



MSTA/NEA Convention 2008

Be a show off!
Join the fun at Convention '08!

Wanted #1: Experts/exhibitors on wellness issues, such as nutrition, fitness, smoking cessation, indoor air quality, stress reduction or diabetes prevention for the Apple-a-Day Health Fair, sponsored by the Women's Concerns Committee. Hotels, meals and travel expenses paid for by MSTA. If interested, contact Wendy Busse at 800-448-6782.

Wanted #2: Member Trade Show exhibitors. Showcase your interests, skills, hobbies and wares! Reserve your booth by June 15 and receive the Early Bird registration fee of \$75! For more information and to receive an application contact Wendy Busse at 800-448-6782.

BJ's Discount Membership for May

BJ's Wholesale club is offering a special discount offer to HCEA members for the month of May. You can save \$10 on the \$45 annual fee for an Inner-circle (basic) membership or save \$10 on the \$80 annual fee for the Rewards (rebate) membership. Each membership includes a FREE second card and three additional months FREE. For an application contact Janet Bloom at HCEA at 410-997-3440. Applications with payments must be received in the HCEA office by Friday, May 30, 2008.



MSTA Lobbyist Bob Rankin gives a wrap up of the General Assembly to reps at the April meeting.

Para Pro Assessment

The registration deadline for the final Para Pro test of this school year is May 15th; the test will be given on June 14th. ETS MUST receive the registration form and the \$45 fee on or before May 15th.

HCEA does not have registration forms. Information regarding the test (fees, forms, mailing address and test sites) can be obtained from the ETS website www.ets.org/parapro.

To prepare for the test, HCEA will hold review sessions (FOR MEMBERS ONLY) from 4:30PM – 6PM on May 19th, 21st, 28th with a practice test on June 9th. To register for the review session or for additional information contact Cheryl McLeod at cmcleod@mstanea.org or at HCEA 410-997-3440.

General Assembly Finally Over

On Monday, April 7 the Maryland General Assembly finally adjourned Sine Die. It was often a difficult legislative session but public school funding held its own as legislators struggled to balance a budget hit hard by revenue shortfalls and a looming recession. Legislators listened to your protests, shutting down notoriously bad bills and passing others MSTA gave a thumbs up.

The shortlist of public education wins on the funding and legislative front included:

- Additional \$327 million for school construction
- First time funding of the Geographic Cost of Education Index (GCEI), which adds \$76 million to targeted school districts.
- Bad bills that failed: Legislation that attempted to end retirement credit for unused paid sick days; diversion of tax dollars from public schools via tax credits for corporate contributions to private schools; B.O.A.S.T., a thinly veiled voucher program.
- Good bills that passed: Legislation that addresses bullying; allowing public employees to use earned sick leave to care for family members; improved access to health care for more Maryland children.

For additional information on the actions of the Maryland General Assembly contact the MSTA Government Relations office at 800-448-6782.

Dates to Remember:

Call HCEA to register for events.

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4 – 10

National Teacher Day

May 6

National School Nurses Day

May 7

Para Pro Test Registration Deadline

May 15

MSTA Spring Representative Assembly

May 17

HCEA Rep Council Board of Directors Dinner

June 4

HCEA Retiree Reception

June 5

Para Pro Test

June 14

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Sears/Kenmore Washer and Dryer.

Great condition. Both for \$800. Call Lisa @ 443-320-8926.

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Home Mortgages: Interest rates and home prices are the lowest in years. We are a Maryland based direct lender. No application or commitment fees for HCEA members or their families. I meet with you personally. Call Mitch Lax @ 410-465-3752 or 443-812-9319 or email mitchlax@presidential.com

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Need to rejuvenate you look for spring?

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HCEA Home Loans: HCEA Members receive free appraisals! Call Rob Seubert for current rates @ 240-286-1905 or 1-877-474-3950. The Mortgage Store USA www.tmsusa2.com

Employment

Summer Camp Employment: Capital Camps in Waynesboro, Pa. has a few positions open for this summer. Positions include: male counselors, male special needs counselors, male and female lifeguards, sports specialists, ropes course and staff. Contact Julie Finkelstein @ 866-430-2267 or julie@capitalcamps.org

Vacation Rentals

Fenwick Island, Delaware: First floor condo just north of Ocean City: 3 BR, 2 BA, screened porch, TV, washer/dryer, fully equipped kitchen, pool, tennis courts, easy walk to beach. Very near Harpoon Hanna's restaurant and Fenwick Island Boardwalk. Plenty of parking. Weekly rentals in summer. Call 410-997-2279.

Deep Creek Lake: 4 BR chalet located on 2 acres with lots of woods and privacy; beautiful lake access area; All amenities, including hot tub, ping pong & foosball. Weekly or week-

end rentals. Discount for HCEA members. Call Krista at 410-715-8738; CLC at Krista Feezel; To view house at: visit www.deepcreekrealty.com and search for Vacation Rental, Property ID #714 "Our Neck of the Woods".

Beach Cottage Ocean City, MD: Rent this ocean side, fully furnished, 3 BR North OC cottage. Cottage has new paint, A/C, fridge, newer bedding, cable, internet, off street parking, free on street parking. Available for weekly rental from May 15 -Sept 16. Would consider Senior Week, weekly during the summer to HCEA members. Contact JM @ 410-730-3988.

Woods Resort - Hedgesville, WV: (90 miles from Balt. & Wash.) Private house for rent. Weekend or weekly rental. 3 BR, 2 BA, fireplace, AC, cable/TV/VCR, fully equipped kitchen, sunroom and deck nestled in a beautiful wooded area. Golfing, swimming (indoor & outdoor), tennis, biking, hiking. Sleeps 6. Call 410-465-4087.

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.

Fenwick Island DE Townhouse Rental: Luxury 3 BR 3 1/2 BA townhouse on lake surrounded by the bay. Sleeps 8, 1 1/2 miles to the beach. A resort within a resort, crabbing, fishing, pool, clubhouse with gym, biking and walking trails. Tot lot, tennis, basketball, and shuffleboard. New Jack Nicklaus golf course 1/2 mi. away. Lots of room for everyone to spread out. Great weeks still available. Call Kathy @ 410-465-9417.

Ocean City, MD: 4 BR, 2 BA, fully equipped house on 140th street (7 blocks from beach). Sleeps 10. Cable/TV/VCR and wireless internet. On a quiet street but close to all the action. Video tour available <http://im3.image-maker360.com/view.asp?ID=67163>. HCEA members receive 10% discount. Call Pam @ 410-381-8593

Ocean Side Condo, Ocean City, MD: mid town, steps to the beach, 3 BR 2 BA. First floor unit has 1 step to enter, great for young and elderly. 3 queen beds, queen sleep sofa, tv in every room, lv rm 50" plasma tv, fully equipped kitchen, large stone patio (AM sun, PM shade) close to all amenities. Contact JM @ 410-730-3988 for special HCEA rate.