

## NCOEA TRIVIA CONTEST

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Summertime is near and what could be better than heading out to the store to get your dream picnic items on us! Sounds like fun? Well, this month two \$25 gift cards to Meijers will be rewarded to two people who complete this challenge by answering a few questions. Yet, this time you don't need to look up any of the answers! For they will be your own thoughts and opinions. You will not need to rewrite the questions. Simply send answers with your name, address and home phone to **TEACH621@aol.com**. You will be contacted if you are a winner.

1. This year we decided as a Communication Committee to lessen the number of issues sent out to you. How did you feel about this?
2. If we created an issue that would be online only would you read it?
3. What items/articles do you look at in the Chalkdust?
4. What items in Chalkdust would you want to change or do away with? Please give suggestions.
5. (OPTIONAL) other feedback

Thanks so much. We want to serve you in the best way we can. Your input is very valuable to us. Also, congratulations to the winners from our past edition. \$25.00 Staples gift cards have been sent out to Molly Gillam of Mansfield and Tara Evans of Madison Schools.

## NCOEA Spring Representative Assembly

Mansfield Senior High School, Monday, April 26, 2010, 5:00 pm

The NCOEA RA prepares delegates for the OEA Representative Assembly in May. All of the OEA officers, some of the NEA directors, and the candidates for OEA offices will be addressing the NCOEA RA that evening. There are several issues that will be voted on at the OEA RA that will be presented and discussed.

NCOEA also has openings for **Recording Secretary (2 year term), and the Representatives to the OEA Legislative and Resolutions Committees; and the OEA Organizing Strategy, Local Development and Training, and Collective Bargaining Core Function Committees (all 3 year terms)**. The following list indicates candidates who have declared. All of these positions are open for nominations from the floor.

*NCOEA Recording Secretary* – **Jen Lepard**, Mansfield (2 year term)

*OEA Legislative Committee* – **Rob Fetters**, Mt. Vernon (3 year term)

*OEA Resolutions Committee* – **Todd Brinkman**, Ashland City (3 year term)

*OEA Collective Bargaining Core Function Committee* – **Tina Adams**, Mansfield (3 year term)

*OEA Organizing Strategy Core Function Committee* – **Ryan Tanner**, Galion (3 year term)

A collection for the FCPE (Fund for Children and Public Education) will also be held, so bring your checkbooks and credit cards and let's try to beat our fall RA amount. There will be many giveaways as part of the fund raising event.

There are also many vacancies for regional representatives that need to be filled for the NCOEA Executive Committee (2 Ashland County, 1 Crawford County, 3 Huron County, 1 Knox County, 3 Mansfield City, and 2 Richland County). These vacancies are filled by elections in each county and by appointment in Mansfield City.

All locals should have elected representatives to this RA as well as the OEA RA in Columbus in May. If your local is not represented this year, speak to your local president to make sure an election is held for next year.

### Scholarships Available for OEA Summer Leadership

Crowne Plaza-Dublin, August 2-4

NCOEA is offering scholarships that will cover registration and lodging expenses for the nights of August 2-3. The form can be found on the NCOEA Web site [www.northcentraloea.org](http://www.northcentraloea.org) and needs to be submitted to NCOEA by May 5, 2010.

Registration for the conference can be done online via the OEA Web site at [www.ohea.org](http://www.ohea.org) or by mailing in a completed registration form found in the April 2010 edition of *Ohio Schools* magazine.

### “Clothes That Work”

The Women's Caucus will be sponsoring a clothing drive in conjunction with the OEA RA. “Clothes That Work” is an organization that helps women get back into the workforce. Everyone is encouraged to collect and donate gently used women's suits, dresses, slacks, jackets, and other suitable clothing items. The items can be brought to the OEA RA where they can be dropped off. This would be a worthwhile community project for locals to support. Judy Novak is the contact person for the NCOEA.

The women's Caucus is also sponsoring the NEA Women's Leadership Training June 11-13 at the Doubletree, Worthington. All members are encouraged to attend. More information on the OEA Web site and in the February issue of *Ohio Schools*.

### Local Elections

Madison Local will hold MLEA general elections on April 21, and RA delegate elections on October 5, 2010.

Monroeville Teachers Association will hold officer and OEA/NEA/NCOEA delegate elections on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

### NCOEA Mission

**The Mission of NCOEA is to promote the interest of public education, advance the standards of the education profession, and to secure the conditions necessary for quality public education for all students.**