

# The Voice

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### 32nd Annual Awards & Retirement Banquet

The Annual CEA Awards Banquet was held on Friday, May 30, 2008. Nearly four hundred guests were present in the ballroom of the Hyatt Regency. This is always a very festive occasion as a large number of our members complete their work for the Columbus City Schools and matriculate into retirement.



Attendees at the Awards &amp; Retirement Banquet

#### Association service

The banquet always provides the opportunity for CEA to acknowledge and to honor individuals who have given special service to the Association, and this year was no exception.

Barbara Flu-Allen and Tracey Johnson were each presented Distinguished Service Awards. Both of these notable members have completed their terms on the Board of Governors and have served the Association in many other capacities.

The Builder of the Association Award was presented to Lou Komives. Lou has consistently been a strong supporter of the union, whether serving as a faculty representative or as a member of one of our many crisis committees. Over the years, Lou has added to the strength of the CEA.

The Outstanding Member Award was given to Anne Gibson. Anne has served the teachers of Columbus in many capacities. We are proud to honor Anne who has consistently stood up for teachers and special education throughout her career.

#### Honoring special friends

Your Association presented special awards to people from the community at the banquet. The Friend of Education for 2008 is W. Carlton Weddington. He has been an outstanding member of the Columbus Board of Education. Carlton has always been open and receptive to the ideas of our teachers. He has asked the right questions and been proactive on the Board. W. Carlton Weddington has been a model school board member, and we appreciate the service he has provided to the children of Columbus.

The Innovator in Education Award is given in honor of the late Tom Mooney, good friend of CEA and former President of the Ohio Federation of Teachers. This year's winner is Sylvester Small, Superintendent of the Akron Public Schools. Dr. Small has been a very creative leader in his school system. He was open to new ideas and started a number of programs that we could benefit from studying. Dr. Small led the Ohio 8 and understood how important partnerships continue to be in education.

#### Outstanding Faculty Representatives

CEA is proud of our Faculty Representatives. They are the backbone of the Association. Each year, the District Governors select a Faculty Representative to be honored for exemplary work. We salute the following for their service:

District 1	Maggie Burnes	Whetstone HS
District 2	Kay Skopin	Maize ES
District 3	Maggie Davis	Brookhaven HS
District 4	Tiffini Pannell	Windsor ES
District 5	Cynthia Jones	Eastmoor MS
District 6	Mary Vieth	Eakin ES
District 7	Claudia Eschelbach	South HS
District 8	Dianne Stickel	Cedarwood ES
District 9	Vern Miller	Yorktown MS
District 10	Beverly Carter	Nurses
District 11	Anne Gibson	PAR

#### 2008 retirees

CEA congratulates all of our members who are retiring this spring. The following individuals were honored at the CEA Awards Banquet.\* These retirees represent more than 1,380 years of service to public education.

James Allen	Marilyn Herd	Teresa Smoak (Posthumous)
Victoria Cambotti	Bonni Katona	Carolyn Stocco
Alicia Campbell	Mitzi Keith	Anne Stopper
Marcia Carter	Deborah Kidwell	Terry Streng
Jean Cline	Louis Komives	Marilyn Sutton
Molly Cooper	Jeanette Lee	Patricia Taylor
Juanita Dimler	Constance McGowan	Marguerite Thomas
Sandra Dodd	Elmer Mitchell	Richard Tracy
Janice Eddey	John Pierce	Pamela Treboni
Emogene Ellsley	Alida Pletcher	Louraine Wagner
Judi Fowlkes	Deborah Price	Betty Watson
Michele Gagen	Beth Rabb	John Williams
Michael Gibbons	Penny Sanecki	Carlene Wymer
Anne Gibson	Sharon Simmons	Barbara Young
Shirley Gramby	Sharon Sims	

\*The names of individuals listed were submitted when *The Voice* went to press.

#### Retirees look to the future

Retiring CEA members are introduced individually at the Annual Retirement Banquet. As they come forward to be recognized, biographical information provided by the retiree is shared.

The following are some examples of their goals and plans for the future. There *is* life after teaching!

• **Mary Carter:** Since I love animals, I would like to work at the zoo. I also would enjoy working with a caterer or in a pastry shop. • **Alicia Campbell:** First, I thank God for bringing me to this place and time. I feel like a kid in a candy store. I can get back into tennis. Venus and Serena—*no need to worry.* • **Juanita Dimler:** Travel to China again for an extended stay. Attend the university to learn about other countries, technology, languages (Farsi and Mandarin). • **Michele Gagen:** Reading, traveling, biking, hiking, photography, gardening and playing with my seven grandchildren. Plus, build a log home. • **Michael Gibbons:** Golf, maintaining classic cars, photography, model railroading and bird watching. Plus, spend more time with family. • **Louis Komives:** Needlepoint, knitting, exotic cooking, ballroom dancing, sumo wrestling. Take graduate-level courses at George Hamilton School of Tanning. •

**Connie McGowan:** Drawing, painting, quilting, embroidery, glass fusing, pastels, sewing and gardening. Do all 24/7 with breaks for eating and sleeping and spending time with my three fantastic kids. • **Beth Rabb:** Photography (especially of wild flowers), walking in the woods. Volunteer to campaign for B. Obama, hopefully, or H. Clinton, if necessary. • **Penny Sanecki:** Take part in loggerhead turtle rescues in North Carolina. Work in a pet store. Enjoy days of falling snow and ice. Don't have to listen at 6 a.m. hoping CPS calls a snow day. • **Sharon Sims:** Bicycling across the country, traveling the world, rehabbing houses and writing. Reinventing my life looking for new adventures. • **Terry Streng:** As a baseball coach, I've opened a hitting school (to instruct hitting), continue flying and getting an instrument rating, vacationing with family at our cottage on Middle Bass Island. • **Barbara Young:** Travel to Europe, see many plays, get healthy. The very first plan is to see the Smokey Mountains in the fall. Begin working in the theatre again.

### CEA scholarship recipients

For more than two decades, CEA has honored and supported students with scholarships at the CEA Annual Awards & Retirement Banquet. We congratulate this year's winners and salute their parents.

**Ian Joseph Craig, son of Marisa Craig**  
(Northgate Center)

**CEA Christa McAuliffe Scholarship**

*(named in memory of the late teacher-astronaut and awarded for pursuing a degree in education)*

**Megan Tan, daughter of Susan Tan**  
(East Columbus ES and Cassady ES)

**CEA General Scholarship**

*(awarded for pursuing a degree in higher education)*

**Jasmine Ayers, daughter of Dawn Ayers**  
(Northland HS)

**CEA-R Scholarship**

*(funded by retired teachers through fund-raising efforts)*

**Michelle Krelko, daughter of Brent Krelko**  
(Northland HS)

**Joan Donley CEA-R Scholarship**

*(awarded in honor of the first CEA-R President)*

**Sierra Gregory**

**John E. Grossman Scholarship**

*(awarded in honor of the long-time CEA President to a student leader at South HS)*

### TBS creates a strong voice

Congratulations to District 10 and 11 members who support Teachers for Better Schools. This is CEA's political-action arm, a separate committee that advocates for the benefit of teachers in the political arena.

We wish to thank the following members who see the value of investing in the political process.

**CEA Dist. 10:** Jason Aagenas, Robin Aagenas, Dale Alkula, Marla Arnold, Julie Baker, Joyce Bolden, Robert Brown, Sharon Brown, Mary Bushek, Nancy Buttermann, Kelly Campbell, Loretta Cannon, Tonia Cardwell, Beverly Carter, Tamiko Carter, Rita Chatel, Robert Chestnut, Nancy Click, Susan Craig, Ernestine Creasy, Francis Curran, Carolyn Egan, Barbara Flu-Allen, Sally French, Brunetta Garrard, Brenda Garrett, Anne Gibson, Sheena Haggard, Tamara Hampton, Virginia Hardy, Rodney Harrelson, Evelyn Harris, Gail Heffner-Charles, Martha Hilditch, Pamela Hochadel, Michelle Hooper, Deborah Huffman-Mirib, Patrick Hughes, Marisa Johnson, Alisa Jones, Elizabeth Keller, Reneé Kelley, Sari Kelley, Patricia Kiefer, Pamela Kindinger, James King, Kona Kirkbride, Jane Klenk, Monica Lamb, Jeanette Lee, Jennifer Luke, Deborah Matan, Christine McMahon, Sylvia Moritz, Cathy Nelson, Marti Netler, Theresa Ntukogu, Linda Parzero, Kathryn Penn, Beth Rabb, Robin Ripley, Kathleen Schabo, Helen Schweitzer, Heidi Sherer, Danita Shuler, Dolores Smith, Tara



Staron, Alan Stephens, Alyce Stoops, Anne Stopper, Suzanne Thompson, Sara Timms, Jennifer Tingley, Richard Tracy, Lanell Wade, Rodney Washington, Cara Welling, Thomas Wheeler, Marilyn Wikoff and Vera Wisner.

**CEA Dist. 11:** Nancy Alley, Anne Allison, Doreen Appel, Paul Atkinson, Joan Baker, Michael Barnes, Brenda Bryant, Kelli Cline, Marcia Conley, Rebecca Coyne, Carol Cruickshank, Charles Eckler, Janis Farley, Peter Ford, Judith Fowlkes, Dean Fowls, Kathleen Freund, Sarah Gee, Amy Haggard, Howard Hartman, Lina Himes, Christine Hoell, Jane Holden, Brian Houchins, David House, Kassie Hurley, Mary Kennett, Daniel Lahut, Terry Logan Mottinger, Luanne MacGillavry, Wendy Mattucci, David McEvoy, Mark McGuire, Melanie Morrison, Angela Nelson, James Noice, Tonia Pace, Valerie Parks, Susan Payton, Mark Rooker, Dorie Schriener-Murray, Mary Sebenoler, Susan Shelton, Robert Sidders, Anita Simonis, Mary Souch, Norma Stepp, Susan Tan, Mary Jo Wasierski, Diane Weaver, Andrew Weibel, Michele West, Jessica Wharton, Kenneth Winstel, Karen Woods, Judy Wright and Michele Writsel-Lopez.

### Support I Know I Can

Recently, CEA President Rhonda Johnson received a letter about the I Know I Can (IKIC) program from its founder, Thekla Shackelford. As the program that helps Columbus high school students apply to and graduate from college approaches its 20th year, its managers and volunteers remain committed to their mission.



CEA has been a strong supporter of the IKIC program from the beginning. Millions of dollars have been raised over the past two decades to help our students go to college. Members may use payroll deduction to support IKIC. Just one dollar per pay goes a long way in helping a deserving student earn a college degree.

We want to thank our friends in the community who continue to help the young people of Columbus. Above all, we thank Thekla—a former CCS teacher—for everything she has done. CEA continues its support of the IKIC program and asks every member to spread the word about this great opportunity.

### Lots of recycling bins available

SWACO expanded its recycling drop-off locations to every Columbus City School this past school year. This is free service. The recycling containers are available to the public weekdays from 5–9 p.m. and weekends 9 a.m.–6 p.m. now and throughout the summer. To find out where, visit [www.swaco.org/SchoolSites.aspx](http://www.swaco.org/SchoolSites.aspx).

### Special notes

- Complete the **Notice of Election for Annualized Salary** form along with your contract or assignment notice if you are paid over a 12-month period (Plan B: 26 pays) in order to avoid additional tax penalties. **The deadline is June 6.** You can also download a copy of the form by going to [www.ceahio.org/newsPage.aspx?artID=335](http://www.ceahio.org/newsPage.aspx?artID=335).
- Don't jeopardize your employment. **Get your BCI and FBI checks done by July 15.** Vendors will be available at various schools **through June 4.**
- If you are attending paid professional development over the summer,** take note: **You need to keep your own records concerning your attendance dates and times.** If you are not paid within a reasonable amount of time, please check with the program coordinator and call CEA.
- Don't forget about CEA.** Check the CEA Web site over the summer for updates that affect the next school year. Also, be sure we have your summer address, cell phone number and personal e-mail address. Send your information to the CEA office or e-mail us at [jnelson@ceahio.org](mailto:jnelson@ceahio.org).