

## President's Message from Judy

It's hard to believe that this is the last brochure for 2025. Thank You to everyone who has attended the events that have been planned by our Executive Board.

Just a friendly reminder to write a **separate check** for each event. This makes it so much easier for Jeanne when she makes the deposit for the event. Thanks to those of you who have been carefully filling out your reservation information. When you do that, Jeanne does not have to make calls to ask your menu choice or pick up location.

I want to wish each of you a Blessed Holiday Season. Please feel free to contact me at [jvalentine59@aol.com](mailto:jvalentine59@aol.com) or (614) 866-6333 if you have questions or ideas for programs.

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Jeanne Stoll, 1680 Carriage Rd., Powell, OH 43065  
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## IMPORTANT!

Due to Federal Regulations, ALL CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO:  
**COLUMBUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION RETIRED**

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# Bus Pick-Up Locations

When we take a motor coach as our means of transportation to various activities, we usually use two pick-up locations, basically one northwest and one east. It depends on the direction of the trip. The location of the pick-up for each activity will be stated in the respective descriptions. At the present time, we are using the following pick-up locations.

**Note: On each activity, the arrival times are approximate.**

### **EAST:**

Taylor Square Shopping Center on Rt. 256 North. Park in the back of the Fifth Third Bank at 2883 Taylor Road. You will be in front of Marshall's and JoAnn Fabrics. Directions from I-70 East: Travel east on I-70 to exit 112B. The exit sign says Reynoldsburg West. (The exit is west when you start but you will enter on Rt. 256). Turn right (North) at the first right (0.2 miles) Turn left on Taylor Road. You are there.

### **NORTHWEST:**

Olentangy Plaza, 5005 Olentangy River Road. Rt. 315 North to Bethel Road exit, turn left (west) onto Bethel Road. Go to the 2nd light and turn left into the parking area of Olentangy Plaza. Park in front of the access

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**EACH EVENT NEEDS ITS OWN CHECK!**



# cea-r

## Membership Form

Mail to:

**CEA, 929 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43205**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ST/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: Life - \$100 (\$50 if retired prior to January, 2000) or Yearly - \$10

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Select: Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Retired Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Last building assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The *CEA Voice* is available on the CEA Website:

**[www.ceaohio.org](http://www.ceaohio.org)**

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## Lazarus Rooftop Tour & Lunch

**Event: Lazarus Building Tour and Lunch**

**Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025**

**Time: 10:45 a.m.–1:30 p.m.**

**Sign In: 10:45–11:00 a.m.**

**Tour: Lazarus Building, 50 W Town St Columbus, Ohio**



The Arched Entrance is at the corner of Wall St and Town St. At the end of archway, you will see a diamond shaped illuminated clock. We will meet at the clock.

**Lunch: Spaghetti Warehouse, 150 S High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215**

**Menu:** Mark choice on registration form

**#1** Spaghetti and Meatballs                    **#2** 15 Layered Lasagna

**#3** Fettuccine Alfredo                            **#4** Chicken Parm

*All meals served with salad, coffee, tea, or soft drinks.*

**Cost:** \$32 (includes tour, lunch, tax, and gratuity)

**Deadline:** Monday, September 1, 2025

Reservation **Mail check and form to Jeanne Stoll**

### **LIMIT 25**

Did you know there is a gorgeous garden atop the historic Lazarus Building? It is a small piece of wild Ohio with wildflowers, grasses, herbs, and honeybees, along with fantastic views of downtown Columbus. Robert Turrin, Lazarus Building Manager will be our tour guide. This tour is handicapped accessible with no stairs, although we will be walking on gravel pathways, so wear comfortable shoes. Enter Lazarus at the corner of Wall Street and Town Street. This is an arched entrance. At the end of the hallway we will meet under the large diamond illuminated clock. After our tour, we will walk across High Street to the new Spaghetti Warehouse for lunch. Paid parking is available on the streets around Lazarus or the Commons Underground Parking Lot entrance located on 3rd Street. You will have to take stairs to exit the High Street access with this lot. Also, the Columbus Commons Main Car Park is available the with entrance located on Main St.

### **LIMIT 25 PARTICIPATES**

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### Tour of Historic St. Paul's A.M.E. Church & Lunch

**Event: Tour of Historic St. Paul's Church & Lunch at the German Maennerchor**

**Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025**

**Time: 10–11 a.m.**

**Sign-In: 9:45–10 a.m.**

**Place: St. Paul's Church, 112 Jefferson Ave.  
(Corner of Long St. and Jefferson), Columbus**



**Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Valter's at the German Maennerchor, 976 S. High St., Columbus**

**Menu:** Mark choice on registration form

**#1 Valter's Chicken Sandwich** served with peppers and onions on a pretzel bun served with chips.

**#2 Stout Bratwurst** with onions and peppers served on a baguette served with chips.

**#3 The Matterhorn Burger** served on a pretzel bun with lettuce, tomato, cheddar and goat cheese served with chips.

*(All served with coffee, tea, cola, or water)*

**Cost:** \$35 (Includes speaker, tour fee, lunch, tax, and tip)

**Deadline:** **Monday, September 8, 2025**

Reservation **Mail check and form to Jeanne Stoll**

The Historic St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church is the oldest congregation of African descent in Columbus and was founded in 1823. The present edifice was completed in 1906. Come and learn about the history, architecture and the future plans of this historic, multicultural congregation and church.

Lunch will be served at the historic German Maennerchor. This building was built in 1880 and was used as a church by the Swiss immigrants. In 1921, the German Maennerchor (Men's choir) moved into the building, and you will find its décor will allow you to feel like you just stepped into an old German restaurant.

## **A Candy Cane Sweet Trip**

**Event: Bus trip, Museum, Lunch, Tour, and Ice Cream**

**Date: Wednesday, October 8, 2025**

### **Bus Schedule:**

Arrive: Pick Up #1 East	6:45 a.m.
Depart:	7 a.m.
Arrive: Pick Up #2 NW	7:20 a.m.
Depart:	7:35 a.m.



### **Return Schedule:**

Arrive: Pick Up # 2 NW	7 p.m.
Arrive: Pick Up # 1 East	7:20 p.m.

**Places:** American Bicycle Museum, Local Restaurant and Microbrewery, Spangler Candy Company, and Whippy Ice Cream.

### **Lunch: The Barn at Sauder Village**

**Cost:** \$150

**Deadline:** Thursday, September 4, 2025

**Reservation:** Send check and form to Jeanne Stoll

We will motor coach to New Bremen to visit the American Bicycle Museum. The museum has more than 200 bicycles on display and over 800 in their collection. We will discover the history of the bicycle and how it helped shape the American landscape through innovation and design.

Our next stop will be in the warm and inviting atmosphere of the Barn Restaurant at Sauder Village. For more than 45 years families have gathered to enjoy home-style food and welcoming hospitality under the hand-hewn timbers of a barn built in 1861. Lunch will be a buffet with homemade pie for dessert. Following lunch we will board the bus for Spangler Candy Company.

Spangler Candy Company was started in 1906 and has been a family owned and operated confectionery manufacturer in Bryan, Ohio. Spangler is the largest lollipop producer, Dum Dums, in the world and the only major candy cane producer in the United States. They also produce Bit-O-Honey, Necco Wafers, and everyone's favorite circus peanuts. There will be opportunity to purchase candies and candy canes to take home.

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### Coral Reef Farms

**Event: Tour a coral reef farm**

**Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2025**

**Time: 10–11:15 a.m.**

**Sign-In: 10 a.m.**

**Place: Coral Reef Farms**

**8459 Peter Hoover Road, New Albany**

**Tour: 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.**

We will learn about this facility, its mission and tour the green house where coral grows

**Lunch: On your own – a list of nearby locations will be provided at the farm.**

**Cost: \$10 (donation to Coral Reef Farms)**

**Deadline: Sunday, October 26, 2025**

**Reservation: Mail check and form to Jeanne Stoll**

If you have ever been snorkeling or scuba diving, you may have experienced the amazing beauty and colors of a coral reef. Dedicating themselves to making a difference in the ever-declining conditions of coral reefs, this agricultural coral reef farm facility was created in 2005 to help preserve the earth's reefs. Growing their own coral from sustainable dry rock from quarries allows aquarium enthusiasts to purchase coral rather than taking it from the ocean. Come and see more than 10,000 pieces of coral without ever having to leave Central Ohio!



## Silent Auction



<b>Event:</b>	<b>Silent Auction and Lunch</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, November 19, 2025</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>10:30 a.m.–2 p.m.</b>
<b>Sign-in &amp; Set-Up:</b>	<b>10:30–11 a.m.</b>
<b>Bidding:</b>	<b>11 a.m.–12 p.m. and a short period after lunch</b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b>The Berwick, 3250 Refugee Rd.</b>
<b>Lunch:</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>

**Menu:** Two-Entree Buffet: Chicken Parmesan, Homemade Vegetable Lasagna, Penne Pasta in tomato sauce, Italian Style Green Beans, Mixed Green Salad. Fried Mushrooms, Rolls, Coffee, Iced Tea, and Lemonade. Dessert.

**Cost:** **\$40 (includes buffet, tax, and tip)**

**Deadline:** **Friday, November 14, 2025**

**Reservation:** **Mail check and form to Jeanne Stoll**

This event has become a favorite of CEA-R members. This is a great time to pass on some of your Christmas decorations and pick up some new ones. Need a White Elephant gift? This is the place to find just what you are looking for.

Silent bidding begins at 11 a.m. and pauses for our buffet lunch. After lunch, there will be a short time to look over items again and make your final bid.

Items not sold by written bids will be sold at a live auction by our very own auctioneer, Jeanne Stoll.

## **SCROOGE! The Musical**

**Event:** **Lunch and Performance**

**Date:** **Thursday, December 11, 2025**

**Time:** **7:45 a.m.–5 p.m.**

**Bus Schedule:**

Arrive: Pick-up #1 East 7:45 a.m.

Depart: 8 a.m.

Arrive: Pick-up #2 Northwest 8:30 a.m.

Depart: 8 a.m.

**Return Bus Schedule:**

Arrive: Pick-up #2 Northwest 4:30 p.m.

Arrive: Pick-up #1 East 5 p.m.

**Lunch Menu:** House signature salad with papaya chutney dressing, chef carved meats, variety of pastas, vegetables, their famous sweet potato casserole, dessert, and drink

**Performance:** **Scrooge! The Musical**

**Cost:** **\$106 (includes, bus, lunch, tax, tip, and performance)**

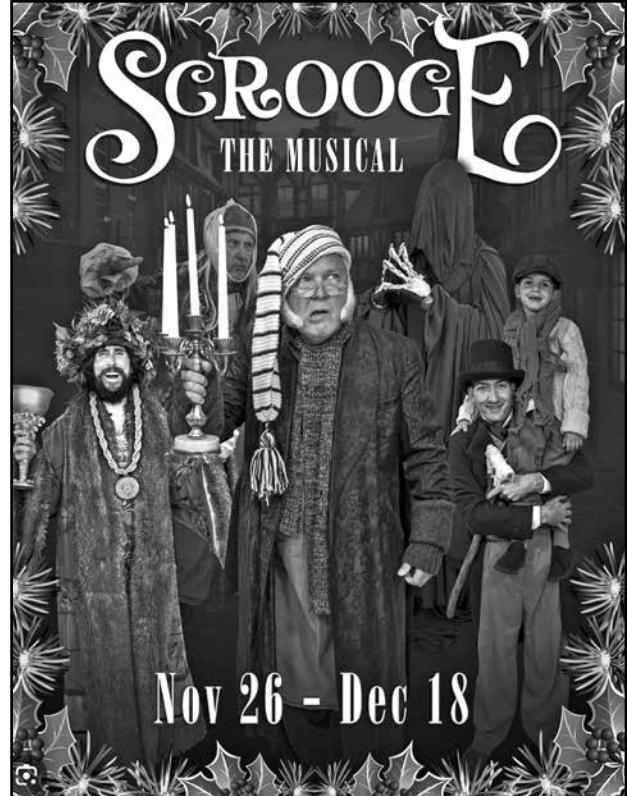
**Deadline:** **Monday, November 11, 2025**

**Reservations:** **Mail check and form to Jeanne Stoll**

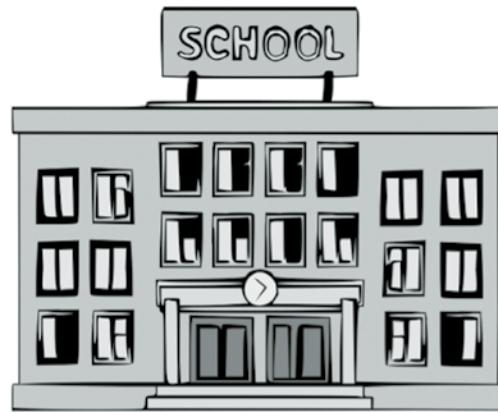
This rousing adaptation of the 1970 Oscar-nominated film “Scrooge” tells the timeless tale of the infamous miser’s supernatural encounters on Christmas Eve.

A wonderful musical score by Oscar and Grammy Award-winning composer Leslie Bricusse (“Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory”) brings the Charles Dickens’ classic novel “A Christmas Carol” to life like never before.

Scrooge! The Musical, the classic story of redemption and forgiveness, capped off with our traditional singing of “O Holy Night” is the perfect way to celebrate the Joy of Christmas.



## After the Bell Rings



At the vibrant age of 83, **Linda LeVally-Early** is living proof that retirement can be just the beginning of new adventures. After dedicating 36 years to teaching first grade for CCS, Linda decided to lace up her sneakers—and hasn't stopped since. Incredibly, Linda had never run before retiring, but she has now completed more than 250 5K races! On some weekends, she'd run a race on Saturday, follow it up with another on Sunday, and head straight to church still proudly sporting her running gear and race medal.

Linda's passion for giving back didn't end with teaching. As a Scholastic volunteer, she earned the nickname "the book lady" by donating hundreds of books to Bible schools, pediatrician offices, and elementary schools, spreading her love of reading wherever she went. And that's not all—Linda also supports Operation Christmas Child, gifting towers of presents to children in need around the world.



Known for her warm and friendly spirit, Linda says, "Nobody is a stranger to me." So, the next time you see her at a CEA-R event, be sure to strike up a conversation—you're guaranteed to leave inspired!

## **Meet Vanita Thomas**



**Vanita Williams (right) is with Marti Mercuri  
at the CEA-R Members Luncheon in June at The Berwick**

Perhaps you may already know her since she taught for CCS for 31 years in numerous positions and schools as a K-8 Math, Health, Earth Science, and Language teacher, Assistant Middle School Principal and also as an Elementary teacher.

Vanita didn't stop her education when she retired. She became a Master Gardener in 2014 through O.S.U. after completing over 100 hours in the classroom and 50 hours in the garden. Vanita's favorite is her vegetable garden where she grows everything from popcorn, watermelon, and okra to red potatoes. She grows beautiful ornamental flowers so she can give them away to her neighbors.

If you are looking to find Vanita when she isn't joining us on our CEA-R adventures, you can find her at the Bexley Community Garden, the Friendship Village Garden, or the Dublin Therapeutic Memory Garden. Vanita also enjoys spending time with her nieces and nephews and is honored that one niece followed in her footsteps and is teaching in Japan. She hopes one day to travel abroad to visit her.

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**Page 8 Scrooge! The Musical**  
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**Cost: \$106**

**Deadline: Monday, Nov. 11, 2025**  
**Pick-Up: #1 East \_\_\_\_\_ #2 NW \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Page 7 Silent Auction & Lunch**  
**Date: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025**  
**Cost: \$40**

**Deadline: Friday, Nov. 14 2025**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Page 6 Coral Reef Farms**  
**Date: Wednesday, Nov 5, 2025**  
**Cost: \$10 (donation)**

**Deadline: Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Page 5 A Candy Cane Sweet Trip**  
**Date: Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025**  
**Cost: \$150**

**Deadline: Thursday, Sept. 4, 2025**  
**Pick-Up: #1 East \_\_\_\_\_ #2 NW \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Page 4 St. Paul's AME Church & Lunch**  
**Date: Thursday, Sept. 18, 2025**  
**Cost: \$35**

**Deadline: Monday, Sept. 8, 2025**  
**Meal Choice: #1 \_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**Page 3 Lazarus Rooftop Tour & Lunch**  
**Date: Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025**  
**Cost: \$32**

**Deadline: Monday, Sept. 1, 2025**  
**Meal Choice: #1 \_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_ \$4**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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### **2019**

Alberta S. Carey

Jan. 2, 2019

Mary McGinty Bourke

Apr. 23, 2025

Helen "Cinda" Armstrong Barton

Apr. 23, 2025

Ulisse Frissora

Apr. 29, 2025

Mary George- Lopez

Apr. 30, 2025

Jeane T. Lewis

May 2025

Carole A. Knox

May 10, 2025

Judith "Claire" Hagen Bauza

May 15, 2025

### **2023**

Melva D. Roach

May 20, 2023

Deborah Jean Lucas

July 1, 2025

Norris Lenahan

July 2, 2025

Mary J. Morton

July 6, 2025

Rachel Prince

July 13, 2025

Val Sweyn Vore

July 9, 2025

Carolyn Louise Wachtman

July 14, 2025

### **2024**

Richard "Dick" Truske

Oct. 17, 2024

Maxine Kass

Dec. 31, 2024

### **2025**

Robert "Bob" W. Carter

Feb. 5, 2025

Sandra "Sandy" E. Reed Johnson

Feb. 21, 2025

Arthur "Duke" Darnbrough

Mar. 12, 2025

Linda Simpson Williams

Mar. 17, 2025