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Oklahoma County Retired Educators Association

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November 11th Meeting

The Oklahoma County Retired Educators will meet Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the Maps 3 Health & Wellness Center, 11501 N. Rockwell. Registration and coffee at 9:30am. The program begins at 10:00am.



Jo Ann Johnson, President of the Putnam City Retirees Travel Club, will be our guest speaker. (See the article on page 2 for more details.)

See you there!



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 the 2023-2024 year.

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 retired from an Oklahoma County school district in 2022-2023.

Paid means you are a step ahead and have already paid your dues for the 2023-2024 year. Thank you!

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

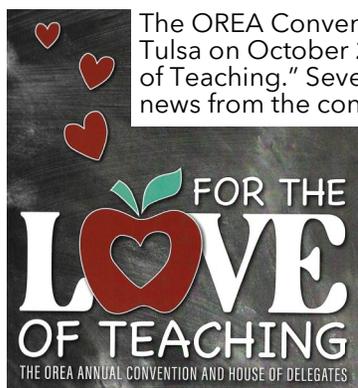
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OCREA News!



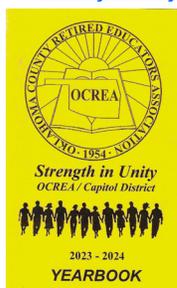
The OREA Convention and House of Delegates was held in Tulsa on October 2-3. This year's theme was "For the Love of Teaching." Several OCREA members attended. More news from the convention is on page 3.



OCREA members at the OREA Convention:
Seated: **Danna Senkowski, Diane Laase**
Standing: **Susan Enloe, Kenya Kraft, Nancy Bailey**

A couple of reminders:

- Please remember to keep track of your **Volunteer Hours**. A form is included with this newsletter. Bring it to our November meeting or send it to Nancy Bailey, baileynancy01@gmail.com.



- **Pioneer Awards:** If you have reached the age of ninety years or know someone who is or will reach ninety before May 1, 2024, and that person worked in the field of education in any capacity such as administrator, teacher, or school personnel, please notify Marilyn Davis (mdavclv@aol.com) by March 1, 2024.

- The **2023-2024 Yearbooks** will be available at the November 11th meeting.

Travel . . .

“Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer.”

—Anonymous

“With age, comes wisdom.

With travel, comes understanding.”

—Sandra Lake

“Once a year, go someplace you’ve never been before.”

—Anonymous

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn’t do than by the ones you did do.”

—H. Jackson Browne Jr.

“Oh the places you’ll go.”

—Dr. Seuss

Putnam City Retirees Travel Club

The Putnam City Retirees Travel Club was organized in 1992 and presently has over 450 members.



Oklahomans age 50 and over, working or retired, are eligible and welcome for membership. One must be a member to travel with the club. The club offers invigorating day trips, interstate tours, and overseas vacation packages at extraordinary value. Monthly meetings are held the first Thursday of every month, January through November, at the Will Rogers Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36th Street, east of Portland in Oklahoma City. Doors open at 6:00pm and the meeting begins at 6:30pm. Trip brochures listing the itinerary and price are available at the monthly meetings.

Jo Ann Johnson, president, will be our special guest speaker at the OCREA meeting on November 11. Hope you can come and check it out!

From the Executive Secretary

THANK YOU to everyone who has paid your dues for 2023-2024. We have also received almost \$700 in scholarship donations! One of the most important and enjoyable tasks that we do each year is to award scholarships to college education majors preparing to do their student teaching. We will be awarding scholarships at the April 20th meeting. Scholarship donations are always appreciated. Please contact me with questions about dues or changes of address, phone number or email address.

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Memorial Minute

Listed below are those members who have passed away since our last meeting:

John Moham
Ruthie Inez Phillips

Oklahoma County Retired Educators Association Saturday, November 11, 2023

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

- 9:30 am *Registration and Coffee*
- Greeters** *Debbie Hogue-Dowing & Jim Roblyer*
- 10:00 am *Call to Order*
- Presiding** *Kenya Kraft & Joe Wynn, Co-Presidents*
- Devotional** *Weldon Davis*
- Pledge of Allegiance** *Dr. Wilbur House*
- Welcome New Members and Guests**
- Memorial Minute** *Kenya Kraft*
- Treasurer’s Report** *Diane Laase*

Program

Jo Ann Johnson, President
Putnam City Retirees Travel Club

Business

- Legislative Update
- Other

Announcements & Adjournment



Need to Pay Your Dues?

Fill out the form on the right → and mail it with your check to:

OCREA
10801 W Country Dr
Oklahoma City, OK 73170

Be sure and check your address label...you may have already PAID!

OCREA Unit Meetings

2023-2024 OCREA Meetings are scheduled for
Saturday, November 11, 2023
Saturday, February 17, 2024
Saturday, April 20, 2024



Maps 3 Health & Wellness Center
11501 N Rockwell, Oklahoma City

9:30am Registration & Coffee
10:00am Meeting begins



Important Web Sites

Legislative Web Site:
www.lsb.state.ok.us

OREA Web Site:
www.orea.org

Like us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/okctyrea

Strength in Unity
OCREA / Capitol District



OKLAHOMA COUNTY RETIRED EDUCATORS (OCREA)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2023-2024

(MAIL: OCREA, 10801 W Country Dr., Oklahoma City, OK 73170)

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OCREA DUES \$15 _____

OCREA DUES (SPOUSE) \$15 _____

SCHOLARSHIP DONATION _____

POSTAGE FOR YEARBOOK \$ 3 _____

OREA (STATE) DUES \$42 _____

Make check payable to **OCREA.**

TOTAL _____

Congratulations!



Jim Roblyer, OCREA Very Important Member, receiving his certificate from Lynn Stockley, OREA Vice President, and Paula Squires, OREA President.



Diane Laase, Capitol Chronicle editor, receiving the certificate for the **Best Local Large Unit Newsletter** from Paula Squires, OREA President.

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Upcoming Meetings

November 11, 2023
February 17, 2024
April 20, 2024

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

September Unit Meeting

We had a wonderful, informative meeting on September 16th! **Kenton Peters**, Naturalist from the Will Rogers Gardens and Arboretum, was our special guest speaker. He shared many beautiful images from the gardens and answered our gardening questions.



L-R: Vice President **Jim Roblyer**,
Guest Speaker **Kenton Peters**,
Co-Presidents **Kenya Kraft** and **Joe Wynn**



Kenton Peters



Opal Floyd presented a devotion to begin the meeting.