



Ohio Chess Association

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Upcoming Open Tournaments

Columbus Open
June 17-19 Columbus

117th US Open
July 30—Aug 7 Indianapolis

Cleveland Open
August 12-14 Cleveland

Ohio Chess Congress
September 2-5, Columbus

Golden Buckeye
September 10-11, Salt Fork

Upcoming Scholastic State Championships

Grade Level Championships
November 19, Newark

2016 OCA Officers

- **President—Evan Shelton**
- **Vice President—Vacant**
- **Secretary—Grant Neilley**
- **Treasurer—Cheryl Stagg**

OCA OFFICERS & TRUSTEES NEEDED

By: Kelly M. Bloomfield

There are several officer positions that will be opening up this fall. Our President, (Evan Shelton), Vice-President/Trustee (Riley Driver) and our Treasurer/Membership Chair (Cheryl Stagg) have all announced that they will be stepping down. Riley has stepped down effective immediately due to some health issues, family issues, and taking on new responsibilities at his church. We wish you all the best Riley and thank you for your service!! Cheryl would like to step down as soon as a replacement can be found but will fulfill her duties until the Congress if no one steps up to take her place in the mean time. Cheryl has served the OCA for the past 2

1/2 years as the Treasurer/Membership Chair and has done a wonderful job for the OCA. We thank her for her service! Evan has announced that he will step down this fall at the Congress after 3 years as our President. There has been no more of a likeable President than Evan and he has worked diligently trying to get the OCA organized and moving forward with Ohio Chess business. It goes without say that Evan has been a fantastic President and we will miss your leadership!!

Every year at the Ohio Chess Congress there is an officers/trustees meeting scheduled in which OCA business is discussed along with nominating and electing OCA officers and

trustees. If you are interested in serving the Ohio Chess Association as either an Officer or a Trustee please consider attending the meeting at this year's Congress. Even number districts (2, 4, 6, 8, & 10) are up for election this year. The primary responsibilities of an officer or trustee is to discuss and vote on issues such as tournament bids, code of regulations, expenditures, etc. Most of the discussions and voting take place via email.

If you are willing to serve the OCA then please be prepared to participate and do what is best for ALL of Ohio Chess.... Leave your grudges and old laundry at home where they belong!!!

OHIO MOURNS THE PASSING OF DENNIS GITTRICH

Dennis Gittrich, age 65, passed away unexpectedly at home May 23, 2016. He was born and raised in Tulsa, OK to the late Albert and Helen Gittrich. He received his B.S. in Education and Masters in History from the University of Tulsa. Dennis was a longtime employee at the Columbus Convention

Center. He never met a stranger, loved to tell stories and if you ever wanted to know a good place to eat or needed a cigar recommendation, he was your man. Dennis was an avid chess player...P-K4, N-KB3! His last Tournament was MOTCF and he won his last over-the-board game. RIP Dennis!



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Submissions for next months newsletter need to be submitted no later than the 15th of the month... email submissions to: ohchess1@gmail.com