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Oklahoma County Retired Educators Association

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April 15th Meeting

The Oklahoma County Retired Educators will meet Saturday, April 15, 2023, at the Maps 3 Health & Wellness Center, 11501 N. Rockwell. Registration and coffee begins at 9:30am. The program starts at 10:00am.

The meeting will feature a Legislative Panel discussing current bills and other issues facing Oklahoma.



We will also award three scholarships to college education majors.

We hope you can join us!



What Does That Mean?

If you've looked at the word above your name on the mailing address on the front of the newsletter, you may wonder what it's all about.

Comp means you receive a complimentary copy of the *Capitol Chronicle* as a lawmaker or an employee of OREA.

Due means it is time to pay your \$15.00 dues for 2022-2023.

Life members paid a large amount several years ago and don't need to pay dues. If you are a Life member and want the yearbook mailed to you, a \$3.00 payment will take care of it.

NewR means you have retired from an Oklahoma County school district in the spring of 2022.

Paid means you are a step ahead and have already paid your dues for 2022-2023. Thank you!

Please contact me if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

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Join Us on April 15th!



Rep. Mickey Dollens (D)
District 93



Sen. Carri Hicks (D)
District 40



Rep. Dick Lowe (R)
District 56



Sabra Tucker
OREA Executive Director

The April OCREA meeting will feature a legislative panel consisting of Senator Carri Hicks and Representatives Mickey Dollens and Dick Lowe. OREA Executive Director Sabra Tucker will moderate the panel. Senator Hicks is the Democratic Whip and has served in the Oklahoma Senate since 2018. Representative Dollens is the Minority Whip and has served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives since 2016. Representative Lowe is the Assistant Majority Whip and has served in the Oklahoma House of Representatives since 2020.

If you have questions or concerns you would like to address with the legislators, we hope you will join us.

We will also award three scholarships to college education majors who are preparing to complete their student teaching.



Pictures, Pictures, Pictures

OCREA February Meeting

Thank you to **Dino Lalli** for an entertaining, informative program!!

Our appreciation is extended to **Weldon Davis** who agreed to preside at the meeting while our co-presidents were out of town.

Thanks, also, to **Jean Hendrickson**, who presented a wonderful devotional.

Members were able to enjoy our "heart-healthy" refreshments in honor of Valentine's Day!



Saturdays at 6:30 pm



Weldon Davis presided at the meeting.



Dino Lalli, *Discover Oklahoma*



Dino Lalli was welcomed to the meeting by **Diane Laase** and **Jim Roblyer**.



The devotional was presented by **Jean Hendrickson**.



From the Executive Secretary

We would love to see you at our April 15th meeting. Reach out to a fellow retired educator and bring them to the meeting with you! You can enjoy the program and renew your friendships with other retired educators.



Thanks to everyone who has paid your 2022-2023 OCREA dues! Please contact me when you have questions about dues or changes of address, phone number or email address.

—Diane Laase, dlaase@hotmail.com

OCREA will no longer have a post office box. Be sure and address all written correspondence and send dues to:

OCREA
10801 W. Country Drive
Oklahoma City, OK 73170



Memorial Minute

Listed below are those members who have passed away recently:

- Jimmie D. Allen**
- Alice Mae Story**

Oklahoma County Retired Educators Association Saturday, April 15, 2023

Health and Wellness Center
11501 N. Rockwell Ave., Oklahoma City

- 9:30 am** *Registration and Coffee*
- Greeters** *Linda Manaugh & Jim Roblyer*
- 10:00 am** *Call to Order*
- Presiding** *Kenya Kraft & Joe Wynn, Co-Presidents*
- Devotional** *Opal Floyd*
- Pledge of Allegiance** *Diane Laase*
- Welcome New Members and Guests**
- Memorial Minute** *Kenya Kraft*
- Treasurer's Report** *Diane Laase*

Program:

Legislative Panel

- Pioneer Awards** *Marilyn Davis*

Business

- OCREA Scholarship Awards *Annette Fisher*
- Installation of 2023-24 Officers
- Other

Announcements & Adjournment

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Upcoming Meetings

April 15, 2023

All meetings are held at the
Maps 3 Health & Wellness Center
11501 N. Rockwell
Oklahoma City

Executive Committee

Co-Presidents
.....Joe Wynn & Kenya Kraft
Vice PresidentJim Roblyer
Secretary Danna Senkowski
Past President Weldon Davis
District DirectorJoe Wynn
Executive Secretary/Newsletter
..... Diane Laase

OREA Member Benefits

www.orea.org/membership/benefits

Volunteers Needed!

KIAI Math's Foundation Fluency Program is in need of volunteers. The program was specifically created to be a fun, engaging, and motivating math fact fluency program for kids that is easy for teachers, tutors, and parents to implement. The program helps students master foundation math facts through short games and drills with multiple levels to achieve. It just takes 5 to 10 minutes a day to make a phenomenal difference. The Foundation Fluency Program operates independently from any class curriculum.



KIAI MATH

The program is in place at an elementary school in Putnam City. The program can easily be expanded to serve more students/schools. The more volunteers, the more students can be helped. No tutoring or teaching experience is required. Training will be provided. Volunteers must complete and pass the training program before working with students.

The program will commence with an initial training in July of 2023, with monthly follow-up meetings through the 2023-24 school year. Volunteers will work with 2-3 students at 15- or 30-minute intervals. Volunteers may choose to work from 3 hours a week up to 24 hours a week. **Please contact Jesse Yap at 405-241-6284 or at [jesseyap101@gmail.com](mailto:jesse yap101@gmail.com) for more information.**

(NOTE: Jesse is a former student of an OCREA member. She is a member at the Health & Wellness Center, saw our February meeting listed on their schedule and wondered if some of our members might like to volunteer.)

SCHOLARSHIP

NEWS

One of the most important functions of our OCREA Unit is the awarding of scholarships. Three OCREA Scholarships will be awarded at the April 15th meeting to college seniors who are preparing to complete their student teaching. The universities that are eligible to receive scholarships are: Southern Nazarene University, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma Christian University, and the University of Central Oklahoma.

Please join us to welcome and congratulate these future educators.

Remember, donations to the scholarship fund are greatly appreciated and welcomed at any time during the year.