



CEA-R PRESIDENT RESIGNS

On June 26, 2026, I officially resigned as President of CEA-R. This was not any easy decision, but after 20 years in this position I felt that it was time to step down. I have been considering this for some time as I am not getting any younger. This was not a spur of the moment decision. I want to thank all CEA-R members, especially the CEA-R Board for their support these past years. Sherry Grimes is also stepping down as Secretary of CEA-R. Special thanks to her for keeping accurate minutes at our meetings.

Jeff Corbin has moved into the position of President. According to our Constitution, he has appointed Marti Mercuri as Vice-President and Debbie Andrews as Secretary. I plan to remain active and will be assisting in any way I can during this transition.

As some of you already know Jeanne Stoll is stepping down as our reservation coordinator. Many thanks to Jeanne who has held this position for 20 years. Programs would not have run smoothly without her work beforehand. Martie Stith has agreed to take over this position beginning with this brochure. Thank You, Martie! Please be sure to read carefully all the new information for completing your reservations and sending them in.

Should you have questions or ideas for programs, please contact Jeff at jeffrey.corbin@aol.com

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Mail Reservation Slips to:
CEA-R Events, The UPS Store
947 E. Johnstown Rd., Box 266, Gahanna, OH 43230

IMPORTANT!

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

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 road. Do not park in front of MicroCenter.

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.ceahio.org

Make checks payable to: **Columbus Education Association-Retired**. Cut each reservation slip individually! Do not attach form to your check! It is important to fill out EACH form completely.



EACH EVENT NEEDS ITS OWN CHECK!

Mail Reservation Forms to:
CEA-R Events, The UPS Store
947 E. Johnstown Rd., Box 266
Gahanna, OH 43230
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Event: Lunch and Speaker

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Sign in: 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Time: 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Place: Hofbräuhaus, 800 Goodale Blvd., Columbus, Ohio

Lunch: Noon–1 p.m.

Menu: Mark your selection on registration slip.
#1 Grilled Bierwurst & Bratwurst served with sauerkraut and mashed potatoes
#2 Rueben Sandwich- Corned Beef, sauerkraut, swiss cheese. and thousand Island dressing on a grilled marble rye bread served with French fries
#3 Kentucky Hot Brown- Smoked Turkey Breast, black forest ham on a potato pancake with swiss cheese, bier cheese, tomato, bacon, and parmesan cheese
#4 **Vegetarian Menu** is available
Served with coffee, tea, water and dessert.

Cost: \$35

Deadline: Monday, August 31, 2026

Reservations: Mail check and form to CEA-R Events

The Columbus Foundation will be celebrating their 50th birthday in 2027. It is a non-profit historic preservation organization. The foundation is best known for its list of endangered sites in the city and its annual design award, given to buildings, landscapes, and other sites created or renovated in Columbus. Chris Hune, the Executive Director of The Columbus Foundation, will be our guest speaker. Chris is a graduate at Otterbein University and has more than two decades of leadership in marketing and business. She will share with us the history of The Columbus Foundation, what they have done to preserve Columbus buildings, events they offer, and where the foundation is headed in the next 50 years.



CONSERVATORY TOUR

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Event: Lunch & Franklin Park Conservatory

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Sign In: 9:45 a.m.–10 a.m.

Time: 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Place: Franklin Park Conservatory

1777 E. Broad Street

Columbus, OH 43203

Lunch: Boxed Lunch provided by FPC

Menu: Mark your selection on the registration form.

#1 Italian Sub - Ham, salami, turkey, provolone cheese, lettuce, red onion, banana peppers, Italian dressing, and mayo on a deli sub bun.

#2 Deviled Egg Salad Croissant - House made deviled egg salad and baby spinach on a butter croissant.

#3 Kale Caesar Chicken Wrap - Kale Caesar salad, lemon-garlic roasted chicken breast and Parmesan cream cheese wrapped in a flour tortilla.

All lunches include potato chips, fresh fruit, cookie and water or lemonade.

Cost: \$35 (Includes tour, docents and boxed lunch)

Deadline: Monday, September 21, 2026

Reservations: Mail check and form to CEA-R Events

We will tour the Conservatory, Botanical Gardens and Dale Chihuly art exhibit with a docent as we stroll through the different global biomes. Also, we will visit the Hot Shop as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our country and learn about glass and its influence and impact on our country's history. A boxed lunch will be provided by Franklin Park Conservatory and served either in a classroom or the Garden Café Atrium.



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Silent Auction

Event: Silent Auction and Lunch

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026

Time: 10:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Sign In &
Set Up** 10:30–11 a.m.

Place: The Berwick, 3250 Refugee Rd

Lunch: 12 p.m.

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: \$46 (Includes Buffet, tax, and tip,)

Deadline: Thursday, October 1, 2026

Reservations: Mail check and form to CEA-R Events

This event has become a favorite of CEA-R members. This is a good way to pass on some of your unused Christmas decorations and pick up some new ones. If you are needing a White Elephant gift for a party you will be attending, 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 one of our Board members.





A Great Big Round of Applause for Jeanne

If you have attended any CEA-R event, then you know Jeanne Stoll. You sent your check to her home and she probably gave you your name tag. Jeanne recalls being invited to join the retirees by her good and late friend Joanne Rudisill and luckily or maybe unluckily, Jeanne happened to be one of the few people who owned an Apple computer back then, so she became the official composer of the CEA-R brochures and has been doing it ever since. She created the format, typed all the events, took it to a printer to copy it, folded them, stapled them, put the postage and addresses on them and took them to the post office. Jeanne gathered and deposited the money, created spread sheets with lunch choices, made name tags with the proper lunch selection. The brochure has gotten a little easier since then, but Jeanne has decided to turn off her apple computer and hang up her name tags after all these years and just enjoy the CEA-R events without all the demanding work that she has been doing throughout the years. We cannot thank you enough for all you have done for CEA-R!

Jeanne is a proud Columbus City School graduate. She attended Deshler ES, Roosevelt JH and then on to South High School. Jeanne was on Student Council, a cheerleader, and of course, the Home Coming Queen in 1963. Jeanne has been married for 59 years, has two daughters and one granddaughter. One daughter is a supervisor of twenty-one senior living facilities in Ohio and West Virginia and Jeanne insists that her daughter save her a lovely room with a view. Her other daughter is a landscape architect and currently lives with Jeanne and her husband.

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One of Jeanne's hobbies was Corvette Road Racing. She competed at Mid-Ohio Race Way and other tracks but once her girls fell in love with horses, she traded car racing competitions in for her girl's equestrian competitions.

After graduating from The Ohio State University and getting her master's degree, Jeanne began her career teaching at Winterset and Old Sawmill. In 1977 Judge Duncan ruled to change boundary lines to desegregate schools. Jeanne's students were going to be bused to Dublin City Schools. Some CCS parents petitioned for her to move with her students so they would have a familiar face at their new school and that is where Jeanne finished out her elementary teaching career.

We have all grown to appreciate Jeanne's funny sense of humor, her kind voice and of course at some point she may have jokingly scolded you for returning your name tag without properly placing the chord into the backside of the holder. I asked Jeanne to recall her favorite student memory. She responded, "After a stranger danger speaker and with her supervisor sitting in the back of the room for an observation, she called on a student. She asked this student what he would do if approached by a person looking for their dog, if they should they get into the car. The student's response was "No, Ms. Tesi. If you go with him, he will cut your thing off."

We will continue to enjoy Jeanne's wit, kindness, and presence at the CEA-R events and maybe if you ask her, she will have another funny story to share. On behalf of all the members, thank you for all the years of service to CEA-R and do not forget about your name tag!

Festive Craft Afternoon

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Event: Lunch & Christmas Holiday Card-Making at the Fran Ryan Center

Date: Friday, November 20, 2026

Time: 11:15 a.m.–3 p.m.

Sign In: 11:15–11:30 a.m.

Place: **The Fran Ryan Center**
865 E. Capital St., Columbus



Lunch: **11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.**
(Box lunches provided by in-house ***Taste and See Catering***, owned by Paula Sessions, a local culinary artist.)

Lunch Menu: **Mark on your registration form:**
#1 Ham & Swiss Sandwich
#2 Chicken Salad Sandwich
#3 Veggie Wrap (spinach, tomato, red onion, cucumber, shredded carrots, hummus, feta spread)
Each box lunch comes with chips, fruit cup, cookie, bottled water or sweet/unsweet tea.

Cost: **\$40** (Lunch, tax, tip, room rental, supply costs)

Deadline: **Friday, November 6, 2026**
Maximum - 35 participants

Reservations: **Mail check and form to CEA-R Events**

We will be creating 4 cards of either Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and/or Seasons Greetings. Participants will learn how to use die cuts to punch out the holiday greetings. All cardstock, decorated paper, embellishments, glue and tools will be provided. Envelopes included.

Maximum–35 participants

"Santa Claus: The Musical" and "The Gift of Christmas"

Event: Lunch and Performance

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2026

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: 9 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 potatoes casserole, dessert, and drinks.

Performance: "Santa Claus: The Musical" and "The Gift of Christmas"

Cost: \$110 (includes, bus, lunch, tax, tip, and performance)

Deadline: Monday November 2, 2026

Reservations: Mail check and form to CEA-R Events

Two joyous musicals for the price of one!

The first act of the holiday celebration is Santa Claus: the Musical. Santa has decided to retire but not all the elves in his workshop are thrilled with his chosen replacement. Packed with a sleigh full of original Christmas music, Santa Claus: the musical is sure to put you in the holiday spirit.

Following intermission The Gift of Christmas will be presented. This dramatic celebration of the true meaning of Christmas is highlighted by a musical narrative of the Nativity told through traditional carols and hymns. This unique celebration concludes with the traditional rendition of "O'Holy Night."

A Note of Thanks

Dear Columbus Education Association Retired.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$900,00 to LSS CHOICES for victims of Domestic Violence, received on 7/1/2026. Because of your generosity, lives will be changed through safety, dignity, and renewed hope. Every life changed begins with someone who cares enough to act. Today that someone was you.

With deepest gratitude.

Rachel Lustig

President and CEO

Lutheran Social Services.

Check It Out!

Meet Martie Stith! She has graciously agreed to take on the task of Event Reservations, previously managed by Jeanne Stoll. This is a big job, as Jeanne will tell you! Most things will remain the same with one ***important*** change.

For each event:

- Fill out the reservation slip completely
- Write a separate check for each event
- Checks must be payable to: **Columbus Education Association-Retired**

Do not attach the check to the reservation slip

Pay close attention to the deadline dates

Mail reservation slips & checks to the **NEW ADDRESS**

:

**CEA-R Events, The UPS Store
947 E. Johnstown Rd., Box 266
Gahanna, OH 43230**

You may contact Martie at the email address below:

cearevents266@gmail.com

In addition, Martie is creating a member database, and she has requested that members send her an email with their current contact information.

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Reservation Slips

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Deadline: Monday, November 2, 2026

Date: Thursday, December 3, 2026

Pick-up #1 East ____ **#2 NW** ____

Cost: \$110

Name: **Ph:** **Cell:**

Page 8 Lunch and Christmas & Holiday Cardmaking

Deadline: Friday, November 6, 2026

Date: Friday, November 20, 2026

Meal Choice: #1 ____ **#2** ____ **#3** ____

Cost: \$40 (Maximum 35 participants)

Name: **Ph:** **Cell:**

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Deadline: Thursday, October 1, 2026

Date: Thursday, October 29, 2026

Cost: \$46

Name: **Ph:** **Cell:**

Page 4 Conservatory Tour

Deadline: Monday September 21, 2026

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Meal Choice #1 ____ **#2** ____ **#3** ____

Cost: \$35

Name: **Ph:** **Cell:**

Page 3 The Columbus Foundation

Deadline: Monday August 31, 2026

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Meal Choice: #1 ____ **#2** ____ **#3** ____

Cost: \$35

#4 ____ **Vegetarian**

Name: **Ph:** **Cell:**

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In Memory of...

2026

Carolyn Vander Stouw	January 13	Ester Fleury Imhoff	June 5
Vera Grace (Adams) Robinson	March 11	JoAnne K. O'Carroll	June 5
Christine Jett Arnold	March 12	Elizabeth L. Melnick	June 16
William "Dan" Judy	March 22	Ernest "Ernie" Watts	June 20
Emily B Manierre	March 26	Fred Baum	June 21
Joseph "Joe" Allen	March 27	Carole Darlene Moyer	June 22
Janet E Cochran	April 11	Elsa Smith Allen	July 3
Mary Lynn (Shust) Judy	April 16	Cora B. Miller	July 7
Jan Vandergriff Smeigh	April 19	Rodney "Rod" Roscoe	July 7
Henry G Scott	April 28	Nancy Barnes	July 8
Charles "Ed" Pollock	May 20	Rebecca Bachman Thomas	July 14
John Taylor Janning Jr.	May 23	Carol Jean Gray	July 18
Eileen Adams Bartlett	June 2	Warren F. "Whitey" Smith	July 27