

# The Voice

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## Join us Jan. 14 for the MLK Dinner

Get your tickets for the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Dinner. The event will be held at the Hyatt Regency Columbus on Wednesday, Jan. 14. Join us for an exciting evening as we honor the memory of Dr. King and honor community leaders.



The evening begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner following at 6:45 p.m. Make your reservations now by calling the CEA at 253-4731. We expect the dinner to be a sold-out event.

This year, we honor Clarence Lumpkin with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award and Carole Moyer with the Helen Jenkins Davis Award. Our keynote speaker is Roland Martin, commentator for *TV One Cable Network* and a *CNN* analyst.

Martin was named by *Ebony Magazine* in 2008 as one of the 150 Most Influential African Americans in the United States. He also is the 2008 winner of the NAACP Image Award for Best Interview for "In Conversation: The Sen. Barack Obama Interview."

Martin appears frequently on *MSNBC*, *FOX News*, *Court TV*, *BET Nightly News*, *BBC News*, *National Public Radio*, *The Word Network*, *America's Black Forum*, *American Urban Radio Networks*, the *Tom Joyner Morning Show* and NPR's *News and Notes*.

Clarence Lumpkin, known as "the Mayor of Linden," is a community activist. He has lived in the neighborhood for more than 40 years and has been tireless in his insistence that it could be revitalized to breathe economic life into the central city and become a point of pride for its residents.

Carole Moyer has brought her passion for the community's children into the classroom. She is a longtime CCS kindergarten teacher and national presenter, trainer, assessment developer and consultant to the National Board Certification process. Moyer was one of five finalists for the NEA Members Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence. (the only one chosen from Ohio) and received the NEA's Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence.

communal responsibility for each other.

Thanks goes to Beechcroft HS, Colerain ES, Champion MS, Dana ES, Devonshire ES, Douglas ES, Georgian Heights ES, Heyl ES, Hilltonia MS, École Kenwood, Leewood ES, Liberty ES, Lindbergh ES, Livingston ES @Beck, Medina MS, Northtowne ES, PAR, Parkmoor ES, Ridgeview MS, Scottwood ES, Siebert ES, Valley Forge ES, Wedgewood MS, Weinland Park ES, Westgate ES and Westmoor MS for completing their United Way campaigns.

CEA also congratulates and thanks you for participating in the 2008 United Way Prize Contest. The winners are:

### \$500+ Donor Grand Prize

\$200 Target Gift Card ..... Jean Reph, Wedgewood MS

### Payroll Deduction Donor Grand Prize

\$200 Target Gift Card ..... Jan Bell, Northland HS

### \$250 Level Prizes

Blue Jacket Tickets ..... Tom Busher, SECC

William Compton, Eastmoor Academy

Charlotte Rudd, Broadleigh ES

Lisa Stamos, Sullivant ES

\$50 Lowes Gift Cards ..... Greta Robinson, Northgate Center

Steve Zwelling, Internal Auditor's Office

\$50 Circuit City Gift Cards ..... Jami Cullen, Hilltonia MS

Kim Weiss, Cedarwood ES

### \$125 Level Prizes

\$30 Target Gift Cards ..... Elizabeth Fitz, Whetstone HS

Charlene Gomer, Alum Crest HS

Sherry Jackson, Beery MS

Christie Johnson, OT/PT

James Noice, Elem. Physical Education

Carol Lynch, Heyl ES

Dagmar Wolcott, Mifflin HS

Eileen Weidner, Oakmont ES

### \$60 Level Prizes

\$20 Gas Cards ..... Duane Bland, Northland HS

Leslee Gantner, Walnut Ridge HS

Wyk McGowan, Eastmoor Academy

Nancy Moushey, Dominion MS

Rita Sheets-Coleman, A.G. Bell ES

Carolyn Williams, Clinton ES

## Live United and win

We extend our thanks to employees who donated to United Way. You can feel great about the good you are doing, providing assistance to needy families, improving the community through economic development and creating a sense of



## Calamity days

As winter weather approaches, there is always the potential need to cancel classes due to extreme weather conditions.

As a result of the power outages due to the windstorms experienced in September during Hurricane Ike, most of our schools used four of the five state-allotted annual calamity days. Eleven schools have used all five.

Joint CEA/administrative discussions have determined that any calamity days used beyond five will be made up at the end of the year. The last currently scheduled day for students in June 4, but it is possible we may be in session a few days longer.

The law requires that we provide 182 instructional school days each year. If you have any questions, please call CEA.

## Declare your candidacy

If you enjoy getting involved in the Association, then you might want to consider running to become a delegate to the National Education Association and the Ohio Education Association Representative Assemblies or to become a District Governor.

It's an exciting way to serve your fellow educators. The Fall OEA Assembly occurs on the first Saturday in December. The Spring OEA Assembly usually occurs in May and is an all-day Friday and Saturday meeting. From July 1–6, 2009, delegates attend the NEA Representative Assembly in San Diego.

The following positions are open in the Columbus Education Association Spring 2009 elections:

- ◆ Governors for Districts 3 and 6
- ◆ High School Governor-at-Large
- ◆ NEA delegates to the 2009 Representative Assembly
- ◆ OEA delegates to the 2009–2010

Members may declare their candidacy for these positions from today through Jan. 30. Candidates may campaign from Feb. 2–13. Voting will take place in all buildings/units from Feb. 17–Mar. 2. The Elections Committee will tabulate votes on Mar. 3.

## Additional PAS awardees

Another group of teachers has earned the PAS bonus. We congratulate Staci Church (Johnson Park MS), Nichole Schwinnen (Alpine ES), Amy Roush (Alpine ES) and Kelly Morgan (Parsons ES).

The Performance Advancement System is an opportunity for CEA members to research classroom activities and identify the best instructional strategies for promoting student achievement.

Participants in PAS who complete all requirements and have an approved IPDP on file can earn 3 CEUs. Participants whose mean student achievement gain exceeds the overall District gain by 3 NCE also can earn \$2,500. If you would like to learn how you can participate, call CEA.

## You can do it

CEA and the Capital District are pleased to announce a wonderful professional development opportunity for our members. The NEA Academy is offering an online classroom management course entitled *I Can Do It!* The course is designed for new and experienced teachers at no cost to our members. The great thing is you can complete the course in the privacy of your home. This is a way to enhance what you are already doing in your classroom and to gain new ideas.

To enroll, surf to [www.neaacademy.org](http://www.neaacademy.org) and click on the *I Can Do It!* icon, and follow the instructions. Once you enroll, e-mail Tracey Johnson at [tjohnson@ceaohio.org](mailto:tjohnson@ceaohio.org). Let her know you have enrolled so CEA can keep track of how many of our members are taking the course.

If you would like to receive CEUs:

1. Log in to CiMS at <https://columbus.schoolnet.com>.
2. Click the **PD Planner** tab.
3. Click on **Activity Catalog**.
4. Next to **Keyword** in **Activity Catalog: Search**, type in **ICANDOIT** and then click in the box next to **Show only open Sections**.
5. Click on the **Search** button. You will now see a listing of the activity.
6. To register, click on the **SECTION** (second column) not the Activity. Your section name is

*Winter Section: January - March, 2009.*

7. Scroll down to the bottom of the details page and click on the **Register** button to register. **NOTE: IF YOU SEE A BUTTON THAT SAYS "SUBMIT ACTIVITY FOR RECERTIFICATION CREDIT," DO NOT CLICK ON IT!**

To receive CEUs, you must register no later than Jan. 15, 2009. Once you have completed the course, send your certificate of completion along with your classroom management plan to Tracey Johnson at the CEA office to receive CEUs. You can take the course even if do not want CEUs.

For more information about the course, CEUs or how to enroll, contact Tracey Johnson at 253-4731. E-mail her at [tjohnson@ceaohio.org](mailto:tjohnson@ceaohio.org).

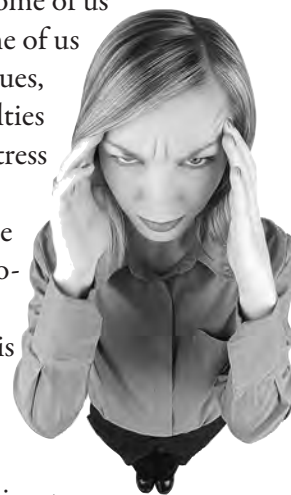
## Stressed out? Help is here

Some stress is a fact of life. But some of us experience it more than others. Some of us are dealing with work and family issues, depression, financial or legal difficulties or other problems that elevate our stress levels.

That's why we have the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). This program allows you to speak to or visit with a counselor or psychologist. It is confidential, private and is a negotiated benefit of employment with CCS.

The provider, People Resources, is set up for in-person, telephone and online assistance and can help you deal with stress, find child- or elder-care, a lawyer, a financial consultant and many other services.

To find out more or to seek help, call People Resources at 800-765-9124. The service is available 24 hours a day, every day. You also can communicate with therapists and read helpful articles by setting up your own personal account at [www.Worklifetools.com](http://www.Worklifetools.com).



## Silence from CEA?

You may have noticed you are no longer receiving e-mail messages from the CEA. You may have unintentionally opted out of *all* e-mail messages from CEA when you opted out of one message.

If this has happened to you, send your personal e-mail address to [bhern@ceaohio.org](mailto:bhern@ceaohio.org). It is important that CEA can communicate with you in a fast, efficient way.

## Special notes

- ❑ The **Wednesday, Jan 14, 2009**, meeting of the LPDC has been **rescheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 28**, to accommodate people who want to attend the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner.
- ❑ **Live theater for kids**—Teachers can take their students to see performances at the **Wexner Center for the Arts** beginning this month. Teachers will receive curriculum materials for use in the classroom. Shows are *Wolf Under the Bed*, Jan. 15–16, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and *At Nightfall*, Apr. 24, at 10 am. Call 292-6493. Bus subsidies are available.
- ❑ **Correction:** The phone number for **Roger Corey, NEA Valuebuilder, Security Benefit**, was incorrect on the printed flyer you received from CEA about new IRS regulations for 403(b) Plans (Tax Sheltered Annuities). The correct phone number for Roger Corey is **740-549-0804**.