

How to join

Your first year of membership in OEA-R is free (courtesy of OEA) when you join the National Education Association-Retired.

The retiring member has the flexibility to join OEA-R and NEA-R:

- As a *unified life member* in both organizations;
- As an *annual member* in both;
- As an *annual member in one and a lifetime member in the other.*

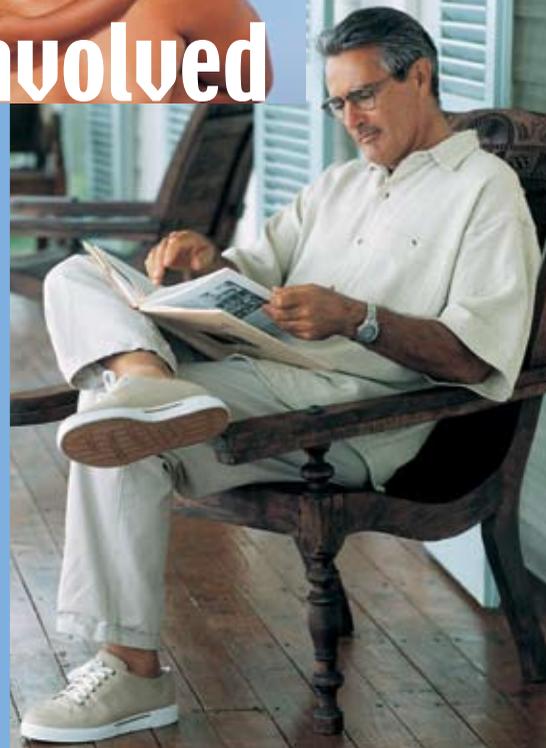
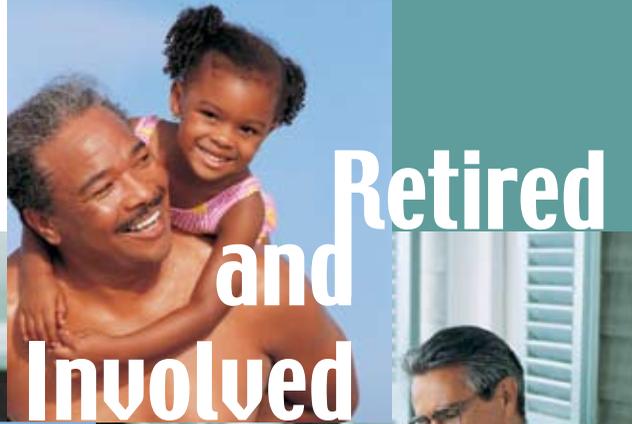
Since the membership is “unified,” you need to join both OEA-R and NEA-R. Active members can join as pre-retired life members in both OEA-R and NEA-R.

For additional information on how to become a member when you retire, you can contact the OEA Membership Department at the address below. Or you can join online at <https://www.nea.org/JoinNea>.

OEA-R is the **ONLY** organization of retirees affiliated with the Ohio Education Association and the National Education Association.

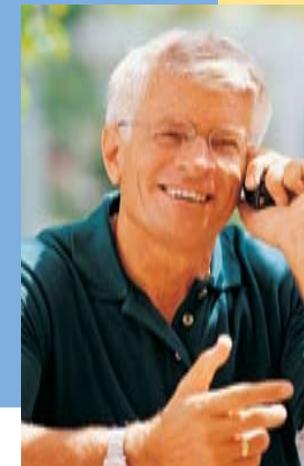
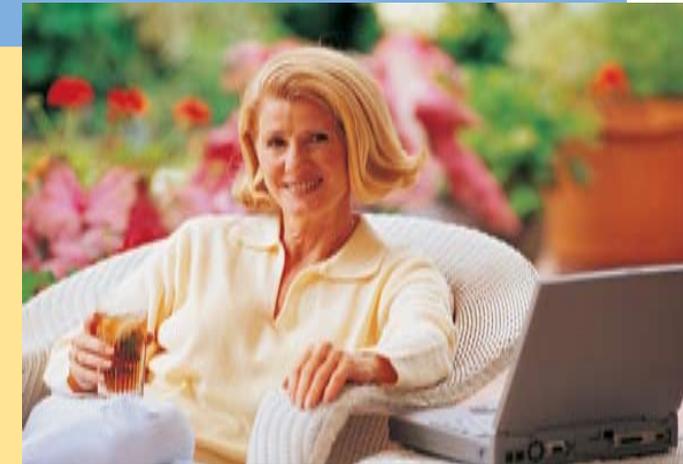
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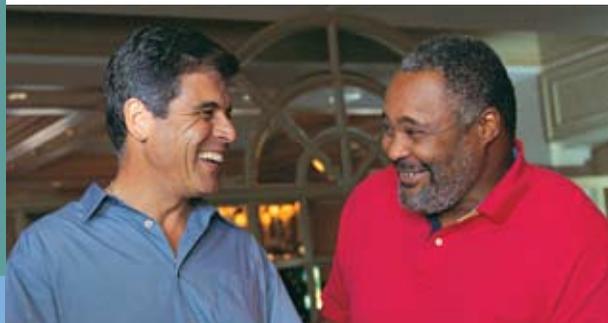
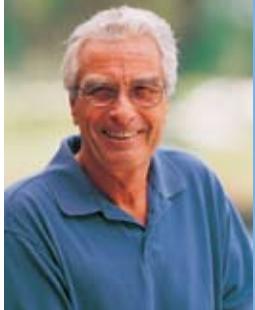
Join OEA-Retired

Retired and Involved



Stay in touch with professional developments and your colleagues, meet new friends, and make your retirement dollars go farther with membership in OEA-R/NEA-R.

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Over the years OEA efforts, with the support of NEA, have brought about the creation of STRS, retirement severance pay, the right to purchase annuities, STRS cost-of-living factors, early retirement incentives, improved SERS benefits, STRS survivor benefits and much more, including protection from mandatory participation in the Social Security System.

Retired education professionals need continued advocacy for their benefits and viewpoints. Membership in the Ohio Education Association-Retired/National Education Association-Retired provides you with an active, organized proponent voice for improved benefits for retired education employees.

Your participation in OEA-R/NEA-R will keep you in touch with the statewide and national activities of your peers and your profession. In addition, your interests at the statewide level are represented by the OEA-R Advisory Council, a governing body with elected representatives from each OEA District, that meets at least three times annually.

Benefits of your unified OEA-R/NEA-R membership

By continuing your *unified* membership in OEA-R/NEA-R, you ensure that you will continue to receive the following benefits:

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- **Personal legal help** at reduced rates for non-employment-related legal problems through the Attorney Referral Service.

- **Educator Access**—an OEA program granting members discounts on hotels, restaurants, cruises, car rentals, recreation, shopping, travel, and more!

- The **quarterly newsletter** *OEA-R Newsline*.
- A subscription to *Ohio Schools* magazine to keep you informed on current education issues.
- **OEA-R representation** on all OEA committees and on the OEA Executive Committee.
- The opportunity to serve as an OEA-R delegate to District, OEA, and NEA Representative Assemblies.
- **Participation in OEA-R regional, district and statewide meetings.**
- The opportunity to serve as an OEA-R representative on District committees.
- The OEA Web page to help members keep in touch with what's happening in the association and their profession. Go to: <http://www.ohea.org>.

From NEA-Retired

Joining ensures you a multitude of services, including those offered through *NEA Member Benefits*, that will help your retirement dollars go farther.

Those benefits include:

- **Liability Insurance** when doing casual substitute teaching without a contract.
- **Exclusive Health and Homeowners Insurance**, including the NEA MemberCare Medicare Supplement Program.

- **Affordable Life, Travel and Accident Insurance.**
- **Credit cards with low annual percentage rates and no annual fee.**
- **Above Average Income and Retirement Investments.** These include the NEA-Sponsored Gold Certificate CD, The NEA-Sponsored FDIC-Insured Money Market Account, and the NEA Valuebuilder Annuity.
- **Affordable Long-Term Care Insurance.**
- **Low-Interest Credit** through NEA Line of Credit and the NEA Credit Plan.
- **Discounts on Magazines and Car Rentals.**
- **The NEA Home Financing Program**, which saves you time and money on your home mortgage.
- **NEA Online.** Stay in touch with your colleagues, your association, and your profession with a computer network designed specifically for NEA members. The address is: <http://www.nea.org>.
- Publications such as *NEA Today* and the quarterly NEA-R publication, *This Active Life: A Magazine for NEA-Retired Members*.