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The Picture Gallery



OEA's Canvasser of the week, Kelli Green of Massillon, has contagious energy

Kelli Green sends out five emails a week on how to get involved



Kelli Green, a freshman English teacher at Perry High School in Massillon, knows what it takes to defeat Issue 2– reaching voters at their doors. Thanks to Green's tireless efforts, her colleagues now know, too.

"As a teacher, Issue 2 definitely affects me because I'm pretty outspoken, and I'll say what I think is necessary– what's best for our students," said Green. "If I didn't have that protection, they could just get rid of me; I'm that squeaky wheel. I'd worry that I would be the first to go because even though I have excellent evaluations, I'm always in the superintendent's office saying we're not doing what's best for students."

"I told my colleagues that I didn't want to wake up on November 9th and find out that we lost because we were at home and not doing anything about it," said Green. "We're all busy, but we do not want Issue 2 to pass. We have the potential to defeat Issue 2, but we have to get out and do it."

We salute Kelli for her "OEA Canvasser of the Week" recognition in mid-October, and thank her for her commitment and tireless work on behalf of all ECOEA members in this campaign effort. Kelli serves as the Stark 1 rep on the ECOEA Executive Committee. She is also Chairperson of the ECOEA Intra-Professional Political Action standing committee, and serves on the ECOEA Constitution Committee as well.

ECOEA Fall Roundtable Legal Update presented by OEA Attorney, Kathleen McKinley



Attendees to this annual event were treated to a delicious meal prepared by the Hartville Kitchen, followed by the Legal Update presentation given by OEA Attorney, Kathleen McKinley, who responded to questions and concerns of the attendees. Much of the discussion centered on the "what ifs" around the repeal or passage of Issue 2... Many members picked up "No on Issue 2" buttons to take back to their members... Left: The "Ladies of Claymont" had a large delegation in attendance... Above Right: Speaker McKinley is presented with a mum as a token of our appreciation by ECOEA President, Angela Stewart...



MARK YOUR CALENDARS



CALLING ALL DELEGATES... !

The following vacancies on the ECOEA Executive Committee and some OEA Committees are available to be filled at the Rep Assembly:

OEA BOD Unit I (1 person on ballot), OEA BOD Unit II (1 person on ballot), Columbiana #2 Rep (no one on ballot), Stark #4 Rep (no one on ballot), Minority Member Rep (no one on ballot), ECOEA Rep on OEA Convention Planning Com. (no one on ballot), ECOEA Rep on OEA Collective Bargaining CFC (no one on ballot). Nominations for any vacancies will also be accepted from the floor of the Rep Assembly.

ECOEA Fall Rep Assembly

Saturday – November 19, 2011

Delegate registration begins at 7:45 AM and Assembly comes to order at 8:30 AM
Canton Professional Educators' Association office located at 1327 Market Ave. N., Canton, Ohio



AND THE WINNERS ARE? ... AWARDS WILL BE HIGHLIGHT OF THE FALL REP ASSEMBLY

- * ECOEA Leader of Distinction Awards
- * ECOEA Friend of Education Award
- * ECOEA Five Star Local Awards (\$500 Drawing)
- * ECOEA Public Relations Grant Awards
- * Top 10 participating ECOEA Locals - OEA Fund for Children and Public Education
- * Lottery Drawing for three \$500 ECOEA Continuing Education Scholarships



ECOEA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS and DEADLINES

Mid-Atlantic Minority Leadership Conference Scholarship

January 25-27, 2012
Crystal Gateway Marriott - Arlington, Virginia



Application Deadline is January 1, 2012
for this \$500 Scholarship

Details and Application form can be found on the ECOEA Website www.ecoea.ohea.us
Check the NEA website for registration info

NEA ESP Conference Scholarship

March 9-11, 2012
Marriott Memphis Hotel – Memphis, TN



Application Deadline is January 15, 2012
for this \$500 Scholarship

Details and Application form can be found on the ECOEA Website www.ecoea.ohea.us
Contact OEA or visit their website for registration info www.ohea.org

ECOEA FUTURE EVENTS – SAVE THE DATE

WHAT'S UP WITH MY RETIREMENT OPTIONS?

IT'S IN THE WORKS...

We are working on putting together a comprehensive STRS/SERS retirement program for all ECOEA members... Tentative date is Saturday morning, [February 11, 2012](#)... more info and online reservations will be on the website soon. Details will be in the January ECOEA Newsletter as well... Save the date!



ECOEA SPRING LEGISLATIVE DINNER

A new format and venue is in store this year for the former ECOEA Spring Retreat. This event will be held on Friday, March 9, 2012 at the Courtyard Marriott in Canton. All legislators and Congress members who represent parts of the ECOEA six county district will be invited to participate. Details and reservation info will be on the website soon and will appear in the January Newsletter... Again, save the date.



Save the date for the

Annual OEA Collective Bargaining Conference

February 2-4, 2012

REBUILDING UNION STRENGTH



ECOEA has created a new scholarship opportunity for our Local Associations who send one or more members to this Collective Bargaining Conference... Information and an online application can be found on the ECOEA website www.ecoea.ohea.us

ELECTION DAY
Tuesday
November 8th



LET'S CROSS THE FINISH LINE

Issue 2 is Unfair

SB5 strips middle class Ohioans of their rights, but it is not Ohio values to let firefighters, police, teachers, and nurses lose their rights, while those in upper management get bonuses on top of big pay increases. The politicians need to stop working for their corporate donors and start serving the citizens who elected them.

Issue 2 is Unsafe

The safety of all our families is at risk when laws make it illegal for teachers, nurses, police and fire fighters to bargain and fight for critical safety equipment and training, as well as safer staffing levels that not only protect them but our communities as well.

Issue 2 Hurts Us All

SB5 blames public employees for the crazy mess caused by the greed of Wall Street. Some politicians are focused only on what they can do for their corporate donors by providing them with various tax breaks, or, as in our state attempting to sell off prisons and turnpikes, and thus creating a bigger budget hole in the long run.

