

NEA/WVEA AFFILIATE

# Watch along the Kanawha

March/April 2016

## How KCEA Works for You?

*Dinah Adkins*  
Co-President, KCEA

Each month, representatives from KCEA attend school board meetings. Our representatives speak to issues that affect teachers and service personnel in the county. We also listen to important discussions and proposals for programs, policies, and implementations in the schools.

Every Spring representatives from KCEA participate in the Superintendent's Retreat to voice ideas and concerns from our members. This conference is held locally and involves educators and community members. During breakout sessions, we have an opportunity to make suggestions to improve teaching conditions, classroom

environment, maintenance programs, and other aspects of the school system.

Management Team invites KCEA to attend a meeting each month. Our association appreciates this opportunity to learn about upcoming activities, programs, and issues in our county.

During our own KCEA monthly meetings, we determine what information our representative needs to relay to the Management Team, what questions need to be asked, updates on maintenance problems, and various concerns of our members. It's a valuable communication between our association and the KCS administration.

### Early Enrollment in KCEA/WVEA

Take advantage of our Early Enrollment in KCEA/WVEA. Join now and pay no dues until fall 2016. With our early enrollment you have the support of the association and become a member of the professional organization. Check out your new Member Benefits at *WVEA.org*. The savings are unbelievable!

### How Do We Determine the Focus of KCEA?

Our members are the foundation of the Kanawha County Education Association. At our monthly meetings, all members are welcome. The concerns of these participants are discussed. The concerns and issues brought to our meeting determine our focus and action. **Join us** and be a part of making education better in Kanawha County.

*KCEA/WVEA "NEVER" represents an administrator against a teacher. Teachers take precedence!*

## Legislative Session 2016

The WVEA continues to work for you in the 2016 legislative session. Proposals to fund PEIA are among the most urgent for this session. Changes in Common Core are being determined. Stay up-to-date on the progress of the legislation at [WVEA.org](http://WVEA.org). Sign up for text updates and support our educational goals by contacting members of the WV Legislature and the governor.

## Join Up!

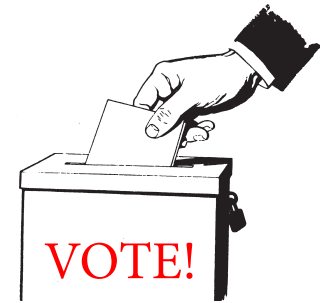
## Take Part in the KCEA Classic April 28, 2016



Our annual miniature golf fundraising activity is set for April 28. This is a great opportunity to have fun, enjoy great food and prizes, and be part of “paying it forward”. The donations from this event provide clothing for homeless students in our schools.

Is your team organized? You still have time to gather your co-workers to form your team to play miniature golf. As long as you’re willing to have fun, you are ready to play. If you need registration forms and further information, contact our Classic Coordinator, Lynn Greter at [flkk99@aol.com](mailto:flkk99@aol.com)

## Primary Election Coming Up



KCEA makes endorsements for candidates in the May Primary election based on their support of educational issues. Any candidate supported by KCEA/WVEA must complete and return a questionnaire to our association. Our personal interviews offer an opportunity to deal with specific concerns.

Our endorsements for governor, legislators, and board of education candidates are available online at our website. Please check out [kceamembers.org](http://kceamembers.org) for this information.

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## WVEA MEMBERSHIP AUTHORIZATION



**WVEA/NEA/CEA -- 2016-2017**  
 1558 QUARRIER ST.  
 CHARLESTON, WV 25311  
 TELEPHONE: 304/346-5315 or 1-866-568-WVEA

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	AREA CODE	HOME PHONE

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 E-MAIL ADDRESS

	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST	TITLE
NAME				
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CITY				
STATE			ZIP	

METHOD OF PAYMENT - CHECK ONE:

CASH (CA)     BILL ME (CI)    Credit Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP**

I choose to be a continuing member of WVEA, NEA, and my local Association, and I hereby authorize my employer to deduct from my salary and remit to WVEA, in accordance with the agreed upon payroll deduction procedure, unified membership dues, as may be determined from time to time, and political action contributions as indicated above, for the 2015-2016 membership year and every membership year thereafter, provided that I may revoke this authorization as of September 1 of any calendar year by giving written notice to that effect on my employer and WVEA on or before that date.

As a participant in the NEA/WVEA/CEA Early Enrollment Membership Incentive Plan, I am eligible to receive—prior to September 1, 2016, but in no event before April 1, 2016—benefits under the NEA Educators Employment Liability (EEL) Program, as well as access to select NEA Member Benefits programs.

As a condition of eligibility for these benefits, I agree to pay the appropriate unified Active membership dues for the 2016-2017 membership year in accordance with established payment procedures. Should I fail to do so, my eligibility to receive benefits under the NEA EEL Program shall immediately terminate. In addition, I shall become liable for the cost of any benefits that were provided to me under the NEA EEL Program prior to September 1, 2015.

The National Education Association Fund for Children and Public Education (NEA FCPE) collects contributions from Association members and uses those contributions to help elect friends of education to federal office. The West Virginia Education Association Political Action Committee (WVEA-PAC) and political action committees connected to local education associations (LEA-PACs) perform a similar function in connection with elections to state and local office. Contributions to NEA FCPE and WVEA-PAC are voluntary and are not a condition of membership in NEA, WVEA, or any of their affiliates. Although NEA FCPE and WVEA-PAC request an annual contribution of \$10 each, these are only suggestions. A member may contribute more or less than the amount suggested or may refuse to make any contribution and this will not affect his or her membership status, rights or benefits in NEA, WVEA, or any of their affiliates.

Federal law requires political committees to report the name, mailing address, occupation and name of employer for each individual whose contributions aggregate is in excess of \$200 in a calendar year.

In accordance with the WVEA Bylaws, a WVEA contribution of nine dollars (\$9.00) for WVEA-PAC and one dollar (\$1.00) for the Ballot Initiative Fund (BIF) have been assessed as part of the WVEA dues. Any person wishing not to participate in WVEA-PAC or BIF should contact the WVEA office prior to November 1. Where objections are made, the member may choose to: (a) divert one or both of the assessments to the West Virginia Foundation for Improvement of Education, or (b) receive a rebate of either one or both of the assessments. Where objections are made the assessments will not be used for political purposes or ballot initiative purposes. If you wish to contribute to NEA FCPE or to make an additional contribution to WVEA-PAC, or your local PAC, write the amount of your contribution in the appropriate box marked with an (\*).

Dues payments and contributions to NEA-FCPE and WVEA-PAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Dues payments may be deductible as a miscellaneous itemized deduction.

Signing this form constitutes a binding contract to pay annual dues except by following the conditions set forth in the "continuing membership" statement above.

The undersigned becomes a member of the WVEA/NEA upon the date this form is signed.

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 Member Signature

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 COUNTY EMPLOYED

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 WORK LOCATION

**CHECK THE COLUMN THAT APPLIES TO YOU:**

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NEA/NEA/DC	<div style="border: 2px solid #0070C0; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Early Enrollment Form</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">All The Benefits</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>NO DUES</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Until September!</p> </div>		
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***Are you a member of another organization?***  
***Simply fill out the form below and turn it in with your WVEA Enrollment Form.***

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please discontinue my payroll deductions in \_\_\_\_\_ immediately.  
 (fill in organization)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_