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CEA Awards & Retirement Banquet

The 34th Annual CEA Awards & Retirement Banquet was held on Friday, May 21. More than 350 guests attended the event held at The Westin Columbus. The event is a celebration held for members who have gone above and beyond the call of duty in Association work as well as those who are retiring.

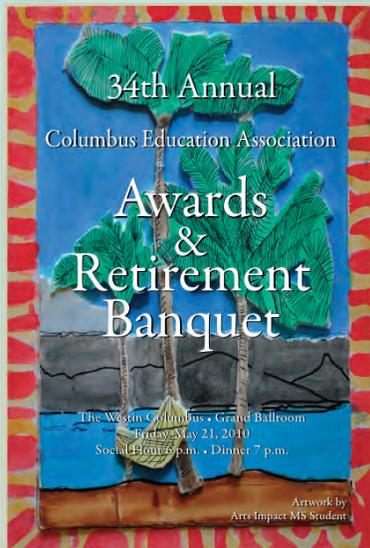
Greg Goodlander was presented with a Distinguished Service Award for his four years on the CEA Board of Governors. He was the Governor of District 1 and the CEA Legislative Coordinator. Diana Welsh was also presented with a Distinguished Service Award, concluding her term on the Board of Governors. Diana has served as Middle School Governor-At-Large and is a member of the OEA Board of Directors.

The Outstanding Member award was presented to Dean Fowls. In addition to serving on the LPDC and countless interview teams, Dean has consistently been an enthusiastic supporter of every charitable campaign conducted by the Association. He is fondly known as "Teacher No. 1" for his popularity in Association delegate elections.

The Builder of the Association Award is presented to a member whose contributions have led to significant advancement and growth of the union. This year's recipient, CEA Budget Director Tom Busher, has made certain that the financial aspects of the Association have been conducted in a responsible, conscientious manner. "Tom has brought unprecedented professionalism and quality to the office of CEA Budget Director," said CEA President Rhonda Johnson.

The Friend of Education Award is given to an individual or a group that has shown commitment and dedication to the educational mission of Columbus City Schools. This year's award was presented to United Way of Central Ohio. "With the United Way's *Ready, Set, Learn* initiative, preschoolers who live in our school district will be helped to get the intervention services they need," said CEA President Rhonda Johnson. Janet Jackson, President and CEO of United Way of Central Ohio, accepted the award on behalf of the organization.

The Innovator in Education Award is presented to an individual or group whose progressive leadership and creativity have led to bold reforms in public education. The Governor's Office was presented with the award for the ambitious House Bill 1 and the Ohio Evidence Based Model. John Stanford, Education Policy Executive Assistant to the Governor, accepted the award.



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	Dale Rucker	Como ES
District 2	Olivia Siegfried	Salem ES
District 3	Annalese Lynch	Innis ES
District 4	Faye Love	Linden STEM
District 5	Deborah Williams	Franklin Alt. MS
District 6	Kimberly Moore	Eakin ES
District 7	Gary Thomas	Columbus Africentric ECSS
District 8	Claudia Eschelbach	Marion-Franklin HS
District 9	Karen Andermills	Oakmont ES
District 10	Renée Kelley	Counselors
District 11	Michael Barnes	Kingswood Data Center

2010 retirees

CEA congratulates all of our members who are retiring this spring. The following individuals were honored at the CEA Awards Banquet:

Marvin Bohanan	Deborah O. Glenn	Karen D. Penn-Scott
Marilyn F. Boyd	Jeffrey L. Groff	Marylou P. Posey
Jacqueline S. Burns	Timothy S. Hackett	Carol N. Rafferty
Thomas C. Busher	Kathleen A. Hall	Dinu Mike Rehner
Barbara Carlock Flu-Allen	Michael M. Hochadel	Hope L. Rhea
Susan I. Chmielewski	Robin W. Holland	Laura H. Roberts
John S. Conte	Susan L. Hutchison	Wendeline B. Ross
Roberta B. Core	Mary H. Jones	Annette F. Shaw
Donna J. Curtis	Pamela S. Kindinger	Mary Pauline Souch
Steven R. Decatur	Frances R. Knaus	Mary L. Thompson
Connie E. Denk	Karen A. Kersh Kurapkat	Ann R. Wagner Hill
Karen R. Douglas	Daniel A. Lahut	Nancy Walters
Gwendolyn Ferguson	Nancy T. McLymont	Sandra Y. Waters-Holley
Cynthia J. Florer	Darlene L. Murdock	Deborah S. White
Don H. Galbraith	Shirley A. Nyhan	James E. White
Judy Catozza Gatti		

Retirees look to the future

Retiring CEA members were introduced individually at the banquet. As they came forward to be recognized, biographical information provided by the retirees was shared. Marilyn Boyd wrote the following song to the tune of "Bye Bye Blackbird":

Pack up all my books and chalk. Say "so long" to the Hamilton Hawks, Bye-bye Blackboard. No more duties, interims or GLIs. My plans are done, Bye-bye Blackboard. Wait! I see a kid just broke a rule. I stop him he says, "I hate this school." Make my bed and light the light. I'll watch Letterman late tonight. Blackboard, Bye-bye!

CEA scholarship recipients

For more than two decades, CEA has honored and supported students with scholarships at the banquet. We congratulate this year's winners and their CEA-member parents.

Christa McAuliffe Scholarship

Patricia Bergstrom
Daughter of Amy Jones (Eastgate ES)

CEA General Scholarship

Jacqueline Wilder
Daughter of Merele Wilder (Weinland Park ES)

CEA-R Scholarship

Megan Jackson
Daughter of Aaron & Lori Jackson (Briggs HS/Whetstone HS)

Joan Donley CEA-R Scholarship

Victor Proto-Newton
Son of Molly Proto (School Psychologists)

The John E. Grossman Memorial Scholarship

Joseph Hester, South HS Student

Phasing out income tax devastating for public schools, OEA reports

House Bill 400, introduced by Republicans in the Ohio House of Representatives, would begin a phaseout of the Ohio income tax. The measure would pose "devastating" cuts for Ohio school districts and impose even greater burdens on local property taxpayers, said Ohio Education Association President Patricia Frost-Brooks.

The proposed legislation strikes at the heart of OEA's efforts to work with all stakeholders in order to protect education funding in Ohio, Frost-Brooks said. The impact of the legislation is clearly seen for K-12 education. OEA will seek clarity on how this ill-advised plan would affect higher education, as well as employees OEA represents in Developmental Disability, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and other areas of state government.

By reducing state revenues, the measure would cut between \$205 million and \$663 million from Ohio schools in the first year of the income tax phase-out, according to scenarios developed by the Ohio Legislative Service Commission.

When the income tax would be fully eliminated, the impact would be a \$2 billion cut from Ohio school district budgets—using 2009 Ohio Department of Education budget estimates as a base for comparison.

House Bill 400 parallels a campaign proposal by Republican gubernatorial candidate John Kasich to eliminate the Ohio income tax.

The Ohio Education Association has registered a strong protest against House Bill 400 in a letter to the House Ways and Means Committee.

"Eliminating Ohio's income tax would have a devastating impact on state-funded services including K-12 and higher education," wrote OEA President Patricia Frost-Brooks. "The income tax accounts for approximately 40 percent of the state budget. On average, the state income tax elimination would equal a 20 to 25 percent reduction to every school district budget in Ohio."

The passage of H.B. 400 would place an unbearable burden on local school districts and their taxpayers to raise enough money locally to support their school programs. Lacking state support, school districts will be forced to slash vital academic offerings, increase class sizes, reduce transportation services and eliminate extracurricular activities. H.B. 400 is not a viable solution for Ohio's students and economy.

Correction: Westgate ES was in attendance at the May 6 Legislative Assembly. We apologize for the omission.

Special notes

- ❑ Be sure CCS has your correct address and preferred phone number. Complete a **Change of Address form** and send it to CCS. Go to <http://bit.ly/cz.ASr3> to download the form.
- ❑ **Muskingum University** is offering the **TESOL Endorsement** this summer. A seven-week session **begins in June** for \$370 per semester hour. Praxis II preparation is included. Hours count toward a Master's degree at Muskingum. You can complete the program by Fall 2010 with only four courses. Classes will be held in **Hilliard** and **Pickerington**. Online classes are combined with face-to-face meetings. **Call Nancy Bradley** at (740) 826-8038, or e-mail nbradley@muskingum.edu.
- ❑ **Art. 211 Job Fairs at Northgate, Room G at 4:30 p.m.:** The Job Fair on **Wednesday, June 2**, is for high school positions requiring subject certificates (7-12 & 4-9 Regular) and positions requiring special certificates [K-12 Certificates (Art, Music, PE, etc.)]. The Job Fair on **Thursday, June 3**, is for elementary and middle school positions requiring Elementary & Middle Childhood Certificates (K-8, 1-8, PreK-3 & 4-9).
- ❑ Each year, teachers have the opportunity to **change pay plans. Plan A is 21 pays** (Sept.-June) and **Plan B is 26 pays** (Sept.-Aug.). You may switch during the open period, which **closes Aug. 30**. Those who work in year-round programs must choose Plan B. For questions, call CEA or the district payroll office at 365-6440.
- ❑ Nominations are being accepted for the **OEA Emerging Leaders Program** training, **Aug. 2-4**. The program offers training in communication, assertiveness, team building, conflict management and decision making. **Nomination forms are due by June 15**. Interested members should contact Parry Norris at (740) 439-7751 or 800-255-5748 or e-mail at norrisp@ohea.org for more information.
- ❑ CEA is **accepting classified ads for the c.e.a.list** section of the webpage. Selling something? Looking for something? Providing a service? Place an ad. Visit the CEA website at www.ceaohio.org, and click on *c.e.a.list* at the left-hand side of the homepage.

Have a good summer

It has been a tough year, but teachers have done an outstanding job improving student achievement. Now is the time to refresh ourselves, to catch up on coursework, enjoy ourselves and just relax. Take time for you. We look forward to seeing everybody when school starts again. Hopefully, that will include our laid-off teachers.

CEA will be open Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. during the summer.

