



President Ann De Lacy inspects a crab at the HCEA crab feast.



Crabs are enjoyed by everyone who attended the crab feast.

Crab Feast - and Crabs – A Huge Success

HCEA's crab feast was a sell out again this year! Everyone enjoyed the huge crabs and comradery. Many local merchants donated door prize items and there was a 50/50 drawing. This event is fast becoming one of HCEA's most popular events. Be sure to watch for information for next year's event so you aren't disappointed.

*"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
- Martin Luther King, Jr.*

MSTA Annual Convention

43 delegates from HCEA (including 17 first time delegates) participated in this year's MSTA convention in Ocean City while many others attended several of the workshop offerings. Convention highlights included hearing from Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, NEA Secretary-Treasurer Lily Eskelson and author Linda Perlstein. Business items that had members talking included a Bylaw Amendment that would have changed MSTA's name which narrowly went down to defeat.

Members also emailed elected officials, blogged about their convention experiences (see www.mstanea.org) attended workshops and visited exhibits and the Member Trade Show. Many also attended the MSTA Party at Seacrets. It was a busy few days of Association Business, professional development, seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

REACH UP REACH OUT MSTA Convention 2007



The Howard County delegation was 43 strong with 17 people attending as first time delegates. Dozens of other HCEA members went to Ocean City to participate in professional development opportunities.

NEA School Crisis Guide Available

As educators we are committed to keeping schools safe and supporting children and their families. That is why the National Education Association (NEA) and the National Education Association Health Information Network (NEA HIN) developed this easy-to-use crisis guide with essential, to-the-point advice for schools and districts.

Knowing what to do can be the difference between stability and upheaval. This step-by-step resource created by educators for educators can make

it easier for NEA leaders and school district administrators and principals to keep schools safe — so teachers can teach and children can learn.

This valuable guide includes information on what to do before, during and after a crisis, various tools and helpful web links. To access this guide, go to www.neahin.org/schoolcrisis/index.html. Other useful information for educators can be found at the NEA website, www.nea.org.

Dates to Remember:

Call HCEA to register for events.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 4

MSTA IPD Committee Training

November 10

Veterans Day

November 11

National Education Support Professional's Day

November 14

American Education Week

November 11 – 17

Deadline for Receipt of Nominations For MST A Elections

November 19

Thanksgiving Day

November 22

Last Day to Register for January ParaPro Test

December 13

HCEA Legislative Breakfast

January 5

SPARKS Training

January 12

Para Pro Assessment Test Registration

The next Para Pro test will be offered January 12, 2008 and again on March 15 at Oakland Mills High School. Registration forms for the January test are due December 13. HCEA does not have registration forms but they can be obtained from the ETS website at www.ets.org/parapro. Don't forget, passing the Para Pro test is one way to qualify for a one time stipend of \$500 from the Howard County Board of Education.

HCEA Marketplace

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