

# Random Notes

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**LEVY  
KICKOFF  
LOCK 3  
DOWNTOWN  
3:30 – 6:00  
OCTOBER 12  
HOPE TO SEE YOU**

## Akron Teachers the Toast of Ohio 8 Meeting

Four times a year the superintendents and union presidents of the eight largest urban districts in the state (known collectively as The Ohio 8) get together in Columbus. Our agenda ranges from talking about successes and failures in our respective districts to adopting positions and strategies to advance the cause of educating urban kids. We meet frequently with the state superintendent and have even made two trips to Washington to meet with members of the Ohio legislative delegation.

At our September meeting, we talked at length about our districts' performance on state-mandated tests. You were praised for the job you did with your students. Below is a comparative ranking of urban districts:

TEST	RANK AMONG OHIO URBANS	MISSED #1 BY
3 <sup>rd</sup> Achievement, Reading	1	-
3 <sup>rd</sup> Achievement, Math	1	-
4 <sup>th</sup> Achievement, Reading	1	-
4 <sup>th</sup> Achievement, Math	1	-
4 <sup>th</sup> Achievement, Writing	1	-
5 <sup>th</sup> Achievement, Reading	1	-
5 <sup>th</sup> Achievement, Math	1	-
6 <sup>th</sup> Achievement, Reading	1	-
6 <sup>th</sup> Achievement, Math	1	-
7 <sup>th</sup> Achievement, Reading	2	1.5 points
7 <sup>th</sup> Achievement, Math	2	1.8 points
8 <sup>th</sup> Achievement, Reading	2	1.8 points
8 <sup>th</sup> Achievement, Math	1	-
10 <sup>th</sup> OGT, Reading	2	.3 points
10 <sup>th</sup> OGT, Writing	2	.1 points
10 <sup>th</sup> OGT, Math	2	.3 points
10 <sup>th</sup> OGT, Science	1	-
10 <sup>th</sup> OGT, Social Studies	1	-
11 <sup>th</sup> OGT, Reading	2	1.1 points
11 <sup>th</sup> OGT, Writing	2	.4 points
11 <sup>th</sup> OGT, Math	3	1.4 points
11 <sup>th</sup> OGT, Science	2	.8 points
11 <sup>th</sup> OGT, Social Studies	2	1.7 points

Akron also owns the highest graduation rate among the urban districts at 80.3%. **CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR OUTSTANDING WORK!**

## TRUSTEES ENDORSE IN SEVERAL KEY RACES

Acting on the recommendations of the AEA Legislative Committee, trustees endorsed several candidates in this November's election.

Candidates are endorsed on the basis of their positions with respect to education only. The Association does not factor into its decisions a candidate's views on other issues regardless of their importance to the general public. All of the recommended candidates sought the Association's endorsement; none of their opponents contacted us to request an interview.

Governor  
Ted Strickland

U.S. Senate  
Sherrod Brown

U.S. Congress, 13<sup>th</sup> District  
Betty Sutton

Ohio House, 41<sup>st</sup> District  
Brian Williams

Ohio House, 45<sup>th</sup> District  
Robert Otterman

Ohio House, 42<sup>nd</sup> District  
Paul Colavecchio

Ohio Senate, 27<sup>th</sup> District  
Judy Hanna

State School Board  
Tom Sawyer

## *“Strides” Captains Gear Up for Best Walk Yet*

As of the date of this publication, we have captains in all but a handful of buildings for the 2006 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk to be held Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in downtown Akron. These captains have voluntarily taken on the responsibility for organizing teams of walkers in their buildings and keeping track of pledges from supporters. That’s no easy task when you consider we raised over \$34,000 last year and had walkers numbering in the hundreds. Please do all you can to make your captain’s life easy. Below is a list of this year’s captains:

Kelly Goodpasture, Barrett  
Elaine Lewis, Betty Jane LC  
Paula Christensen, Essex  
Kathleen Shippy, Findley  
Sharon Frounfelker, Harris  
Lori Villanova, Hill  
Lisa O’Rourke, Leggett  
Judy Lalli, Mason  
Stephanie Barnhill, Rankin  
Dawne Blackburn, Robinson  
Megan Stefanik, Seiberling  
Ann Peterson, Voris  
Michelle Whitehurst, Ellet  
Amanda Golden, Garfield  
Nicole Delahanty, North  
Charlene Panovich, Goodrich  
Melissa Finefrock, Innes  
Eleanor Campbell, Litchfield  
Jim Perge, Alternative School  
Barb Dawson, Practical Nurses

Kathy Rodgers, Bettes  
Sandy Wells, Rose Trout, Case  
Tami Semelsberger, Fairlawn  
Martha Halley, Firestone Park  
RaDonna Mair, Hatton  
Char Tabata, King  
Harry Cameron, Lincoln  
Sally Hodge, McEbright  
Tami Stecz, Rimer  
Dan Bartel, Salem  
Lorine Napoli, Smith  
Jayne Hammond, Windemere  
Jo Dickey, Ellet  
Bill Beck, Kenmore  
Rich Cola, North  
Alisa Gross-Dann, Goodyear  
Steve Culp, Jennings  
Pat Bilal, Perkins  
Wendy Gillespie, IPP  
Stacy Ambrose, Psychologists

Laura Jatich, Betty Jane  
Denise Pantuso, Crouse  
Janell Anderson Brown, Erie Island  
Janet Kinel, Glover  
Anne Griffith, Heminger  
Chris Mathews, Lawndale  
Ken Rocco, Margaret Park  
Ranay Hatherill, Pfeiffer  
Sue Hinson, Ritzman  
Kim Joseph, Schumacher  
Jackie Kyle, Stewart  
Reggie Warner, East  
Suzanne Grywalski, Firestone  
Mick Papp, Kenmore  
John Floyd, Central  
Deb Firtha, Hyre  
Lynn Fickes, Kent  
Diane May, Riedinger  
Susan Yingling, Miller South

## **AEA Offers Corporate Discounts to Falls Natatorium**

We are pleased to announce the availability of corporate memberships for AEA members to the Cuyahoga Falls Natatorium. The plan offers resident rates to all members regardless of where they live. Currently, the corporate membership rate is \$350 annually, which may be paid all at once or through monthly electronic funds transfers from your bank account (approximately \$29 + per month). Additional discounts are available for spouses and children. The amount of the discounts will depend on the number of members who enroll. If 20 members enroll (and we may already be at that figure), we will receive the maximum discounts available for spouses and children.

The Natatorium is a state of the art health and wellness facility. **We do have a limited number of single visit passes for members who are serious about joining, but who would first like to visit the Nat.** A photo I.D. and AEA membership card must be presented upon joining. Please visit our website for more detailed information about the discount program.

## **Book Giveaway!**

We have a number of education-related titles that you may find useful for graduate course research or just for interesting reading. The books were given to us by Beacon Journal education reporter Stephanie Warsmith who frequently receives complimentary copies from authors and/or publishing companies.

The list of available titles appears on our website at: [www.akronteach.org](http://www.akronteach.org). Check out the available titles. If you see something that interests you, call us and we’ll send the book to you through the “pony” or you can pick up the book at our office.

Our number is 330-434-2181.