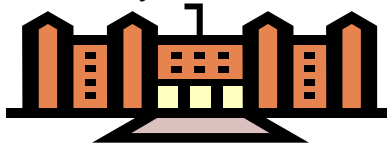


Marion County Education Association

ACTION NEWSLETTER

May/June 2006



Congratulations to new officers for 2006-07:

Brenda M. Joe / Linda Bond—Co-Presidents

Kathy Jacquez—Vice-President

Robin Brown—Secretary

Janet Michalski—Treasurer

Executive Board members for 2006-08:

Ken Bussoletti

Karen Berry

Mary Ellen Garton

Diana Kincell

Mary Beth Angeline

Barbara High

June Karr

Theresa Michael

Debbie Sabo

Joe Waitkus

KUDOS to this school year's Building Reps:

Jude Miller, Valjean Haught, Debbie Sabo, Jeanie Dotson, Robin Brown, Dina Hudson, Joe Cavalier, Kathy Jacquez, Patty Vincent, Leigh Ann Hood, Karen Blosser, Ken Bussoletti, Vicki D'Amico, Brenda Joe, Cindy Shipley, Sally Morgan, Diana Kincell, Gary Rinehart, Janet Michalski, John Sullivan, Karen Berry, Randy Donlin, Barbara High, Mary Ellen Garton, Cathy Demasi, Sue Garcia, June Karr, Linda Bond and Diane Wolfe. **Thank you for serving your Association this school year. Fill out the information form at the bottom with the name, address and phone number of your building rep. for next school year. RETURN TO B. JOE AT MANNINGTON MIDDLE before June 2.**

Building Rep. for _____ (school)

Name of rep. _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Please return this form to Brenda Joe at Mannington Middle School by June 2.

WVEA is looking for you!

Summer Leadership is June 13-15th in Charleston, WV.

If you are interested in attending (*all expenses paid*), let Brenda know at 363-0767. MCEA wants to get 10 Association members to go to this training. Please consider going! The theme is WVEA –Organizing for Collective Action!

HELP IS JUST A PHONE CALL/E-MAIL AWAY!

Over the summer, if you have any questions, problems or concerns, please call Brenda Joe at 363-0767 or Linda Bond at 366-1923. Don't forget the WVEA HELP CENTER is available to take your calls toll-free at 1-866-568-WVEA from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday or E-Mail your questions at www.wvea.org. Please visit MCEA's web-site at www.mceawv.org to keep up on current information about the Association.

SPRING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Any teacher in your building interested in becoming a member of the Association at this time, may do so NOW without paying a “nickel” until the fall when school begins. Just call Brenda Joe at 363-0767 and let her know who wants to join and she'll take care of the rest. And, when was the last time you asked non-members to become members? They may be thinking about it, but no one has asked! Seek and ye shall find!

From the President.....Brenda M. Joe

It's hard to believe but I'm concluding my 31st year in teaching in Marion County and my 31st year as a member of the NEA/WVEA/MCEA. I've served as president, vice-president, secretary and have been a member of the Executive Board for all the years in between. But once again, I felt the need to serve the Association as its President. Why? Because I still care about our profession, about our kids, and about **OUR** union! **And yes, I said, union!** A union of **educators only**, not affiliated with labor (although we do that everyday in our classrooms!). And I care that complacency and apathy are becoming our enemies...especially in the wake of the never-ending federal, state and local mandates that bombard us daily and make our jobs much more difficult. So, even though moving closer to retirement, I still feel the need to make more of a difference in improving our local Association and our circumstances as educators. And I'll be asking for your assistance and input as the 2006-07 school year begins. Now, more than ever, we need to stick together to shake off our apathy and complacency in our all-too busy lives!

And while I'm gearing up for my “new” Association job, I can tell you that the MCEA *is working* for, *has worked* for and *will continue to work* for **you**, without fanfare, without blue shirts and without publicity-seeking tactics. When you represent your membership well and exhibit professional leadership...that's fanfare enough! Ask Linda Bond or Kathy Jacquez who have served so faithfully and worked so diligently during the past two years in their leadership positions. And they continue to do so! I look forward to working with them and you, the membership, during the next school year. Enjoy the summer! **Relax, rest and renew! YOU DESERVE IT! I'll be in touch.**