



Left to Right:
 Jen Lepard, NCOEA
 Recording Secretary
 and Awards
 Committee Chair;
 Perry Brokaw,
 Award nominator,
 and NCOEA
 Executive Com-
 mittee member; Lou
 Whitmire, Award
 Recipient; Jami
 Kinton, Award
 Recipient; Brad
 Strong, NCOEA
 President; and Patty
 Levinston, NCOEA
 Vice-President.

NCOEA Friend of Education Awards

This year the NCOEA awarded three Friend of Education Awards.

Lou Whitmire (nominated by Perry Brokaw, Mansfield School Employees Association) and Jami Kinton (nominated by Pat Gordon, Mansfield School Employees Association) both reporters from the Mansfield News Journal were awarded for their coverage of the education controversies in Mansfield City.

Larry Hall (nominated by Karen Seward, Mt. Vernon Education Association) Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Department at the OSU Extension of Knox County was awarded for his work with the youth and schools of Knox County.

A brief recognition ceremony was held for Lou and Jami (Larry was unable to attend) at the May 8, NCOEA Executive Committee Meeting.

All three recipients will be invited to attend the 2009 NCOEA Awards Dinner in May of 2009 where they will be recognized again along with award winners for 2009.

FCPE "Highlights"

Todd A. Brinkman was recognized at the OEA RA in April for reaching the Executive Club Level (\$500.00 over a five year period) for contributions to the Fund for Children and Public Education. Todd serves on the NCOEA Executive Committee and represents NCOEA on the OEA Resolutions Committee. Todd teaches in Ashland City.

Chris Swank, NCOEA Executive Secretary-Treasurer, was one of six winners in the FCPE Give Away at the OEA RA. She received \$300.

A total of \$38,653 was raised at this OEA RA.

OEA's SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE August 4-6, 2004

LEADERSHIP FOR ALL:

Building a Bridge to the Future

This is the theme for the OEA Summer Leadership Conference which will take place at **THE CROWNE PLAZA DUBLIN**, located at 600 Metro Place North, Dublin.

- Association Leadership
- Collective Bargaining
- Political advocacy

Look for registration materials in the April *Ohio Schools*. You can also check out the OEA website at www.ohea.org for the link to register online.

NCOEA members will have a meeting on Tuesday, July 5, at the hotel and then we plan on going to dinner together that evening. Please plan on joining us.

2008 NEA RA

The 2008 NEA Representative Assembly will be held in Washington DC, July 1-6. NCOEA will again help fund local and cluster delegates. In order to receive this funding, delegates need to attend all the caucus meetings starting with the one in Columbus on June 7, and the ones in Washington as well as attend all the sessions of the RA through July 6. Keep in mind that the RA has in the past ended as late as midnight on the last day. Checks will be handed out on the afternoon of the last day.

NCOEA is also planning an evening out for delegates and families on July 5. Please plan to join us on this evening. Becky Mayer has made arrangements for us to dine at a restaurant in Georgetown. More information about this will be available at the first caucus in Columbus.