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Celebrate with our MLK award winners

Join CEA to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King on Jan. 13 and honor this year's award winners. We expect the event to sell out. Our speaker this year is Rev. Al Sharpton. Get your tickets early!

State Treasurer Kevin Boyce is the recipient of the CEA Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award; and Barbara Yarborough, teacher at the Columbus Africentric Early College Elementary School, is the recipient of the Helen Jenkins Davis Award.

Kevin Boyce is finishing his term as Ohio Treasurer. Prior to that position, he served eight years as a member of the Columbus City Council.

He has received many awards and honors, including *Ebony* magazine's National "30 Leaders Under 30;" the 2009 Myrl H. Shoemaker Award for Integrity and Dedication in public service; and the National Council of Negro Women's Community Service Award.

Before working for city council, Boyce was Executive Director of KnowledgeWorks Ohio; and during his tenure, he was a part of a team that implemented cutting-edge education models such as Project GRAD, Small Schools and Early College. He also served as Chief of Staff for the Ohio House of Representatives Democratic Caucus and was Executive Director of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus.

Boyce is one of Columbus City Schools' own. He graduated from East High School in 1990, moving on to earn degrees from the University of Toledo and Central Michigan University. He is noted for his community involvement, especially to youth. He is an active member of St. Paul AME Church in Columbus, where he serves as a steward, and where he participates in activities for youth and young adults. Boyce and his wife, Crystal, have two sons.

Barbara Yarborough is in her 52nd year of teaching with Columbus City Schools. She is our most senior member and is not ready to retire yet. "I'm eventually going to," she said, "but every time I think about it, I see the need."

Yarborough began teaching in 1958 at Milo ES. She quickly developed a reputation for creativity and dedication. She became the Gifted and Talented Coordinator there and gave the fourth-graders a special project of creating a school newspaper.

Later she taught at Indian Springs as one of the first



Kevin Boyce



Barbara Yarborough

black teachers to move to a so-called "white" school. There, she taught her third graders black history year-round.

This mother of three, grandmother of five and great-grandmother of two has taught at several Columbus schools, including Brentnell, Pilgrim, Fifth Avenue and the Africentric School, where she has been for the past 11 years. Besides seeing her students grow up and bring her their children, she has seen a lot of changes in teaching techniques. She moves with the tide.

"I try to use a lot of manipulatives," she said. "I use the computer. I'm still waiting on my SMART Board," she said.

Barbara sees families changing, and she works harder to connect with parents. "Today our parents are more involved in other things. And the parents I have now are young," she said. She isn't quitting on them. "I always told them, I'm for the children," she said. "If they are willing to learn, I'm willing to teach."

Are you stressed?

We all have problems from time to time, whether it's trouble making ends meet, difficulty finding childcare or challenges in our family relationships. CEA has negotiated the Employee Assistance Program (EAP), a benefit to assist you in coping with life. It's a way to get help, and it's confidential.



Our program is run by People Resources, and there is no cost to you for confidential and private counseling services.

Through this program, you can find therapists, financial advisors, elder-care specialists and legal consultants; read helpful articles; and perform self-assessments by setting up your own account.

Topics you may need assistance with include: financial planning, health and wellness, marriage and family, stress and anxiety, legal problems, dependent care for children and the elderly, emotional and psychological concerns, community resources and alcohol and drug abuse.

It's good to consider counseling if you:

- feel overly preoccupied with a problem
- fail repeatedly to solve it by yourself
- find yourself denying that a problem exists or hoping it will go away
- feel that you don't have the resources to solve it
- feel unhappy most of the time
- experience problems with family or friends because of it or
- get tired or sick from it

Don't wait until stress builds to a health-threatening level. To use the service, call People Resources at 800-765-9124. Operators are available 24 hours. You may also register at www.WorkLifeTools.com. Enter Columbus Public Schools as the company name to read articles, take self-assessments and find out more about the service.

Don't suffer alone anymore. Get help. It's your right!

Support worthy cause

I Know I Can's efforts to make higher education a reality for thousands of students who dream of attending college would not be possible without the help of CEA members. For 23 years, the organization has partnered with the district and with CEA members to provide the information, resources and financial support students need to succeed in post-secondary education.

Dean Fowls, a staff development specialist with CCS, has been involved with I Know I Can for nearly 20 years. He believes that as a society, we need educated students who are ready for the higher demand of the workplace and that I Know I Can is helping a new generation fulfill that need. He recently stated, "These are our kids, and we need to help as much as we can. It's for everyone's good. We want students to be highly-educated contributors to society, and I Know I Can provides the support they need to excel."

Each year, I Know I Can is honored to receive donations from hundreds of CEA members who give to the organization through payroll deduction. This month, the CEA and I Know I Can kindly ask that you join Dean in supporting I Know I Can, too. Your donation, whether a few dollars or many, will pay dividends for the entire community for decades to come.



Whooping cough: contagious and deadly

It sounds frightening, and for young children, it can be deadly. Unfortunately, whooping cough, or pertussis, is spreading through Franklin County. As of Nov. 13, there were 781 reported cases, the most in 25 years. Fortunately, there are steps we can take to halt its spread.

Facts:

- ▶ Pertussis is a bacterial disease characterized by a persistent cough that can end with a whoop sound. It can be confused with a cold.
- ▶ It is highly contagious and most often spread through families; 63 percent of babies who get it end up in the hospital.
- ▶ Get vaccinated, especially if you come into contact with young children, might become pregnant, are pregnant or recently delivered a baby or if you take care of infants.
- ▶ Children should get five vaccinations between 2 months and when they start school, as well as another booster when they reach seventh grade.
- ▶ If you were vaccinated in the past, the immunity does NOT last. It wears off within 5–10 years.

The vaccine:

- ▶ Tdap stand for tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis vaccine, the only combination that helps protect adults and adolescents from all three of these diseases.
- ▶ This series starts in infancy and is completed when the child is between the ages of 4 and 6.
- ▶ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends a single dose of Tdap vaccine for people ages 11 to 64.

You can learn more about the disease at www.soundsofper-tussis.com, including compelling video testimonials.

CEA elections

The time for your voice to be heard in Association affairs is approaching with the upcoming CEA election for OEA and NEA delegates and Board of Governors open seats. Take advantage of this opportunity to be active and make your

voice heard at the local, state and national levels.

The CEA Spring Election open positions are as follows: 2011–2012 OEA delegates, 2011 NEA delegates, Governor for Districts 1, 4, 5 and 10 (formerly District 11), Minority Governor At-Large and MS Governor At-Large. Dates for this election cycle are as follows: Declaration, Jan. 3–Feb. 4; Campaigning, Feb. 7–18; Voting, Feb. 22–Mar. 7; and Ballot tallying, Mar. 8.

Members-only content on website

The CEA website contains protected content intended only for CEA members. It includes political action information and will also include negotiations information as it becomes available. You can easily create your own personalized account and join your friends in the CEA online community.

To create your personalized account, you will need your OEA membership ID number. This number can be found on your OEA membership card or on the label of your Ohio Schools magazine. Go to <http://bit.ly/drA5d> to get started.

Special notes

- ❑ File, or lose your deduction—**File your insurance enrollment form by Dec. 23 to be eligible for a pre-tax deduction.** You also must file by Dec. 23 to retain your short-term disability insurance. If you do not contact us about this, you will not have coverage. Contact the Benefits Office at 365-6475.
- ❑ Once again, we thank you for supporting **United Way.** These buildings, along with those previously posted in *The Voice*, helped us to make our campaign a success: InnIS ES and Parsons ES
- ❑ **CEA Social Committee**—Want to get more involved in CEA? Help us organize events for members and our families by becoming a member of the CEA Social Committee. Contact **Tracey Johnson** at 253-4731 or tjohnson@ceaohio.org if you are interested.
- ❑ **See the Pyramids and the Sphinx**—Join the CEA Travel Group and **travel to Egypt** in June. Trip includes eight nights at a five-star hotel in Cairo and four nights on a fabulous cruise on the Nile. The price is \$1,995 per person, plus airfare. We need at least 25 people to go. For more information, contact **Carol Wagner** or **Ezetta Murray** at CEA at 253-4731.

Enjoy your break!

CEA wishes you a wonderful winter break and a happy new year, filled with laughter, love and some much-deserved time to relax.

Rhonda Jolly
Lid Carol
Bob Ezzetta Tracey
Judy K. Mikelo
Cora Paul Beth
Judy Karen
Tom

