

Dear EACC Members, Here are the EACC updates as of Friday, December 2, 2016

Catching up.....

1. **MSEA MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION: DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS DECEMBER 5 AT 5:00 P.M.**

MSEA is proud to announce the **2017 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration**, which will honor recipients of the MSEA Minority Recognition Awards, the Dorothy Lloyd Women's Rights Awards, and the Reginald F. Lewis Student Art Awards.

The celebration will held at the BWI-Hilton on Saturday, January 14, 2017 and begin at 10:00 a.m. and doors will open at 9:45 a.m.

The deadline to register is December 5 at 5:00 p.m. Go to: <http://marylandeducators.org/2017-mlk-celebration> to register.

2. We had over 50 members at our **EACC Social/Happy Hour at Grille 13** on November 30th! There were free appetizers, drink specials, and door prizes! See our Facebook page for pictures of some of the members who came and enjoyed themselves!
3. Thanks to Kathy Reamy, EACC Vice President, Veronica McFadden, EACC Government Relations Chair and EACC Executive Board member, Bill Reamy, EACC Executive Board member, and Liz Brown, EACC-Retired member, for representing EACC at **Amanda Stewart's Fundraiser** at the Prime Street Grille on 12/3/16. Amanda is one of our County Commissioners and an educator herself. Thanks to Amanda for her continued support of education and making our students, our profession and our educators a priority!

What's New?

1. **Building visits:**

We will be continuing our building visits in December. We'll be walking through the hallways before and after school and at lunchtime, greeting members and giving out snacks and goodies. We are there to answer your questions, give you updates on EACC activities, and listen to your concerns.

If we miss seeing you when we are at your school, don't worry, we'll be back and hopefully we'll catch you then!

2. **Make sure you mark your calendars for the upcoming membership committee-sponsored events!**

EACC's first Paint Night for 2016-2017!

When? Friday, December 9, 2016, 5:30-7:30 PM

Where? Somers MS Cafeteria

Registration is now FULL

This is a fun opportunity to create your own painting, led by one of very own EACC members, Vicki Marckel. All you need is enthusiasm and your own creative flair! We will provide all the resources. *This was so popular the registration filled up in **1 hour and 22 minutes!** Don't worry, we'll plan more Paint Nights throughout the year!*

3. **Coffee and Chat with Linda**

Come see me at "Coffee and Chat with Linda". I will be at Panera on the following date(s), sipping coffee and chatting with any member who comes to talk to me.

Sunday, December 18th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM – Panera, La Plata

4. From Charlene Haynie, our EACC-Retired Chair:

Thinking about retiring? Contact the EACC to find out how to continue your membership into retirement, remaining involved and enjoying the camaraderie of your colleagues.

Opportunities/Action Items from MSEA:

SAFE SCHOOLS FOR EVERY STUDENT PLEDGE

Educators are witnessing firsthand the increase in hate speech and hostile acts directed at our students in our schools, and NEA is building a national movement of educators and allies committed to safe and affirming school climates and school communities. The first step in this effort is a pledge to show their support for safe learning environments for every student.

Pledge for Educators

Please share this widely with your members and on your digital properties. After educators take the pledge, they are prompted to engage their colleagues by sending a personalized link asking educators in their school to join them. This effort is based in GLSEN's research that shows the tipping point for creating safe and affirming schools requires at least 6 educators to show support. Once at least 6 people from a school have signed the pledge, they'll be sent a kit with materials and resources on school climate to show that they are an advocate for students in their school. NEA will follow up with these committed member-activists with resources and opportunities to build capacity and take action on related issues. [Click here for the educator pledge.](#) [Click here](#) for additional resources and information regarding tracking pledge sign-ups and the Pledge for Allies.

Story Collection

NEA is looking for more stories of members protecting and supporting students in these divisive times. There is a tremendous amount of media attention on hate speech and bullying in schools. NEA wants to ensure the positive and powerful responses of educators are heard. Please email statecommdesk@nea.org with your stories.

EACC Committees

We would love for more members to become active on our committees! Please contact the committee chairs listed below if you are interested in joining. Committee notes will be posted after each meeting on the EACC website, www.teameacc.org

Membership – Chair: Lisa Terlecki

The Membership Committee helps grow the membership of the Association by planning and running member social activities.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 8, 5:00PM

Government Relations (GR) Committee- Chair: Veronica McFadden

The GR Committee is involved in political activities and helps members become strong advocates for public education.

Meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month, 5:30PM, EACC office.

Next meeting: January 5, 2017, 5:30 PM

Come to Annapolis and lobby our legislators with us! Save these dates during the next legislative session!
Lobby Nights 2017-

1. 01/23 (snow date 01/30)
2. 02/06 (snow date 02/13)

3. 02/27 (snow date 03/6)
4. 03/13
5. 03/27
6. 04/03(if needed)

Instruction and Professional Development (IPD) Committee – Chair: Heather Hartman-Jansen

The IPD Committee plans and implements Professional Development and Member Wellness workshops and activities.

Next meeting: January 12, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Public Relations Committee- Chair Kathy Reamy

The PR Committee promotes and advocates for the education profession in a positive manner in all manners of media outlets in the community.

Next meeting: January 19, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

Minority and Human Affairs – Margot Savoy

The Committee helps make ALL members feel that they are part of the union

December meeting has been cancelled.

Next meeting is February 23, 2017, 5:00 PM, EACC Office

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