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Remembering Carol

You could always count on Carol Wagner. She knew CEA inside and out; and she was always there to answer questions, weigh in an important decision and champion our rights. For nearly 50 years, Carol worked in every area of service—plus, she was a fashion icon, a devoted Buckeye fan and wonderful friend.

We will miss her. Carol died Mar. 20 following a brief illness. Our hearts grieve for her longtime partner, Rick Logan, and for all of us who were lucky enough to do this important work with her by our side.

Carol was elected CEA Vice President in 1984 and served for 10 years. She later retired from a position as a staff consultant with more than 40 years of service with Columbus City Schools. Carol continued to work for CEA part-time, even during her illness. Prior to working at CEA, she taught elementary and middle school and served as a faculty representative, a governor and a negotiations team member. She held numerous other positions along the way, including chair of CEA's Legislative Committee and served as secretary and then president of the TBS.

Carol enjoyed travel throughout the United States, Europe and Latin America. She had a marvelous sense of humor and enjoyed collecting pigs. She also enjoyed studying political history. She was a strong advocate of the middle class and was our resident expert in insurance matters.

Carol's memory will remain an inspiration for all of us. CEA is a better organization because she was here.

Services will be held Monday, Mar. 31, at Diehl-Whittaker Funeral Home, 720 E. Long Street. Her family will receive friends from 4–5:30 p.m. with a memorial service at 5:30 p.m. Donations in memory of Carol can be made to the Central Ohio Chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Carol Wagner

OEA delegates elected

Thanks to all for electing those of us who will serve at the state-level association assembly in the fall of 2014 and spring of 2015. The Ohio Education Association Representative Assembly is the body that makes policy statewide, sets annual objectives, adopts the state association budget, adopts/evaluates a legislative program, acts on resolutions and conducts necessary business. The OEA RA consists of members who are elected by their local associations, including CEA. Members of the CEA Board of Governors are elected to serve by virtue of office. Any member is welcome to attend the OEA RA as a guest, but only elected and reported delegates may debate and vote. The following list includes the delegates (in vote total order) who have been elected to serve in the Fall of 2014 and the Spring of 2015.

Delegates: Greg Mild, Ezetta Murray, Bob Hern, Judy L. Wright, Kristy Leigh, Dale Rucker, Bev Carter, Daria DeNoia, Traci L. Arway, Jeanette Johnson, Dwayne Zimmerman, Gerry Curran, Kriston Crombie Stotik, Angel Dyer, Paula J. Garfield, Faye Love, Claudia Eschelbach, Kenya Davis, Jenny Plemel, Tracie L. Helmbrecht, Rita Hinz, Eric L. Stone, Megan Hinz, Angela Stokes, Carol M. Dixon, Beth Broadnax, Jo Annette Byas-Marston, Deliana Soto, Amy Morris, Nicholas A. Brandt, Michelle Stasa Coleman, Seneca Bing, Kimberly A. Jones, Gary Metznerbacher, Andrew Merritt, Marty Flood, Jr., Melanie Garvin, Chris Barr, Lori A. Jackson, Susan Guisinger, Rodney W. Grist, Kevin G. Tooson, Aaron Moore, Toby Hawk, Lisa R. Straughter, Marc Brown, Alan Schmiedebusch, James Keller, Julie Didlick, Jeff Becker, Diana Turner, Cheryl I. Cooper, Chad Wilkins, Brittiney Flowers, Shamelle Warfield, Kari Pietrangelo Yates, Amanda Blake, Thomas W. Gibson, Julia Huffner, D. Keith Adams, James R. Lafferty, Christopher C. Klemm, Julie A. Meyer, Christopher W. Conrad, Lovelee Lawanda Kirk, Tonya Temple and Laurene Holloway. *Alternates:* Kimberly Allbaugh Ogilbee, Rodney Boyd, Laura A. Antoniak, Catherine Cincione, Kayo Boykin, Tayana Jones Patterson, John R. Kountz, Marlena Holt, Jeanette Kuschill, Amy Glowark, Teri Lipp, Sharonda Mattox, Kate White, Jacquelyn D. Golden, Kennette Edwards, Jamie Morris, Robert E. Milligan, Jennifer Angelcyk, Ruth H. Colwell Ennis, Atanya Brown, Kacy Roston, Melissa Stoevsand and Kerrie Granick.

Remember SB 5

March 31 is an important anniversary. We will mark three years since the defeat of Senate Bill 5. We will remember how hard we all worked to protect our rights; but in November, we will remember the elected officials who brought us this pernicious piece of legislation.

In the meantime, we are preparing to mark the occasion. On Mar. 31, unions across Ohio are calling on workers throughout the state to remind everyone that we cannot take the victory for granted and to help gather memories of that fight. Join us Monday, Mar. 31, from 4–6 p.m. and 6–8 p.m. at the Ohio AFL-CIO, 395 E. Broad St., to call our fellow workers and ask them to remember and record their impressions. *RSVP* to Jessica Vernon at 329-5842 or jvernon@ohaflcio.org.

STRS and preschool teachers

There is an important change coming for bargaining unit members who positions have been determined to be of mutual interest by STRS and SERS. For example, the Ohio STRS and SERS have determined that pre-school teachers will pay into SERS instead of STRS effective July 1, 2014. You should be receiving information about this from the district. It is the employer's responsibility to provide you with this information. It is important for you to check to make sure that the district has your correct personal information and teaching assignment so that your investment is going into the right retirement system.

To view the guidance documents sent by STRS to school districts and the list of the affected positions, go to: <https://www.strsoh.org/Employer/pdfs/50-920C.pdf>.

Budget Year II: Education and taxes

Gov. John Kasich has a lot of items brewing for the second half of the budget biennium. His Mid-Biennium Budget Review (MBR), House Bill 472, outlines policy and funding priorities for the second year of the state budget. In the past, the review has been split into multiple bills, some sent for deliberation to the House and others to the Senate. So we are uncertain how the major components will be addressed. So keep reading *The CEA Voice*.

The governor is proposing many changes affecting public schools, and future bills may include such items as graduation requirements and teacher evaluations. Here are other major items we will be watching:

Dropout Prevention: Nearly 24,000 students drop out each year. A bill could require new state and local strategies to identify at-risk students and serve them more effectively, including with career advising, new academic pathways and remediation in math and English.

Dropout Recovery: As many as one million Ohio adults lack a high school diploma. A proposal may create incentives for adults age 22 and older to return for their diplomas and job training.

Encouraging Mentorship: A new program would use \$10 million from casino license fees to provide matching grants in support of efforts to mentor low-income students. New state guidelines could provide matching grants for programs that sponsor career advising and mentoring.

Expanding Access to Vocational Education: Kasich proposed making technical and vocational education available to students beginning in the seventh grade to give them a jump-start toward a career path. Districts would be allowed to opt out.

The governor also proposed strengthening provisions for closing down poorly performing charter schools serving dropouts.

In the coming weeks, the state senate and house will weigh in on these and other proposals, collect testimony and set priorities. Read more about the governor's plan on one of these sites: [http://www.gongwer-oh.com/public/130/Kasich-SOTS 14.pdf](http://www.gongwer-oh.com/public/130/Kasich-SOTS%2014.pdf) and <http://www.governor.ohio.gov/PrioritiesandInitiatives/MidBienniumReview.aspx>.

Attend the CEA LA

There are two very important local meetings left this year: May 1 and May 22. These are gatherings of the CEA Legislative Assembly. At these meetings, your faculty representatives who serve CEA within our own local association hear about important issues and make decisions affecting our contract. These meetings are open to all CEA members, and we urge you to attend. It is important that all CEA units be part of the discussions. The list below represents the buildings/units represented at the Mar. 6 Legislative Assembly:

Alpine ES, Arlington Park ES, Art, Arts Impact MS, Avalon ES, Avondale ES, Beechcroft HS, Berwick K-8, Briggs HS, Broadleigh ES, Burroughs ES, CAHS, Cassady ES, CEA, Centennial HS, Clinton ES, Columbus Africentric EC ES, Columbus City Prep. School for Boys, Columbus Downtown HS, Columbus International HS 7-12, Columbus Scioto 6-12, Como ES, Devonshire ES, Dominion MS, Duxberry Park ES, Eakin ES, East Columbus ES, East HS, East Linden ES, Eastgate ES, Easthaven ES, Eastmoor Acad. HS, École Kenwood K-6, Fairmoor ES, Fairwood K-6, Fifth Avenue K-6, Forest Park ES, Ft. Hayes Arts & Academic HS, Gables ES, Georgian Heights ES, Gifted & Talented, Guidance Counselors, Highland ES, Hilltonia MS, Hudson St. Warehouse, Huy ES/A.G. Bell Program, Indianola Informal K-8, Juvenile Detention Center (JDC), Leawood ES, Liberty ES, Lindbergh ES, Linden STEM

Acad. K-6, Linden-McKinley STEM 7-12, Livingston K-6, Maize ES, Marion-Franklin HS, Maybury ES, Medina MS, Mifflin HS, Mifflin MS, Music, Neil Avenue Center, North Linden ES, Northgate Center, Northland HS, Northtowne ES, Nurses, Oakland Park ES, Oakmont ES, Olde Orchard ES, OT/PT, PAR, Parsons K-6, Phys. Ed., Psychologists, Ridgeview MS, Salem ES, Scottwood ES, Shady Lane ES, South HS 7-12, Special Ed. Transition Coordinators, Speech & Language, Starling K-8, Stewart ES @ Beck, Sullivant ES, Valley Forge ES, Walnut Ridge HS, Watkins ES, Wedgewood MS, Weinland Park ES, West Broad ES, West HS, West Mound ES, Westgate ES, Westmoor MS, Whetstone HS, Winterset ES, Woodcrest ES and Woodward Park MS.

Thank you for supporting our third graders

CEA members generously donated over 1,150 books valued at over \$6,500 to this year's CEA Book Drive. The books collected will go directly into the hands of our third-grade students. As you know, as a result of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, more than half of our third graders are in jeopardy of being retained. Your generosity helps us support the district's literacy initiatives. Thank you to all who supported this year's campaign in your buildings.

A special thank you goes out to the CEA Book Drive Committee: Megan Hinz (West HS); Carrie Hoover (North Linden ES); Tracey Johnson (CEA) and Crystal White (Champion MS). Congratulations to Susan Marcus (Georgian Heights ES). She is the winner of the iPad Mini and carrying case.

If you still have books in your building, you can drop them off at the CEA Office or contact Tracey Johnson at 253-4731 to arrange a pick-up. You forgot to participate? It's not too late to donate. You can purchase books and bring them to the office, or you can order books online at Barnes & Noble and have them delivered directly to the CEA office to the attention of Tracey Johnson. The shipping address is 929 East Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43205.

Correction: The Mar. 24 *Voice* article "The survey says..." omitted Parsons ES from the top ten in two categories: Instructional Programs and Instructional Resources. Additionally, Avalon ES was accidentally replaced by Arlington Park ES in the bottom ten in four categories—Administrator-Teacher Relationships, Democratic Process, Family and Community and Instructional Resources. To view the corrected chart from the article, go to <http://bit.ly/top10bottom10>.

Special notes

- ❑ The **CCS/OSU Outreach Courses for Summer Term 2014** will be **open for online pre-registration until Apr. 6**. For more information about these classes and/or to pre-register, go to <http://www.columbus.k12.oh.us/osu>, click on "Summer 2014 Courses," then read through the two information pages to get to the list of courses.
- ❑ **Senior FRs** must fax (253-5052) requests for **alternative interview panels** to the CEA President by Mar. 28. The following alternative interview panels have been approved: Binns ES, Buckeye MS, Cedarwood ES, Clinton ES, Columbus Global Academy, Eakin ES, Early Childhood, East Linden ES, Ft. Hayes Arts & Academic HS, Highland ES, Johnson Park MS, Linden-McKinley STEM 7-12, Maize ES, Medina MS, North Linden ES, Oakmont ES, Ohio Avenue ES, Psychologists, Sherwood MS, Siebert K-6, Starling K-8, Walnut Ridge HS, Wedgewood MS and Yorktown MS.
- ❑ The **Teachers' Dream Grant** is an opportunity for all teachers to apply for individual school-based grants from \$500-\$5,000 focusing on academic enrichment, increasing student achievement, closing the achievement gap, improving school/community relations and improving classroom learning climate. The deadline for online submission is 4 p.m. on Apr. 11, 2014. If you have questions, go to the district website or contact Andrea Richardson at 365-5733.