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Roland Martin to speak at Annual King Dinner

Join us for a memorable evening as we honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and honor community leaders. This year, we honor Clarence Lumpkin with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award and Carol Moyer with the Helen Jenkins Davis Award.

The dinner is at the Hyatt Regency Columbus on Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2009, with a social hour beginning at 6 p.m. and dinner following at 7 p.m. Make your reservations through Minority Involvement Program (MIP) committee members, faculty representatives or CEA.

Mr. Lumpkin, known as “The Mayor of Linden,” is a community activist. He has lived in the neighborhood for more than 40 years and has been tireless in his insistence that it could be revitalized to breathe economic life into the central city and become a point of pride for its residents.

Since the mid-1970s, he has worked to improve life in his neighborhood. He helped found the Columbus Urban Growth Corporation. Today, the Four Corners Plan includes a COTA Transit Center, new administrative offices for Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority, rehabbed commercial property, green space and new housing.

The Clarence D. Lumpkin Point of Pride Building at Cleveland and 11th Avenues has become the focus, with wide support from organizations, corporations and financial institutions.

Carole Moyer has brought her passion for the community's children into the classroom. She is a longtime CCS kindergarten teacher and national presenter, trainer, assessment developer and consultant to the National Board Certification process. Carole was one of five finalists for the NEA Members Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence. (the only one chosen from Ohio) and received the NEA's Horace Mann Award for Teaching Excellence.

Moyer became an Early Childhood Coordinator for the Columbus City Schools in 2002. She participates on the TeacherSolutions team, a representative group of 18 accomplished teachers coordinated by the Center for Teaching Quality which grew out of the landmark 1996 report of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future.

Our keynote speaker, Roland Martin, is an award winning journalist who can be seen on countless news stations and heard on dozens of radio shows offering political com-

mentaries and opinions. He has appeared on CNN, *Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull*, *The Situation Room* and *Anderson Cooper 360*. In October 2008, he joined the *Tom Joyner Morning Show* as senior analyst.

Please plan to join us as we honor the memory of Dr. King with these prestigious awards and this spectacular speaker. For more information call CEA at 253-4731.


Roland S. Martin

Clarence D. Lumpkin

Carole D. Moyer

The hidden cost of teaching

Columbus teachers outspent their peers on classroom materials and related expenses by 30 percent, according to a recent online survey conducted by CEA.

Nationally, teachers spend an average of \$443 per year on classroom materials and expenses. Columbus teachers spent an average of \$575.

While an NEA survey found a declining spending level as teachers gained more experience, the CEA survey found just the opposite. Teachers with zero to three years of experience spent an average of \$429, while teachers with 21 or more years of service spent an average of \$634. Almost 7 percent of the nearly 800 survey participants stated they spent more than \$1,000 per year on classroom materials and related expenses. One teacher indicated spending in excess of \$10,000 per year.

Overall, teachers most frequently used their personal money to purchase treats and incentives for students, decorative items for classrooms, books/magazines, multimedia resources, materials for lessons and art supplies.

“The district does not supply high-interest, low readability materials, so I always buy my own,” wrote one middle school survey respondent on a Speak Out on *The CEA Blog*. “You cannot teach children to read when the material is several grades too high for them. Since there is no intervention for these students, I purchase materials and do my own intervention.”

“I was given a case of copy paper at the beginning of the 2007–2008 school year and was told to make it last,” added an elementary school respondent on *The CEA Blog*. “Needless to say I ran out of paper and ended up buying my own until the new case came.”

“The results of this survey prove what we already know to be true,” stated CEA President Rhonda Johnson. “Our 4,100 members are the most caring in the state. They spend their own money to make up for what the system does not provide. They do what is necessary so their students receive the resources they need to be successful in the classroom.”



Governor's conversations on education

Gov. Strickland began the first of six stops on the second leg of his statewide "Conversations on Education" tour, focusing on the issue of adequately funding Ohio's education system. Held at the WOSU studios at COSI, the forum brought together more than 100 parents, teachers, students and elected officials to discuss the state of funding for schools in Ohio. CEA was represented in the audience by Maggie Glasgow (Heyl ES), Susan Craig (Nurses), Karen Andermills (Oakmont ES), Phil Hayes (Brookhaven HS), Kriston Crombie (Centennial HS), Rosie Perry (Sullivant ES) and Gary Thomas (Africentric ECHS).

Many school board members, administrators, superintendents and treasurers spoke out and testified to the inequity that currently exists under the present school funding model. Your Association's representatives spoke with the volume of 4,000 teachers backing them and were broadcast live on WOSU and worldwide on the Internet.

"We need to stop thinking of our students as from local areas," commented Kriston Crombie. "You have students who attend Columbus City Schools, and just two miles away there's one of the wealthiest districts in the state of Ohio. If we can change the way we think about school funding, that we're all citizens of the state of Ohio then perhaps that would help to alleviate some of the disparity between wealthy and poor districts, because the system is inherently inequitable."

"It seems to me that as long as the funding system remains the same way that is now, you're not going to have stability," added Karen Andermills. "CCS just passed our levy and our neighbors didn't, and they needed it just as much as we did. That's not fair."

"Every one of the 614 school districts in Ohio are non-profit, but many people don't know that there are entities in Ohio that take tax money from the state level, keep that for themselves because they are for-profit educational management organizations," said Phil Hayes, responding to the Governor's question about fiscal accountability. "That means that's money that's going into somebody's pocket and isn't going to educate our students."

To view the entire program as it was originally broadcast, surf to www.ohiochannel.org/multimedia/programs/media.cfm?file_id=117216&program_id=107678.

Live united

The United Way campaign is coming to an end. As you consider your donation level, think about the children you teach.

United Way looks at the big picture of critical

needs in central Ohio to find their root causes. For instance, studies show that positive stimulation from birth to age 3 can dramatically improve kindergarten readiness. United Way and Franklin County government's Start Smart begins early to help children achieve lifelong success. This innovative initiative increases access, affordability and quality of childcare and improves parent education, community awareness and children's health.

Give generously. GIVE and LIVE UNITED!



CEA elections

The following positions are open in the Columbus Education Association Spring 2009 elections: Governors for Districts 3 and 6, High School Governor-at-Large, NEA delegates to the 2009 Representative Assembly and OEA delegates to the 2009-2010 Representative Assemblies.

Members may declare their candidacy for these positions from Jan. 5-30. Candidates may campaign from Feb. 2-13. Voting will take place in all CEA units from Feb. 17-Mar. 2. The Elections Committee will tabulate votes on Mar. 3.

Textbook selection committees

Applications to be nominated to Textbook Selection Committees have been sent to your building principals. If you wish to be considered, submit your application by Dec. 15. Textbook adoptions will be made for the following subjects:

MS/HS PE; Grade 6 Life Science, Grade 7 Earth & Space Sciences, Grade 8 Physical Science, Grade 9 Physical Science w/Earth and Space Science, Grade 10 Biology w/Earth & Space Science, Grade 11 Chemistry & Environmental Science, Grade 12 Physics, Advanced Placement Biology, Chemistry and Physics; Social Studies K-5, Grade 6-World Regions, Grade 7-Ancient and Medieval World, Grade 8-US Studies to 1877, Grade 9-World Studies: 1750-Present, Grade 12-Democratic Citizenship; Career/Tech. Ed. (for new Downtown HS only) Fire Service, Law Enforcement, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Hospitality/Event Mgmt., Early Child Dev., Custodial Services, Financial Services, Legal Office Tech., Entrepreneurship, Logistics, Bus. Principles and Mgmt., MS Office Suites, Information Support and Services, Networking Systems, Programming and Software Dev., Engineering, Industrial Tech., or Electronics, Dental Assisting, Fitness & Wellness, Medical Lab. Tech., Medical Asst., Nurse Asst., Veterinary Tech., Surgical Tech. and Medical Terminology.

Learning in Linden

The second community conversation on closing achievement gaps will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10, at St. Stephen's Community House, 1500 E. 17th Ave. Dinner will be served at 4:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 5 p.m. This event is open to the public and is made possible through an NEA Public Engagement Project grant awarded to CEA.

The conversation will be led by St. Stephen's CEO Michelle Mills, CEA President Rhonda Johnson and Supt. Gene Harris. It will focus on the resources, academics and support services needed to close achievement gaps in the Linden-McKinley feeder pattern. Learn how Linden-McKinley HS is being transformed into a STEM school and about plans for renovating the facility.

Special note

- The **deadline for making appeals** to receive **Gainsharing** awards is **Tuesday, Dec. 16**. E-mail documentation and verification to ctysen@columbus.k12.oh.us or fax to Labor Relations at 365-5741. After the Gainsharing Committee meets to consider appeals, payments will be made in early 2009. Call Sally Oldham at CEA if you have questions.

Job Sharing Request

CEA is compiling a list of teachers interested in job sharing next school year. If you are looking for a job-share partner, fill out the form below and return it to the CEA office. A list will be printed and mailed to each person who submits the form to assist him/her in finding a partner for job sharing. Even if you submitted your name last year, please fill out a new form this year. Please return this form to Carol Wagner at CEA by Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008.

Name: _____

School: _____ Phone: _____

Present Assignment: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____

Certification Area(s): _____

Mobile Phone: (____) _____

Teaching Preference for Next Year: _____

E-mail Address: _____