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(Editors note: We are trying to let our members know a little bit about the people who represent them on the NCOEA Executive Committee. No picture was available of Tina)

Happy New Year! And what a year it promises to be. I am Tina Adams, the new MSEA President. I have been a Head Cook in Mansfield for 23 years. As an ESP, being president of such a large organization with both certified and classified members offers new challenges and opportunities. Although not new to local Association involvement, I am new to active involvement within NCOEA. I am excited to work with the new (and the old) members of MSEA's Leadership Team, our new LRC, Deidri Kennedy, the new Collective Bargaining Core Function Committee within OEA, and the NCOEA Executive Committee. I anticipate many new challenges will be coming my way considering the new administration in Mansfield City Schools. As I continue my journey in Association leadership, I appreciate and welcome the assistance and support of those who have traveled before me and those who are traveling with me. *I sincerely hope some more of you will join the journey.* The multitudes of opportunities for training and involvement make it possible for every member to contribute at their own comfort level. I would encourage all members to offer to become involved at the local, district, or state level. Whatever your talents and time limitations may be – there is a niche for you. I choose not to sit back and watch the role of public education employees evolve without input from those of us who live it everyday. I invite you to join me. Our future depends on it!

ESP's!!! Put this date on your calendar! November 8, 2008.

3rd Annual ESP Conference To Be Held at Mansfield Senior H.S.

ESP Members: Save the date of November 8, 2008 to attend the 3rd Annual State ESP Conference in Mansfield. The Ohio Association of Education Support Professionals, a department of OEA, sponsors the conference. We are growing and welcome new faces! Join other ESP's from all over the state to share and learn about topics from the basic structure of our organization to collective bargaining and contract enforcement as well as the varied tasks we perform in our jobs every day. You will gain a new understanding of the benefits of Association membership. This conference is designed for all members, not just local leaders. Registration will begin in the fall. Plan to join us for some fun on Friday night, November 7 too!

Just a reminder that the November – December 2007 *Chalkdust* is still available on the NCOEA Website: www.northcentraloea.org. We had some problems with the site in November and December, but that has been fixed. There are lots of interesting and informative articles in this issue.