



NEA President Dennis Van Roekel talks with HCEA members at February's Rep Meeting.

NEA President Visits

NEA President Dennis Van Roekel visited the HCEA February Rep meeting at Homewood School. Dennis, a math teacher from Arizona, has previously served on NEA's Executive Committee and as Treasurer and Vice President of NEA. He assumed the role of President September 1, 2008 after being elected at the NEA RA in July of last year. He described to the 100+ members in attendance how he became involved in Association activities after participating in an Association exercise called "You Decide." This made it clear to him that everything educators care about from planning time to salaries to materials for the classroom are determined by elected and appointed officials. Dennis also took questions from members ranging from how things are different with the Obama administration to No Child Left Behind. MST A Executive Director David Helfman also attended the meeting and gave members an update on what was happening in Annapolis at the General Assembly. In particular, David discussed the Labor Relations Board legislation supported by MST A and the move to push pension costs on to local governments, which MST A opposes.

SPARKS a Success!!

A dozen new teachers and paraeducators gathered at HCEA last month to participate in the Professional Development Committee's SPARKS program. Participants learned classroom management techniques, personal financial tips, career advancement and certification information and what NEA/MST A/HCEA are all about. While the information, food and giveaways were appreciated by all, perhaps the day could be best summed up by the participant who said, "SPARKS – a very informative day that I believe may spark the next page of my life plan."



SPARKS participants work on a project together as part of the presentation on classroom management.

March is Women's History Month

Each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country. The stories of women's historic achievements present an expanded view of the complexity and fulfillment of living a purposeful life.

Dates to Remember:

Call HCEA to register for events.

Read Across America Day

Monday, March 2nd

HCEA Ballots due at HCEA

Office by 4PM

Monday, March 9th

HCEA Discussion with Board of Education Members

Tuesday, March 10th

5PM

Homewood School

Group Processing Skills

March 13th-14th

Harbourtowne Resort,
St. Michael's, Maryland

Understanding Your Retirement

Thursday, March 5th

4:30PM – 6PM

Homewood School

The Economic Stimulus Package What's In It For Me?

Wednesday, March 18th

4:30 PM – 6PM

Homewood School

HCEA Marketplace

General Services

Photographer: Columbia based photographer Brian Roache is available for home portrait sittings (people and/or pets), senior portraits, weddings, bar/bat mitzahs and other events. Office: 410-730-1035; Email: broache@brianroachephoto.com, Website: <http://www.brianroachephoto.com>.

Campers Wanted: Visual and Performing Arts Summer Camp at Howard County Center for the Arts, Ellicott City. Grades K-8. Drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, musical theatre, Shakespeare, dance and much more. Learn from experienced teachers, create fun and exciting projects and make lifelong friends. Exhibitions and performances of student work. One- and two- week, full and half day sessions, June 22 – Aug 21. Call 410-313-ARTS www.hocoarts.org.

Daycare: Licensed home daycare provider in ElkrIDGE/Hanover available to care for your toddler. Accommodating teachers schedules. Call Karyn 410-796-0099.

Tutorrific! Tutor in homes throughout Howard County. A great way to make extra money! Please send an email or your resume to Deborah Peled Markowitz at tutorrific@comcast.net.

Electrician: Licensed Master electrician specializing in new and old work. Recessed lighting, ceiling fans, service work and more. Call Larry 443-927-4052.

Pet Portraits: Would you like a custom one-of-a-kind portrait of your pet or the perfect gift for the pet-lover in your family? Have your favorite pet's image transformed into an extraordinary work of art. In just 3 weeks I can create a one-of-a-kind pet portrait from just a few photos and some insight from you about your pet's unique personality. If you're interested, please go to www.paw-portraits.com, e-mail me at rick@paw-portraits.com or call Rick Ragan @ 412-973-9866.

Handyman Services: End of winter means it's time to finish the to-do list. Don't have time to get it all done? Contact JM Frederick, LLC for handyman services. MHIC Licensed #97185, #125996. Insured, and workers comp. Residential and commercial services available. Office: 410-750-7473 or email jm.frederick.llc@gmail.com. Servicing Howard and nearby counties. Emergency services as available.

Public School Employees' Child

Development Program: Now enrolling for 2009-2010 at our Cedar Lane School, Long Reach High School, Oakland Mills High School, Marriotts Ridge High School and River Hill High School locations. Hours: 6:30am-6:00pm. Ages: six weeks-five years (Infants at our Cedar Lane School location.) Morning Snack, Lunch, Afternoon Snack. MSDE Approved. Curriculum MMSR Assessments Call 410-888-9040, email us at Barbara_Lisle@hcpss.org or visit our website pscdp.com.

Employment

Photography Department Head for Summer Camp: looking for an individual with a strong Photography background at Camp Airy (boys) overnight camp. Supervise staff of 3-4 counselors to teach photography skills. Summer season June 16 thru August 17. Outstanding facilities and benefits. For detailed information contact Steve Goldklang (steve@airylouise.org) or call 410-466-9010. www.airylouise.org

Beth Tfiloh Camps seeks head counselors and instructors of campcraft, singing, nature, sports, art, and swimming. The Owings Mills day camp runs Monday-Friday from 9 AM-4 PM for 8 weeks (June 22-August 14). Visit our website at www.btcamps.org or phone 410-517-3451. Your child attends free!

Spend Summer in the Sun: DRD Pool Management, Inc. is accepting resumes for summer job openings as swimming pool field supervisors and swimming pool managers (Full or part time.) No experience necessary. For more information, call David Watts @ 410-785-7665 or email at dwatts@drdpools.com.

Vacation Rentals

Spring Break in OC: Beautiful 2 BR 2 Bath oceanfront condo on 51st Street in Ocean City. Wake up on the beach. Decent April weather, no crowds. \$790 for 7 nights. Call Walt at 410-531-9508 or email: wborys@verizon.net.

Ocean City, MD: Beautiful condo completely renovated. 135th St., ocean block, ocean view, pool, full kitchen, balcony w/ocean view, cable TV, 1 BR, sleeps 4, HCEA discount. Just \$650 (plus tax) a week. Call Beth Wilkinson @301-317-7722.

Outer Banks, NC Condo: For rent for the following weeks – last week in July and the first week in August. On the beach in Kill Devil Hills. Full kitchen, cable TV, phone, Jacuzzi, etc. One bedroom plus sleeper couch. Sleeps 4. Linens and towels included. \$825/week. Call Marius Ambrose @ 410-997-3440 ext. 19.

Deep Creek Lake: 5 BR. log cabin chalet; fully furnished; all amenities included; minutes from WISP Ski resort; 30% discount to HCEA members; weekend or weekly rental. Call Dan @ 410-465-5190.

Deep Creek Lake: Beautiful 4 BR, 3 BA chalet with hot tub and privacy! We have lake access with day-docking available. We offer a 20% discount for HCPSS employees. Questions, CLC Krista Feezel.

Deep Creek Lake: 3 bedroom lake style home. Large yard with volleyball, horseshoes, badminton, a swing and large deck with hot tub. Short walk to the community dock and a beautiful view of the lake. Fully furnished 2K, 1Q, 2Q sleeper sofas. Weekend and weekly rentals, 10 % discount to Howard Co. Employees and their families. Questions, Chuck or Candy @ 410-379-6057.

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