



Kecia Sanders (East Cleveland EA) poses with some of the contributions received for the Public Relations Committee's Pay It Forward activity at November's RA. (page 4)



Spectators at the Game of Hope were fired up by the Dream Team All-Stars almost as much as they were by the play of Team Pegg. (page 4)



Imagine yourself in New York City's Central Park! Join us for the May Baseball and Broadway trip or our annual trip on NEOEA Day. (back cover)

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Team Pegg came up big in this year's Game of Hope, and so did the sick children. Pegg's team won the contest, and the event raised \$8,000 for Paul Newman's Hole-in-the-Wall Camps. 4

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Thirty percent of NEOEA's members live or work in Cuyahoga County. While it will have repercussions all over Ohio, Cuyahoga reorganization is important business. For potential candidates, deadlines are coming up; if you don't know your new county district, we'll provide a link. . . . 5

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At last, credit cards are accepted: we've turned the order process over to our friends at Best Benefits Club. They'll give you the same discount you've been getting from us. 11

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NEOEPA Day Tour: New York City

Dave Baker at 20th Century Tours once again offers an opportunity to spend NEOEA Day Weekend in the Big Apple. And as usual, we provide the information early so that you can make your plans. 12

Is Your Association a Five Star Local?

By Jeff Pegg, NEOEA President

I want to take some time this month to encourage members of all 193 local affiliates in NEOEA to become active in their Association. NEOEA's Public Relations Committee has the Five Star Local award to recognize local affiliates that set an example of involvement with the Association at large. In order to win the award, local affiliates need to



locals received the designation in 2008-09, the largest number ever.

However, there are many locals that have not even scored one star since 2001. I'd like to suggest some ways to score stars.

- Apply for an NEOEA award/grants.
- You can also score stars by attending the NEOEA and OEA RA's.
- There is also the NEOEA President plus two training. This is available for the local President plus two members with no cost.
- If you have a representative from your local who attends at least half of your service council meetings, you can receive a star.

There are many opportunities to become active within the NEOEA.

There are a variety of committees to serve on,

depending on your interest. Some to choose from: Credentials, Economic Security and Retirement, ESP Organizing, Elections, Environmental Concerns, Internal Political Action, Leadership Development, Legislative, Minority Concerns, Professional Development, Public Relations, Resolutions, Retired Organizing, and Social and Human Concerns. You do not get a star for serving on committees, but your local will become active on the district level. This is also a great way to network and share ideas.

Every local can be active; in time, every local could be a Five Star local.

Take care,

Jeff

"Every local can be active; in time, every local could be a Five Star local."

participate in a variety of activities offered by NEOEA and OEA. Some of the activities:

- professional and leadership training for members,
- accessing resources provided by the larger organization,
- attending service council meetings,
- being active in the legislative program,
- running a successful FCPE Drive, and
- attending the NEOEA/OEA Representative Assemblies.

There are 193 locals in NEOEA: 83 locals have received the award at least once, and six locals have qualified every time. The number of locals that earn five stars continues to rise; 53

Monday, March 8, 2010
NEOEA Legislative Dinner

Save *the Date*

Saturday, April 17, 2010
Environmental Concerns Green Tour
Great Lakes Brewery/
West Side Market Tour

Saturday, April 24, 2010
NEOEA Representative Assembly
Parma Senior High School

Tuesday, April 27, 2010
Health Care Summit

Web *Resources*

at www.neoea.org

- Community Involvement Grant
- Environmental Concerns Green Tour
- Fall 2009 Representative Assembly summary and attendance report
- Honeybaked Ham discount
- IX Indoor Amusement Park discount
- NEOEA travel flyers:
 - Caribbean Cruise
 - National Parks tour
 - New York City trips
- OEA Summer Leadership scholarship
- Newsletter Contest
- Survey Monkey discount for locals
- Topical Interest Group Signup
- NEOEA Planning Calendar 2009-10

Fast *Fact*

Happy birthday to us! North Eastern Ohio Teachers Association was founded in 1869, so we're now 140 years old! A bylaws amendment in 1989 changed the organization's name to North Eastern Ohio Education Association which reflects our pre K-12, ESP, and higher education members, as well as entities that didn't exist 140 years ago: boards of developmental disabilities, career centers, and educational service centers.

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Spring RA Delegates to Consider Ballots on an Emergency Resolution and Officers

NEOEA's Representative Assembly will hold its spring meeting on **Saturday, April 24**, at Parma Senior High School, located at 6285 West 54th Street in Parma.

Delegates will consider an emergency Resolution F-18 regarding State Public Retirement Systems.

Separate written ballots will be used to elect NEOEA officers. Officers to be elected include President-elect, NEOEA Representatives for Units 1, 4, 7, and 10; an NEOEA Education Support Professional Representative-at-large; and OEA/NEOEA Representatives for Units 2, 5, 8, and 9. (Nomi-

nations were due by February 8, but additional nominations may be made from the floor. Delegates have the authority to elect unopposed candidates by acclamation and avoid the use of a paper ballot.) 🍌

NEOEA Members Added to National Board List

The latest list from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards includes the names of 26 NEOEA members who received National Board certification late in 2009. Congratulations go to our newly Board-certified members!

Stacey Behrens, Chagrin Falls Exempted Village
Amy Belew, Chagrin Falls Exempted Village
Cynthia Berry, Black River Local
Sherry Buchroeder, Garfield Heights City
Christopher Croftcheck, Cuyahoga Heights Local
Teresa Ewart, Medina City
Cherise Goodrich, Willoughby-Eastlake City
Heather Hamker, Avon Lake City
Elizabeth Hanlon, Wellington Exempted Village
Catherine Kasdan, Lorain City
Hong Le, Hudson City
Marcie Lowell, Brooklyn City
Alane Malerick, Hudson City

Patricia Manning, Austintown Local
Vincent Marsala, Avon Lake City
Amanda McNinch, Struthers City
Jill Merz, Stow-Munroe Falls City
Beverly Metzger, Chagrin Falls Exempted Village
Patricia Molnar, Willoughby-Eastlake City
Wendy Paul-Mikulski, Stow-Munroe Falls City
Lisa Reed, Willoughby-Eastlake City
Michelle Reese, East Cleveland City
Lisa Sampson, Windham Exempted Village
Jeri Shore, East Cleveland City
Adrienne Studd, Medina City
Sarah Tatarko, Chagrin Falls Exempted Village

The National Board certified 213 Ohio teachers in 2009; Ohio now has 3,194 Board-certified teachers.

According to NBPTS, the Board "was created in 1987 after the Carnegie Forum on Education and the Economy's Task Force on Teaching as a Profession released 'A Nation Prepared: Teachers for the 21st Century,' a report that said: 'The key to success lies in creating a profession equal to the task – a profession of well-educated teachers prepared to assume new powers and responsibilities to redesign schools for the future.'

"The task force urged the teaching profession to set the standards and certify teachers who meet those standards and called for the formation of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

"NBPTS is an independent, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization governed by a board of directors, the majority of whom are classroom teachers. Other members include school administrators, school board leaders, governors and state legislators, higher education officials, teacher union leaders, and business and community leaders. The success of the National Board came from the power of a good idea: Quality teachers are necessary for student learning."

The National Education Association has been a long-time supporter of NBPTS, and President Dennis Van Roekel is a member of the NBPTS Board of Directors.

For more information about National Board certification, see the Board's website, www.nbpts.org. 🍌

NEOEA Day Dates Set; 2010 Planning Begins

At their January meeting, NEOEA's Board of Directors set the date of NEOEA Day in 2012. The dates of the next three NEOEA Days are:

- October 15, 2010
- October 14, 2011
- October 12, 2012

Most of NEOEA's local affiliates have contracts that reserve NEOEA Day for professional development activities, and many local school districts call the NEOEA office to learn the dates of future NEOEA Days. Announcement

in *News and Views* and on the website (www.neoea.org) should help local bargaining teams and calendar committees in providing for these activities.

Barring any changes in state law, NEOEA Days in 2010-2012 will not conflict with October Count Week when school districts report their attendance to the Department of Education.

As always, NEOEA seeks providers of quality programs for this year's NEOEA Day. The process of planning NEOEA Day begins this month, as NEOEA staff sends Requests for Proposals (RFP) to

an extensive mailing list. Members who know of a potential NEOEA Day program provider who is not receiving the RFP packet should encourage the provider to contact the NEOEA office at 216/518-0200 to receive an RFP and be placed on the distribution list.

Each year we randomly survey NEOEA Day participants. As an incentive for them to return their survey, they get a chance to win Indians tickets. This year's lucky winner is Denise Suba from Bay Teachers' Association. Congratulations, Denise, and go Tribe! 🍌

Pay It Forward

by Pat Sharkey, Public Relations Committee

Thank you so much! Because of your generosity I was able to deliver more than 20 large boxes of toiletries to area non-profit agencies.

One of our recipients is the Westhaven Youth Shelter. They provide support services to teenagers whose families have been torn apart by homelessness, drugs, and violence. Westhaven provides temporary shelter for youth ages 12-17 who are in need of a safe environment. These teens are

often hurting and forgotten. In addition to toiletries, they always need feminine hygiene products.

Again, we will be collecting items at the Spring Representative Assembly on April 24, 2010, at Parma Senior High School. Also, keep saving individual soaps, lotions, shampoos, etc., from hotels. These are given to the homeless who come in off the streets to shower at St. Malachi's and St. Augustine's. They have a great need

for toilet paper and spray deodorant. If you know someone who travels for business or pleasure, please ask them to save their unused items.

We recently donated three gallon jugs of aluminum pop can tops to Ronald McDonald House. So don't throw these away either.

Boxes and bags set up in staff and faculty lounges were a tremendous help. So, thank you--thank you for your generosity. 🍷

Pegg's Team Wins Big in January "Game of Hope"

President Jeff Pegg coached the winning team in this year's Game of Hope, a celebrity basketball fundraiser. The game was held on January 23 at Beeghly Center on the campus of Youngstown State University.

NEOEA has been a sponsor of the game since it originated in 2005. Funds raised each year go to the late actor Paul Newman's Hole-in-the-Wall Gang Association, which operates overnight camps for children living with serious and life-threatening medical conditions, along with a Mahoning Valley charity which changes each year. The *Youngstown Vindicator* estimated the crowd at 750.

Celebrity teams were coached by Jim Graham, president of United Auto Workers Local 1112, which represents General Motors assembly workers at Lordstown; and NEOEA President Jeff Pegg. Each team included local celebrities, dignitaries, and media personalities.

Team rosters included several elected officials familiar to many NEOEA mem-

bers: U.S. Reps. Tim Ryan, D-17, and John Boccieri, D-16, Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray, and Ohio Senator Joe Schiavone, D-33.

Local public officials participating included Youngstown Mayor Jay Williams, Boardman school board member John Landers, and Warren Prosecutor Nick Graham.

Other participants included YSU-NEOEA member Adam Earnhardt and former Cleveland Browns safety Felix Wright.

Boccieri and Schiavone were among the players on Team Pegg, which won the game by a final score of 59-49. Pegg said that a factor in their victory was that everybody on his team had a chance to play significant minutes, so they were fresher at the end and able to defend their lead.

Considering that the players were brought together for this game and don't regularly play together, the game was competitive and fast-moving. The margin of victory turned out to be a ten-point shot sunk by Team Pegg's



Adam Tokash of Covidien Sports Medicine, one of the event's sponsors.

According to YSU-ACE member Tony Spano, founder and executive director of the Hope Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, the game raised about \$8,000, an amount which included twelve percent of concession-stand sales at the event. Spano says that in its first five years the event raised nearly \$40,000.

The next Game of Hope is tentatively scheduled for January 22, 2011. 🍷

This Month's Survey: Conferences

Did you know that the NEOEA surveys are still open? Join the hundreds of NEOEA members who have given their opinions so far in our surveys of the month! Just go to <http://www.neoea.org/survey> to give us your ideas.

This month's survey topic asks about your experiences with professional conferences. Because a large part of NEOEA's budget is devoted to providing training for our members, we stage a lot of conferences. We'd like to tap your conference experience to help

us make better conferences of our own. To give us your thoughts, just go to <http://www.neoea.org/survey>. While you're there, you can complete the NEOEA Day, Publications, and Travel surveys as well--or just go right to this month's survey. 🍷

Cuyahoga County Government Change

Recent changes enacted by Cuyahoga County voters will have a profound effect on all of northeastern Ohio; most directly on the 30% of NEOEA's members who live or work in Cuyahoga County.

In November, voters mandated a complete overhaul of the county's system of governance, which creates new electoral positions and requires that those positions be filled in elections this fall. A new county government will take office on January 1, 2011. The new government will replace the county commissioners with an elected county executive and an elected county council consisting of representatives elected in eleven districts.

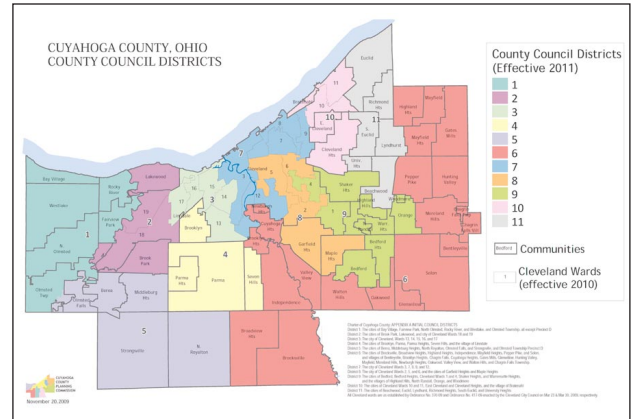
As of this writing, six county residents--four Democrats, one Republican, and one Independent--had already declared candidacy for the \$175,000 full-time county executive position. The eleven part-time district representatives making up the county council will be paid an annual salary of \$45,000.

Partisan candidates for all these positions must file petitions by June 24 for primaries, which will be held on September 7. Primary winners and independents, whose petitions are due by September 6, will face off in a November 2 election.

NEOEA members living in Cuyahoga County who are interested in running for one of these positions, or who know potential candidates, can get candidate information from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, 2925 Euclid Avenue, in Cleveland; the telephone number is 216/443-3200.

Local unions were heavily involved in last November's ballot issue. According to Harriet Applegate, Executive Secretary

Executive Secretary of the North Shore Federation of Labor (which includes Cuyahoga County), the AFL-CIO anticipates making endorsements in the races. OEA and NEOEA endorsements are under consideration. 🍓



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Tools for Teachers

“Tools for Teachers” is a regular e-newsletter to teachers, sent year-round, that provides timely announcements and information on licensure, scholarships, professional development and study opportunities, and award and recognition programs, as well as links to classroom resources and tools.

To check out other editions of “Tools for Teachers,” go to the ODE website at <http://www.ode.state.oh.us> and search for “Tools for Teachers.”

To receive “Tools for Teachers,” send an email to toolsforteachers@ode.state.oh.us, add your name to the subject line and hit send; your name and e-mail address will be added.

- **Women Making History:** Eighth grade teachers can commemorate Women’s History Month in March by encouraging their students to enter the 2010 Women Making History Essay Contest by the April 23 deadline.

- **PBS looking for innovative educators:** Whether you teach your students physics with rocket launchers, social studies by re-enacting historical events, or literature by inviting kids to create digital stories, PBS wants to recognize and thank you for innovating and making a difference. PBS and local public television stations invite teachers to enter the PBS Teachers Innovation Awards.
- **Deadline announced to nominate national history teacher of the year:** The Preserve America History Teacher of the Year Award recognizes outstanding American history teachers from elementary through high school, and the crucial importance of American history education. From these finalists, a national honoree is selected. In 2010, the award honors a middle or high school teacher of grades 7-12. Teachers in grades K-6 are honored



- every other year. The national winner receives a \$10,000 prize. State winners receive a \$1,000 prize and an archive of classroom resources.
- **Global Institute for teachers set for August at Ohio State University:** Applications are now available for the Ohio Global Institute which will be held August 3-5 at The Ohio State University. Teachers from Ohio schools who teach English language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, fine arts, world languages, career programs or technology in grades K-12 may apply.

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- ♦ Assessment & Evaluation in the Classroom K-12
- ♦ Balancing Literature & Literacy in Secondary Classroom
- ♦ Childhood Disorders in the Inclusive Classroom K-12
- ♦ Technology for the Teacher & Student K-12

July 5 - 9

- ♦ Content Literacy: Reading, Writing and Beyond K-12
- ♦ Power of the Internet in the Classroom K-12
- ♦ Social Issues in Education for K-12 Teachers
- ♦ Using Data to Enhance Instruction K-12

July 12 - 16

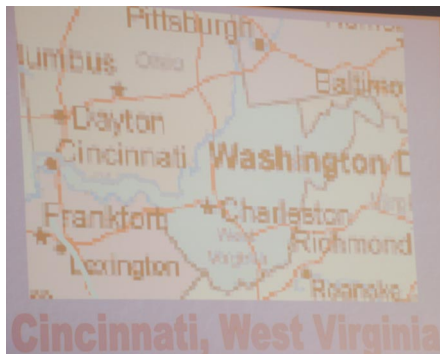
- ♦ Achieving Standards Through Active Learning K-12
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- ♦ Cooperative Learning K-12
- ♦ Power of the Internet in the Classroom K-12

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For more information, contact Darryl or Elizabeth Innocenzi at 330-467-2896.

Blurbs from Barb . . .

How come I did not see you at the Mid-Atlantic Conference? This year it was held in Cincinnati, West Virginia (see photo below). It is a smaller conference, similar to the National ESP Conference. There are pre-conferences for Women’s Leadership and Minority Concerns that are great if you have never been to anything like that. The conference itself starts with an opening session with one of NEA Executive Officers speaking. There are legislative hearings, budget hearings, and, of course, training sessions. There were sessions specifically for ESP as well as



No typo here! As this slide from Mid-Atlantic shows, NEA briefly “moved” the borders to permit “Cincinnati, WV.”

general sessions. There are also specific interest caucus group meetings. For us it was the NCESP meeting led by our Mid-Atlantic Director Sue Vaughn. There were about 25 members in attendance, and we covered topics of interest to ESP. Our NCESP Vice President Nancy Toomey of Kentucky and NEA Directors Princess Moss and Jim McClure were there to answer any questions. It was fun! There were great speeches, great sessions, and, of course, great food. It is great place to meet other people from our Mid-Atlantic region and make connections.

As you can see from one of the pictures, Read Across America is coming up, and if you or your local do some-

Were You There?

thing (like Read on the Bus), take pictures and send them in for our corner or on the website. Be sure you include the “who” and the “where.”

I hope you enjoyed the Megaconference. It is part of the answer to the question “What do I get for my dues money?” Knowledge is the way to get a better contract and better training for the job, personal growth, and retirement. The same can be said for NEOEA Day. I know some of us don’t get it off or don’t get paid (me) for it, but it is so important. Your input is important to us, too. If you have ideas for NEOEA Day or any other session, please forward it to our ESP Organizing Committee.

Congratulations to the following ESP locals who are winners of NEOEA PR Mini-Grants: Champion Support Staff Association, Lorain Association of Classified Employees, Mentor Classified Employees, Sheffield-Sheffield Lake Classified Employees Association, Wellington Support Staff Association, and YSU-ACE (technically YSU is



NEA Vice President Lily Eskelsen talks to participants at January’s Mid-Atlantic Regional Leadership Conference.

higher ed., but I am proud of them, so I included them). All education employees need to get our names and faces out there so when we need the community support, it is there. Why not look at them again and see if you can get a mini-grant to help you achieve your goals? Check out who got them and their project on the website. If you don’t have access to a computer, ask someone who does to get the information for you.

I am thinking about taking the hubby to the Green Tour (sponsored by Environmental Concerns; a behind-the-scenes look at Great Lakes Brewery). It sounds like a good time, and if you have never been there, it is a good way to scope it out. Of course the environmental agenda is important, too; it just points out that we have fun while we learn. Check out their article or go to the website for details.

Please don’t forget to check out the great offers like the Memorial Day trip to New York City and the discounts for Honeybaked Ham and the Indoor Amusement Park. Also, please do the survey after looking over your *News & Views*. 🍷



NEA Executive Director John Wilson puts on his Cat in the Hat hat for Mid-Atlantic.

Forty-one Locals Receive PR Mini-Grants

In NEOEA's annual program of PR mini-grants, 41 local affiliates have received grants for projects designed to improve the image of NEOEA's local affiliates. They are:

Ashtabula Area TA	Lakewood TA	Sheffield-Sheffield Lake CEA
Barberton EA	Lorain Assn. of Classified Employees	Sheffield-Sheffield Lake TA
Bedford EA	Maple Heights TA	Streetsboro EA
Canfield EA	Mentor Classified Employees	Tallmadge TA
Champion SSA	Midview EA	Twinsburg EA
Chardon EA	Newbury EA	Wadsworth EA
Clearview EA	Nordonia Hills EA	Wellington EA
Conneaut EA	North Ridgeville EA	Wellington Support Staff
Copley TA	North Royalton EA	Willoughby-Eastlake TA
East Cleveland EA	Orange TA	Youngstown EA
Elyria EA	Parma EA	YSU-ACE
Firelands EA	Portage Co. EA of the MR	YSU-APAS
Howland Classroom TA	Revere EA	YSU Student EA
Kenston EA	Sandusky EA	

These 41 locals have submitted 47 mini-grants which have been approved and are sharing the \$12,500 budgeted by the PR Committee. A total of 54 PR mini-grants were applied for in this year's project.

In a development authorized six years ago, locals which attended the fall Representative Assembly are permitted to apply for a second grant. Six eligible locals did just that. A list of the locals who received PR mini-grants as well as a brief description of each project is available at www.neoea.org.

The last Public Relations award for this school year is May 1, 2010, the deadline for the Newsletter Contest. Information about this event is available at www.neoea.org.

Positive Image Award Winner – Linda Watts for Outdoor Classroom

Poland Education Association Vice President Christina Roussos nominated second grade teacher Linda Watts for her outdoor classroom program. Christina let us know that "Linda wrote and received grants and donations to develop an outdoor classroom for other classrooms and/or community groups to

use. To accomplish this she invited other teachers and students from her school and parents from our community to help clear and clean-up the land and woods by the school. They also improved and mulched pathways, added bird feeders, and benches. Linda's work has been recognized by our Mahoning

County Green Team, and the area is now marked as a 'litter-free zone.' This outdoor classroom has become a place where pupils can gather together to study nature and enjoy quiet time. It was a great enhancement to our area."

Community Involvement Grant Winner – Struthers Education Association

Sandra Ross was the team captain for Struthers Education Association's Relay for Life team. They participated in the Boardman Relay for Life on May 16-17 at Boardman Center Middle School. Team members took turns walking the 24-hour relay and, besides Sandy, included SEA members Barb Kurz, Mary Jo Olson, Anne Wilson, and Gary Zetts. The team raised close to \$2,000 through various fundraisers with all of the money going to cancer research.



Positive Image Award Winners – Allison Grant and Jennifer Holt for “iLead, You Follow”

Tom Moscovic, President of Willoughby-Eastlake Teachers Association, nominated Allison Grant and Jennifer Holt for a Positive Image Award for the student leadership-developing program “iLead, You Follow.” The day included a series of team-building activities in which teams of students had to learn to cooperate and work together while participating in several different activities and workshops which included discussions on self-esteem, positive-thinking,

decision-making, roles and relationships, as well as many other character-building activities. These two teachers have spent countless hours putting this program together, and there were more students wishing to participate than the program time and space allowed. The amount of work put into this program is also witnessed by the fact that last year Allison and Jennifer had to beg students to come. What a difference a year makes! 🍀



Photo courtesy Duncan Scott/The News-Herald.

Community Involvement Grant Award Winner – Revere Education Association

On Saturday, April 25, Revere Education Association members showed their community pride by pitching in and joining local businesses and residents in Bath and Richfield for a clean-up campaign. “Community Project Pride” joined students, teachers, and community members to clean up roadside litter and debris. Revere Education Association used their Community Involvement Grant to provide water and snacks for students and community members while they worked. 🍀



Community Involvement Grant Winner – Brunswick ESP Association

On May 9, 2009, Brunswick ESP Association members in the Transportation Department “walked for hunger.” In past years, the Brunswick ESP Association was the third top fund-raising team in the Civic group category. The Walk for Hunger is the Hunger Network of Greater Cleveland’s signature event that takes place each May to raise funds and awareness to fight hunger in Greater Cleveland. The Walk for Hunger is a walk through downtown beginning at Burke Lakefront Airport and finishing at the North Coast Harbor with music, refreshments, and entertainment for the entire family. Over 2,200 walkers in teams of ten or more participate each year and help raise money to directly support hungry men, women, and children right here in greater Cleveland. 🍀



Social and Human Concerns Unity Program Winners

NEOEA's Social and Human Concerns Committee budget set aside money to provide five \$100 grants for members to help unify the institutions they serve. Grants were awarded based on the impact their project will have on their learning community.

The following members submitted the winning applications:

- **Ashley Kimberlin from Copley TA** for Multicultural Fair, which unites the school and community by promoting knowledge, acceptance, and appreciation of varied cultural backgrounds.
- **Patricia Raida from Warren EA**

whose 6-8 Pod Reading Celebration is a reading program which provides an extrinsic reward for reaching the team goal, but at the same time it builds upon the intrinsic affective dimensions of sense of community and love of reading.

- **Paula Langdon from Euclid TA** for *Increase the Peace!* which helps students strengthen relationships in their high school and middle school to reduce violence.
- **Mark Soeder from Perry EA.** The Community Forum on People with Special Needs was a powerful

after-school event that raised awareness about people with disabilities through simulations, speakers, a movie, and an interactive performance by the Clark Montessori Steel Band.

- **Susanne Miller from YSU-APAS.** Their Safe Zone Training helps train YSU students, staff, and faculty on how to be an ally to the LGBTQ community.

Congratulations to the winners of the Social and Human Concerns Unity Programs contest! 🍀

Workshops & Conferences

NEOEA Scholarships to OEA Summer Conference

August 2-4, 2010 - Crown Plaza Hotel in Dublin

You and your local association can obtain valuable training and save money! The April edition of *Ohio Schools* will carry registration information for OEA's Summer Conference, "Members Making Education Reform Work" to be held August 2-4 at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Dublin.

NEOEA will make available two scholarships to OEA's Summer Conference in each of our eleven electoral units as well as two in the Higher Education division. Up to fourteen of those scholarships will be funded by NEOEA and ten will be funded by OEA. These scholarships take the form of paid registration and room fees (two nights). In order to apply for these scholarships, please fill in the form found below and reply by fax or postal mail. The deadline for entries is **Friday, April 16.** 🍀



August Scholarship

Fax to 216/518-0202 or

Mail to NEOEA, August Scholarships, 5422 East 96th Street, Suite 200, Garfield Heights, OH 44125-5330

The deadline for entries is Friday, April 16.

Local association (write out; no abbreviations, please) _____

Electoral unit: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 HiEd

Funding is requested for the following participant:

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, state, zip _____

Home phone _____

E-mail address _____

To assist in selecting the funding source for this scholarship, please answer the following questions concerning this applicant and local association: Yes No

- 1) As of June 30, 2010, will this member have ten or fewer years of experience as an education employee?
- 2) Is this member a prospective or "emerging" leader?
- 3) Has this local association been represented recently at OEA's Summer Conference?

You may submit as many candidates as you have participants in the OEA Summer Leadership. Each submission must be on a separate form, but forms may be faxed or mailed together. Winners will be determined by a drawing among the eligible entries from each electoral unit.

Applying for the scholarship does not register a participant for the OEA Summer Conference. Participants must register, either by registering online at www.ohea.org or by using the registration form that will be provided in the April issue of *Ohio Schools*.

Workshops & Conferences

Green Tour

Saturday, April 17, 2010, from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Join the Environmental Concerns Committee for a tour of the Great Lakes Brewing Company located at 2516 Market Avenue, Cleveland, 44113. Plan to have lunch at the brewery after the tour or visit the West Side Market. The following description was taken from the Great Lakes website.

Triple Bottom Line: Great Lakes Brewing Company is an environmentally and socially conscious brewer of award-winning, all

natural beer. The care that goes into the beer resonates from a commitment to the community and environment, otherwise known as the "Triple Bottom Line" -- to engage in economic, social and environmental practices that achieve a sustainable, yet profitable, business. These include:

- Reducing, reusing and recycling
- Changing natural resource use from "Take, Make, Waste" to "Take, Make, Remake"

- Implementing efficient energy practices
- Investing in the community through non-profit organizations
- Supporting sustainable urban renewal projects

The three waves in the company logo not only reflect this Triple Bottom Line philosophy, they represent a concerted effort to the respectful use of beer's most valuable ingredient -- water. ♻️



Green Tour

Mail to: NEOEA, Green Tour, 5422 E. 96th Street, Suite 200, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125-5330

Pre-registrations due: Monday, April 5, 2010

Registration sent by _____
Guests, if any _____
Local association (full name, please) _____
Address _____
City, state, zip _____
Home phone number _____
E-mail _____

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Two gift certificate denominations are available:

- \$10.00 gift certificates are available to you for **\$8.80**
- \$25.00 gift certificates are available to you for **\$22.00**

To order, call the Best Benefits office at

330/273-5756 or go to their website bbcmember.com (password: NEOEA0613). They accept Visa and Mastercard only. The shipping and handling fees are:

Orders up to \$30.00 = \$1.00

Orders of \$30.01 - \$49.99 = \$2.00

* Orders of \$50.00 and up = \$6.00

*Orders of \$50.00 and up will be shipped certified mail, so be sure to have your order shipped to an address where someone will be available to sign for the order. ♻️



I-X Indoor Amusement Park Tickets Discounted for NEOEA Members March 26-April 18, 2010

Join us for Ohio's #1 Family Springtime Event – the *Official Cure for Cabin Fever!* Spanning over 20 acres, it's packed with over 150 rides, games, and attractions for guests of all ages. The sponsors indicate that this year's event will highlight **family fun and live animal shows**, including the "Crazy Comedy Stunt Show" featuring **Roberto the Magnificent** and **Big Cat Habitat**. Also in the line-up are **Ben 10**

Alien Force, La Fiesta Latina, Ohio Sports-fest, The Backyardigans, and Scooby-Doo.

NEOEA's group buying power enables us to arrange discounted tickets for our members attending this event. Purchase regular \$19 tickets for \$14 using the new online ordering system.

Online ordering instructions:

- Log on to www.ixamusementpark.com
- Go to the GROUP TICKET SALES page.

- Click on "Corporate Consignment" at \$19 each. Enter the number of tickets being purchased. The \$5 discount will be applied on the next screen when you enter the unique promotion code assigned (NEOEA); click on VERIFY PROMOTION.

For additional information call the I-X Center at 800/897-3942 or log on to www.ixamusementpark.com. ♻️

NEOEA Day Tour - New York City October 14-17, 2010



Although NEOEA Day (**October 15, 2010**) seems like a long way off, it will be here before you know it. If you want to be guaranteed tickets for a musical in New York City, now is the time to make your reservation.

New York City Tour includes: one night's lodging in Pennsylvania, two night's lodging in New York City, a ticket for one Broadway Show ("Million Dollar Quartet," "Memphis," "Wicked," "Jersey Boys," or "The Addams Family"), a guided city tour, admissions for the Empire State Building, and dinner on the way home in Pennsylvania. Dinner in New York is optional at the cost of the meal and will be at Carmine's on Broadway and 90th Street.

The cost of the tour is \$568 per person based on double occupancy and will depart late Thursday afternoon, October 14, 2010 (single occupancy:

\$795; triple occupancy: \$526; quad occupancy: \$505).

The above prices are based on seeing "Million dollar Quartet" or "Memphis." Add \$15 for "Wicked," \$35 for "Jersey Boys," and \$40 for "The Addams Family." Add \$16 to each of the above prices if you want to go to the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island. Add \$37 if you would like to have dinner at Carmine's Restaurant. Deduct \$105 from your balance if you do not want any of the Broadway Shows listed above.

To make a reservation, enclose a \$175 per person deposit along with the reservation form below and send to 20th Century Tours, 4003 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44515. (Make checks payable to 20th Century Tours.) Forty-five dollars (\$45) of this deposit is non-refundable if cancellations are made before **September 3, 2010**, and a replace-

ment for you is available. If no replacement is available, the non-refundable amount will be \$45 plus the cost of your theatre ticket, if the ticket has been purchased. The balance is due by Friday, September 3, 2010, and refunds cannot be guaranteed after that date. Please call Dave Baker at 330/799-3853 if you have any questions concerning this tour. **DO NOT CALL OR SEND RESERVATIONS TO THE NEOEA OFFICE.**

NOTE: Please remember that NEOEA Day events require that guests must be at least 12 years of age.

See www.neoea.org for information on the Memorial Day weekend Baseball and Broadway tour. 🍷



NEOEA DAY TOUR – OCTOBER 14-17, 2010

Name _____

Local Association/Building _____

E-mail _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Roommate (name and address) _____

(If more than two people wish to share a room, please include the address and phone number of each additional person.)

NEW YORK CITY TOUR (late afternoon departure: Thursday, October 14, 2010)

Mark 1st, 2nd, and 3rd show choices:

- ___ "Million Dollar Quartet"
- ___ "Memphis"
- ___ "Wicked" (add \$15 to my balance)
- ___ "Jersey Boys" (add \$35 to my balance)
- ___ "The Addams Family" (add \$40 to my balance)
- ___ No Broadway show (deduct \$105 from my balance)

Optional dinner in New York City:

- ___ Carmine's Restaurant (Broadway and 90th) (add \$37 to my balance)
- ___ No dinner in New York City

Statue of Liberty/ Ellis Island:

- ___ Yes (add \$16 to my balance)
- ___ No

PICK-UP POINTS: Garfield Heights Boston Heights/Akron area Austintown

Please make checks payable to 20th Century Tours and mail along with the reservation form to: **Dave Baker at 20th Century Tours, 4003 Mahoning Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44515. (Please do not send to the NEOEA office.)**