

# WEATHERVANE

January 2018

## President's Corner

Attending the NEA Representative Assembly is a fantastic learning opportunity. This year the NEA RA will be held in Minneapolis, MN from June 30-July 5, 2018. At the RA, 8000 teachers from across the country come together to have a collective voice regarding public education. There is no better display of democracy at work than seeing it happen on the floor of the RA. If you would like to represent WEA and OEA in Minneapolis this summer, please send your name and building to Angie Lee by Feb. 21. If you want to run as a state delegate, meaning you are funded by OEA instead of WEA, see your building fac rep for the form which is due Jan. 31, 2018 to OEA. Consider joining us this summer in Minneapolis.

Rhonda

## Professional Development Opportunities

**State of Ohio Mandated Reporter Training**- purpose of this training is to highlight for mandated reporters the responsibility under the law regarding mandated reporting of child abuse and neglect. Participants in this session will discuss what is required to be reported under the law in the State of Ohio.

January 31, 2018; 4:30-6:30 pm @ Gahanna-Jefferson Public Schools in Clark Hall 380 Granville St., Gahanna (Limited to 50 participants)

RSVP no later than Jan. 24th to Sherri Lawrence (lawrences@ohea.org) with the following: Name, Home email, Local District, Position w/District and Grade Level.

**Changing Faces of Poverty and its Impact on Our Schools** -recognizing the impact of poverty on student learning and education. The Central OEA/NEA Diversity Conference will focus on providing educators with tools to positively impact this growing community within our schools.

January 20, 2018; 8:30 am-3:00 pm @ Central OEA/NEA office  
947 Goodale Blvd., Columbus

Register on Central's website (centraloearnea.org); Log in, Scroll down to "Diversity Conference" and select "Attending" from the drop down menu.

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## KEY DATES

Martin Luther King, Jr Day Jan. 15

Early Release Jan. 25

NEA RA State Delegate forms due Jan 31

Central OEA/NEA Power Up Conf Mar 3

Notice to retire & keep insur. Mar. 15

Summer Fee Waiver Deadline April 1

### WEA Officers:

**President**-Rhonda Gilpin

**Vice President**-Tom Cook

**Treasurer**-David Johnston

**Secretary** - Kelly Modlich

### Fac Rep At Large

Amanda Koenig Jordi Vilanova

Mark Brugger Sarah Painter

Ericka Boesch Molly Wassmuth



# BECAUSE WE CARE

## Births

South-Shelly Corl-Baby Boy

Jody Dowdy- Baby Boy

Jimmy & Andrea Gaul-  
Baby Boy

Aislynn Valentine & Mark  
Schmidley - Baby Girl

Genoa-Victoria Holt-Baby Boy

-MaryJo Balk

-Granddaughter

## Condolences

Fouse- Deb Corey- Mother

Genoa- Carla Gilbert- Mother

-Melia Stock-Grandmother

-Jessica Meginnis-

Grandmother

-Danielle Koch- Grandfather

ELC- Ashley Weir-Grandmother

## My Learning Plan

Log in using long district email as username; first time you log in the password is "changeme". Please create your own personal password.

### Entering an activity for contact hours and/or PDI

- Click on "Conference/Workshop Req" under Fill-in Forms
- All red outlined boxes are required
- Select appropriate level in which you currently work
- Add information regarding the activity; be sure and subtract breaks and lunch; if the activity included a working lunch be sure and add this information in the comment box
- Total hours requested
- Select the number of meetings for this activity
- Enter the date, start and end time, location of the activity for each meeting date
- Do not enter substitute information at this time; Select "NO"
- Select or enter the provider of the PD
- Skip the section on Estimated Expenses, other than put a zero in the last box
- Select one or more purposes; Contact hours is the same as CEUs
- Select at least one of your IPDP goals
- Upload any required verification documents to "My File Library" and the select the appropriate documentation for this activity. **Best to upload these documents prior to starting the process of adding the activity.** Also it is best to archive files after you have used them.
- Submit activity for approval or save as draft if not done

Entering coursework is done on the "Course Approval Form"

## PD Continued.....

**Power Up with Central PD Conference**- there are 5 tracks to choose from but you only need to register for one track and then movement between the tracks is permitted. Tracks are: A. *Student Mental Health*; B. *New(ish) Educators*; C. *Education Advocacy*; D. *Building Local Association Capacity*; E. *ESP (Educational Support Personnel)*

March 3, 2018; 9 am - 3:30 pm @ Columbus Airport Marriott

1375 N. Cassidy Ave. Register by Feb. 27th, 2018

Register on Central's website (centraloanea.org); Log in, Scroll down to "Power Up Conference" and select "Attending" from the drop down menu.

## **Tax information**

### **Amount of Dues that you can Deduct for 2017**

Full time: \$853.79

Half time: \$553.02

Quarter time: \$410.89