or calling Jane at the number above.

## FALL FORUM

For the second consecutive year, WOEa will host a Fall Forum Nov. 16 instead of a representative assembly. Nine different breakout sessions will be offered to those attending. All WOEa and WOEa-R members are invited to attend. Registration will start at 4:30 p.m. followed by opening remarks by WOEa President Valerie Roldan at 5 p.m. Breakout sessions, including boxed dinners, will begin at 5:45 p.m.

**Sessions:** 1. New Healthcare Laws  
2. Technology Pitfalls 3. Know Your Rights  
4. Panel discussion about the film An Inconvenient Truth behind Waiting For Superman  
5. Asperger's Syndrome—Define Me video  
6. Professional Learning Communities—Making It Happen  
7. What Free Time? Life After Retirement (NOTE: This session

will be led by WOEa-R member Arnetta Depp.) 8. Conversation with OEA Officers  
9. Are You Financially Prepared For Retirement?

Register online at [www.woea.org](http://www.woea.org) by Nov. 9. Box dinners will be provided by WOEa. Prizes will be given at the end of the event to 12 lucky winners who attend the opening ceremony and one session and then remain until the end for the drawing. Prizes include ten \$50 gas cards, an HP Netbook and a NOOK.

## ESP DINNER

WOEA will recognize the work of Education Support Professionals with an appreciation dinner and training Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 5 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 2301 Wagoner Ford Road in Dayton. "Dealing with People You Can't Stand" is the topic. Dress is business casual. Register at [www.woea.org](http://www.woea.org) by Nov. 2.

## WOEA DELEGATES

Representing WOEa-R at the WOEa Fall Forum and Spring Representative Assembly will be Wanda Adams and Dawn Wojcik. Serving as alternates are Arnetta Depp, Phil Long, Elvira Montgomery and Nancy Brown.

## OEA-RA ELECTIONS

WOEA-R members on the OEA-R state ballot to attend the fall and spring RAs as delegates are Phil Long, Arnetta Depp and Elvira Montgomery. Please support our members with your votes.

## STRS REPRESENTATIVE

Arnetta Depp will be representing retired members on the STRS screening committee.

# VOTE NO ON ISSUE 2

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With fewer than two weeks to go before Nov. 8, it is more important than ever to work toward the repeal of Senate Bill 5 with a NO vote on Issue/Referendum 2.

What can WOE-R members do? They can encourage friends, family members and neighbors to vote on or before election day. They can work the next two weekends knocking on doors and making phone calls.

Canvassing neighborhoods in easy (targeted homes are mostly anti-Issue 2) and good exercise. Calling voters requires little effort and can be done from home (no face-to-face meetings). Everyone can do something to help.

Contact Jane Rahn (898-3895) or Dawn Wojcik (837-6015) to volunteer.

## THANKS FOR YOUR HELP

WOE-R Chairperson Jane Rahn thanks everyone who has worked so far to defeat Issue 2. Whether it was encouraging others to vote, explaining the issue to those who were confused, sending e-mails to family and friends or posting information on Facebook, everyone's efforts are appreciated.

## VOTING EARLY

Plenty of time is left for absentee and early voting. Avoid the election day crowds, and vote at your convenience. The following is a list of County Boards of Election and their locations and phone numbers. (You can also text 225568 with your county's name, and you will receive a reply with your voting location as well as a phone number to call for hours.)

**Montgomery:** 451 W. Third St., Dayton  
937-225-5656

**Greene:** 551 Ledbetter Rd., Xenia  
937-562-6170

**Miami:** 215 W. Main St., Troy  
937-440-3900

**Darke:** 300 Garst Ave., Greenville  
937-548-1835

**Prebble:** 101 E. Main St., Eaton  
937-456-8117

**Mercer:** 101 N. Main St., Rm 107, Celina  
419-586-2215

**Shelby:** 230 E. Court St. Sidney  
937-498-7207

**Auglaize:** 209 S. Blackhoof St., Wapak  
419-739-6720

Contact your local board of election or visit [www.WeAreOhio.com](http://www.WeAreOhio.com) for absentee ballot information.

## CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION

David Bowen, OEA-R President, sent a letter to retirees encouraging retired teachers to donate \$54 and retired ESPs to contribute \$25 (the amounts assessed to active members) to We Are Ohio, the coalition working to repeal Senate Bill 5. Please consider making a donation in any amount to help finance this campaign. Donations can be made online at [www.WeAreOhio.com](http://www.WeAreOhio.com) or by mail to We Are Ohio, P.O. Box 2712, Columbus, OH 43216-2712.

## NEA HELP

Knowing the importance of the outcome of Issue 2 to the rest of the country, NEA is working hand-in-hand with OEA to defeat the issue. As election day draws near, NEA is sending people to help in the effort to get out the vote and repeal Senate Bill 5. Sarah Markey (Northeast Region) was in town last week and visited the WOE-R meeting Oct. 19. She also attended a WOE-R rally Oct. 22 and then canvassed neighborhoods with other volunteers. Neighboring states also plan to send NEA members to help their Ohio brothers and sisters.