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Henry County Retired Teachers Association
ORTA Chapter Since 1968

HCRTA Meets on the Second Monday of March, May, July, September,
November, and December at Oberhaus Park, Napoleon, Ohio
Website, hcrtaonline.org



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Mission Statement

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association continues its mission of encouraging scholarship, fostering volunteerism, providing an informed voice for retired teachers on issues relevant to their well-being, and presenting significant information in a congenial social setting.

Vision Statement

Within five years, HCRTA will move to a position among the top five chapters in Ohio, building upon its legacy: Encouraging Scholarship, Fostering Volunteerism, Promoting and protecting retiree interests, Supporting advancement of Public Education in Ohio, Developing a pro-active membership.



2013 HCRTA Christmas Program



Garry Cline



Bonnie Eddy



Kerry Patrick Clark

HCRTA Members with Perfect Attendance For 2013 Meetings

Congratulations to the following HCRTA members who had perfect attendance for our six meetings. Your support to our association is much appreciated!

Charlene Freppel
Ruth Johnson
Dick Mengerink

Mary Lou Mengerink
Charlie Meyer
Jerri Osborn

Bev Phillips
Doris Ruby
Nancy Schink

Louisa Strock
Dora Titgemeyer



We have lost a
dear friend,
Margaret Austermiller



Think About It - Elly Meyer

Change Brings Freshness

HCRTA Minutes for December 2014

Bells were heard as the December meeting of the Henry County Teachers Association was rung to order by President Charlie Meyer. at 11:00 at Oberhaus Park. Members stood to recite the pledge of allegiance and welcome was then extended to Kerry Patrick Clark, our program for the day; new member, Susan Burson; and guest, Don Freeman.

Bonnie Eddy introduced Kerry Patrick Clark, a folk singer from the Toledo area, who thoroughly entertained the group with a selection of songs - some Christmas and others-- as well as comical anecdotes and jokes. All too soon his program came to an end.

Bob Joseph offered up the table prayer and a meal of roast beef, red potatoes, carrots and onions, green beans, roll, and red velvet cupcake was served.

President Meyer called the business meeting to order.

Both the secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as presented in the newsletter.

The meeting continued with few committee reports.

Community services : Members were asked to estimate hours through the end of December.

Old business:

Committee reports are no longer required of committee chair people .The president now submits the report, due by January 15, 2014.

Officers and committee chairs retiring this year were asked to stand for recognition:

Bonnie Eddy, vice president

Charlene Freppel, secretary'

Dora Titgemeyer, assistant secretary

Larry Sicclair , Legislative Committee Chair

New officers /Committee Chairs for 2014

Charlie Meyer, President

Nancy Hoover, Vice President

Duane Ressler, Treasurer

Bill Lytle, Assistant Treasurer

Bev Wittes, Secretary

Anne Rausch, Assistant Secretary

Marlene Jones, Courtesy North

Sandy Honemann, Courtesy South

Duane Ressler, Information Services

Becky Schindler, Legislative

Janice Rettig, Membership

Gregg Merrill, Retirement Planning

Tom Jenny, Community Services

Karen Brubaker, Webmaster

Nan Bretz, Assistant Webmaster

Faith Hurst, Historian

Charlie Griffith, Newsletter

Jerri Osborne, HCRT Foundation President

Meeting Dates for 2014:

March 10 @ 11:30 am September 8 @ 5:30 pm

May 12 @ 5:30 pm November 10 @ 11:30 am

July 14 @ 5:30 pm December 8 @ 11:30 am

New Business:

The caterer for next year will be Expressions Catering. The price for next year will remain \$10.00.

It was decided we would change the order of our meetings for next year and eat before the business meeting.

Garry Cline had CDs and DVDs from the Henry County Chorale and his own collection for sale. Part of the price from the chorale items will go to "Together We Can Make a Difference" and Garry's monies will also go to "Together We Can Make A Difference".

Larry and Bonnie Sasaki were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Margaret Austermiller passed away this week.

The Christmas concert was mentioned:

Napoleon Community Band 7:00 pm Emanuel Lutheran, with solos by Jan Schlade and Tom Jenny

The 50/50 drawing was won by Bonnie Sasaki; buckeye necklace, by Bill Lytle; and buckeye pencil, by Ruth Johnson.

The business meeting was adjourned and Bonnie Eddy and Garry Cline took over, leading the group in some Christmas songs.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Freppel

HCRTA Secretary



The Henry County Retired Teachers Association

Duane Ressler, Treasurer

Checking Account The Henry County Bank

<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
		November balance from last report		\$2,639.34
Nov 12	Ck 1203	ORTA dues payment from G. Merrill	-\$30.00	\$2,609.34
Dec 01		Deposit interest	\$0.06	\$2,609.40
Dec 02	Ck 1204	Kelly P. Clark performance fee	-\$150.00	\$2,459.40
Dec 02	Ck 1205	VOID	\$0.00	\$2,459.40
Dec 02	Ck 1206	AKA Designs Ltd. caterer for meals	-\$567.00	\$1,892.40
Dec 02	Ck 1207	City of Napoleon	-\$55.00	\$1,837.40
Dec 03		Deposit Meals (\$610) 50/50(\$18) Dues (\$30) Donation (\$50)	\$708.00	\$2,545.40
Dec 31		Deposit interest	\$0.07	\$2,545.47
Jan 22	Ck. 1208	Charles Griffith annual printing expenses	-\$225.00	\$2,320.47
Feb 02		Deposit interest	\$0.07	\$2,320.54
Feb 25		Balance for this report		\$2,320.54
		Henry County Bank CD current balance	\$1,240.18	
		First Federal Bank CD current balance	\$1,171.19	
		Grand Total All Accounts		\$4,731.91

NOTE: Bob Joseph audited the books for 2013.

Bob balanced the checkbook and monthly reports to the bank statements and found the records to be in accordance with good accounting practices. All this information is available for any member's inspection.

HCRT Foundation Book Grant Information Is Distributed In Many Ways

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Northwest Signal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All H.C. High School Guidance Counselors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crescent News | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BGSU |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liberty Press | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Newsletters |
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HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS FOUNDATION

Report of 2013 Activates

SHERMAN FUNDS			GRIFFITH FUNDS			KING FUNDS			Oppenheimer
	CD's	Checking		CD's	Checking		CD's	Checking	Funds
Jan 1, 2013 Values	\$14,890.82	\$196.42		\$10,388.27	\$569.51		\$3,516.06	\$607.90	\$9,155.68
CREDITS			CREDITS			CREDITS			
Interest			Interest			Interest			
Huntington Bank	194.7		Huntington Bank	\$88.46		Huntington Bank	\$4.53		
First Federal Bank	8.52					Henry County Bank	\$23.21		
Henry County Bank	15.74								
Transfer from CD		\$600.00			\$100.00			\$100.00	
New CD						Fund profit			\$0.00
New CD									
Contributions		\$330.33	Contributions		\$275.34	Contributions		\$245.33	
Bob Small Cut-outs		\$50.00			\$50.00			\$50.00	
Wreath raffle		\$25.00	Wreath raffle		\$25.00	Wreath raffle		\$25.00	
Plant Sales (B. Eddy)		\$33.34	Plant Sales (B. Eddy)		\$33.33	Plant Sales (B. Eddy)		\$33.33	
C. Disk Sales		\$1.67	C. Disk Sales		\$1.66	C. Disk Sales		\$1.67	
DEBITS			DEBITS			DEBITS			
Book Grant		\$500.00	Book Grant		\$500.00	Book Grant		\$500.00	
Meals		\$24.00	Meals		\$24.00	Meals		\$24.00	
Transfer to checking									
Purchase CD's		\$0.00				Fund deficit			\$66.13
Dec 31, 2013 Values	\$15,109.78	\$712.76		\$10,476.73	\$530.84	\$0.00	\$3,543.80	\$539.23	\$9,089.55
Combined	CD's	Checking	Oppenheimer			Total			
Grand Totals	\$29,130.31	\$1,782.83	Funds	\$9,089.55		\$40,002.69			

Lucille and Margaret Sherman

Book Grant recipients

1998 Michelle Crawford
 1999 Megan Aschemeier
 2000 Melanie Wilson
 2001 Sarah Bostelman
 2002 Chad Warnimont
 2003 Chad Bostelman
 2004 Ashley Bauman
 2005 Eric Roth
 2006 Kelly Dietrich
 2007 Jennifer Westhoven
 2008 Megan Sherman
 2009 Lindsay Rohrs
 2010 Ben George
 2011 Zach Westhoven
 2012 No applicants
 2013 Kristen Lauf

Lois Griffith

Book Grant recipients:

2000 Jeanine Arnold
 2001 Megan Hoover
 2002 Mary Baughman
 2003 Alisha Hoffman
 2004 Kara Rohrs
 2005 Sara Stobbe
 2006 Emily Rees
 2007 Brooke Bostelman
 2008 Zach Westhoven
 2009 Shannon Meyer
 2010 Emily Schroeder
 2011 Tori Meyer
 2012 Rachel Wiemken
 2013 Lydia Badenhop

Roger King

Book Grant recipients:

2012 No applicants
 2013 Robert McMahan

HCRT Foundation Board - 2013

Becky Chamberlin (agent);
 Gene Grime (treasurer);
 Doris Ruby (ex-officio, at large);
 Max Fetterman, '13;
 Bev Curtis, '14;
 Faith Hurst, '15;
 Jerri Osborn '16;
 Jan Schlade, '17

History of the Henry County Retired Teachers Foundation (HCRTF)

Preliminary plans for the Foundation began in 1994 at the suggestion of Lucille Sherman in memory of her sister Margaret. The Foundation began to function in July 1997. Original Board members were Golda Boyer, Eleanor Engler, Margaret Mueller, Doris Ruby, and Lucille Sherman. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance to students whose goal is to become a teacher. Members serve on the Foundation Board for five years on a rotating basis.

The foundation's fiscal year is from January 1 through December 31.

The Foundation's Annual meeting is on the same day and prior to the business meeting of the HCRT in March. The organizational meeting to elect officers of the Foundation is held within 21 days of the Annual Foundation meeting in March.

The Foundation solicits, receives, and invests gifts of money and property of every kind and nature. Members are encouraged to promote memorial and honorary gifts to the Foundation.

All members of the Henry County Retired Teachers Association (HCRTA) are members of the Henry County Retired Teachers Foundation (HCRTF).

The original Margaret Sherman Book Grant was \$300 and was raised to \$500 in 2002. Henry County residents majoring in education who are completing their third year in college are eligible for this grant. After the death of Lucille Sherman, the Margaret Sherman book Grant was renamed in 2003 to the Lucille and Margaret Sherman Book Grant.

The deadline for this grant application was changed to June 1st in 2013.

A second book grant was initiated by the Griffith family in 2000 in memory of Lois Griffith. This \$500 Lois Griffith Grant is for a Henry County graduating high school senior who is pursuing a degree in education. The deadline for this grant application is April 1st.

The Roger King Scholarship was established with the HCRT Foundation in 2007 and offered to a graduate of Napoleon High School who is at least a sophomore in college in the field of education. This candidate must also "recognize music and the arts as an enrichment to daily living." The deadline for this grant application is June 1st.

In 2013, the Foundation Board changed the deadlines for both the Sherman Book Grant and the Roger King Book Grant from April 1st to June 1st to facilitate the application process for current college students.

Where Are They Today? - Becky Chamberlin

Napoleon High School graduate, Zachary Westhoven, was awarded the Griffith Family Book Grant in 2008. He graduated from Capital University in 2012 with a major in English Education.

This is Zach's second year of teaching 8th grade language arts at Delaware City Schools. He enjoys the challenge of teaching and experiencing something new each day. Zach resides in Delaware and considers it a great community. His interests and hobbies include travel, singing in the church choir, reading, writing, and cooking.

While at Capital, Zachary studied in London. He is planning a summer honeymoon there with his bride Elizabeth. Elizabeth is also a teacher and currently teaches elementary music (K-5) at Marion City Schools.

HCRT FOUNDATION Fund Raising

The Foundation solicits, receives, and invests gifts of money and property of every kind. Members are encouraged to promote memorial and honorary gifts to the Foundation. Gifts to the HCRT Foundation are tax deductible.

**The HCRT Foundation
is a 501C3 organization.**

***I would like to help a future teacher
by donating to the Book Grant program of the
Henry County Retired Teachers Foundation.***

My preference is:

- Lois Griffith Book Grant
- Margaret & Lucille Sherman Book Grant
- Roger King Book Grant
- Undesignated

Donation \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

**Gene Grime, HCRT Foundation Treasurer
192 Old Creek Dr. Napoleon, Ohio 43545
419- 599-2711**

A chance to take a star-studded trip to the heart of the Empire State coupled with another to explore the importance of the Miami-Erie Canal to northwest Ohio while actually learning from pages of an 1879 McGuffey Reader—How much better could the Center for Lifelong Learning springtime offering get? And to think it's here at your fingertips, so to speak!

Starting with the travel-study, April 27-May 1, the CLL has places available yet for ten or so congenial, cooperative folks for "Five Stars and a Galaxy." Several of you retired teachers have been on our experiential learning journeys, and several more will be first timers with us, come Spring. We pride ourselves, daughter Cecily and I, on these custom-designed (our design) especially arranged for us through one of the East Coast's premier "receptives," first class all the way. Cooperstown and the renowned Baseball Hall of Fame add the spark that sets us off on the Mohawk Tow Path (Miami-Erie) to visit the colonial capital, Albany, with a glittering present and future; President FDR's beloved estate at Springwood, home to the first-ever Presidential Library; West Point Military Academy on the Hudson; and, finally, a genuine, restored coal mine in Lackawanna, PA, for a look at a key component of the Industrial Revolution! All this comes with comfortable, safe transportation, carefully selected meal stops, competent guides at every Star Stop, and a stress-free security that's hard to match! Couples, partners, and singles are welcome, at \$990 per person, everything included and no added costs, ever. Just call Louisa (419-533-2361) or Cecily (419-2 67-5502) to get on board.

And there's room in the luggage compartment for a walker or wheelchair, if you'd need it.

Use of your Visa, Discover, or MasterCard would let you determine your payment style, but your check to CLL, NSCC, is welcome. Join us to make Spring 2014 memorable!

SEMINAR FIFTY-ONE HIGHLIGHTS MAUMEE VALLEY AND CANAL HISTORY

"Waterways West," April 4 at NSCC, will meet the CLL standards and more, the presenters promise. The seminar registration opens at 8:30 that day, and the afternoon session ends around 3:00. We have L. Neal Brady, director of the MECCA historical Canal projects, along with local journalist and Canal history buff Georgia Kohart as our widely experienced keynoters. A panel of Maumee Valley Heritage locals, including Ed Hoeffel and Bill Morey, work alongside Dr. Joe Krueger on the Canal pathway project.. That group will focus on present restoration efforts, In the

afternoon, Georgia Kohart will share her art, research, and love for the Canal. Both sessions, balladeer Garry Cline will capture the olden days in music, and Charlotte Shrider will be the teacher in your one-room Canal Days school.

You can be part of it all with merely your \$5 semester CLL fee, and lunch is available at \$7. Your signal that you'll be there will help us plan, but walk-ons can be accepted. Just let me know ASAP, so we'll be ready to welcome you. Either phone number above will save your place!

'NEW WORD DAILY' PROGRAM PROVIDES CHALLENGE

Wracking (Racking? Raking? Wrecking?) my brain to the nth degree has given me no clue as to how to work the word into a conversation, but maybe you can devise a script, and share. THE new word for this meeting day, March 10, is –are you ready?-- pediculous .

Reminds me of the day my first first grader (no K in those days) came home and announced that the County Health Nurse said that they might all have tuberculosis. Alarmed, this neophyte called the school to learn more about the alarming news. Superintendent H.B. Romaker said, with a chuckle, "Well, he has the end of the word right –but she is examining for pediculosis, head lice!"

And that underlines a point: unless your hearers are also owners of 365 New Words a Year, and dutifully keeping up, you're not communicating effectively with pediculous, so be careful! Somewhat less dangerous are benign, regardless, ,and last Monday's espouse.

LEARNING FROM LIBRARIES

Hanna's Daughters, (Marianne Fredricksson, 1994) taught me so much about Scandinavia and its people that I can't believe how little I have known previously. Through the intimate stories of three generations of women and their men over there in Sweden and Norway, I gained needed insight. Now I'm finishing The Bean Trees (other Book Club members have moved on!), a first novel by Barbara Kingsolver. She has written many more since 1988—ask your Librarian.

PARTING THOUGHT: If you're teetering on the tightrope tying the comfort of the routine and the calculated risk of coping with the present, consider that the LL programs on every front can provide balance as well as a safety net. Try them!

Message from the President...



THINK SPRING!! Saw a welcomed sight last week ... four robins looking for food in our yard that finally revealed grass after being covered with that white stuff for what seems like an eternity. I'm taking bets, similar to Boyne Mountain Ski Resort, as to when the last snow melts behind our house. Right now, with a

natural drift over four feet high, I suspect the melt will last past Memorial Day.

Speaking of a long lasting winter, how long will the 2013-14 school year last because of this record setting winter? My youngest son who teaches in Elkhart, Indiana, where all snow days are made up at the end of the school year, stated that the 2014 graduating class will experience a unique phenomenon; Graduation and the 4th of July fireworks on the same day! In all seriousness, I'm sure that politicians and educational leaders have a real dilemma facing them. With all the missed school days, how is the material needed to pass the proficiency tests presented to the students? If all days other than the standard five calamity days are to be made up, numerous northwest Ohio schools will end the middle of June. Graduation for high school seniors and, more importantly, proficiency testing dates will have to be adjusted to accommodate varying school ending dates. Will this affect test validity? Will this increase testing cost? I'm sure I have not included all the pitfalls that accompany lengthening the school year.

Ohio has proposed adding four more calamity days for students, of which two days would be made up by teachers as "in- service days." This allows schools to dismiss earlier in June. BUT it still short changes student's time in the classroom! So much educational emphasis is placed on the proficiency test and hours students are in school, Indiana's belief that all days

will be made up has validity. Ohio's proposal of four additional calamity days sounds good, especially if you are a student, but is it philosophically sound?

Years ago, the school year was extended from 180 to 185 days. Why? The US felt that we were educationally falling behind numerous foreign countries. If we wanted to compete in the global market, we had to better educate our youth. If hours in the classroom indicate quality and we need this time to prepare our students to pass the proficiency test, then we should follow Indiana's lead. Or maybe we should re- evaluate proficiency testing and replace quantity time with quality time in our classrooms!

Henry County Retired Teachers

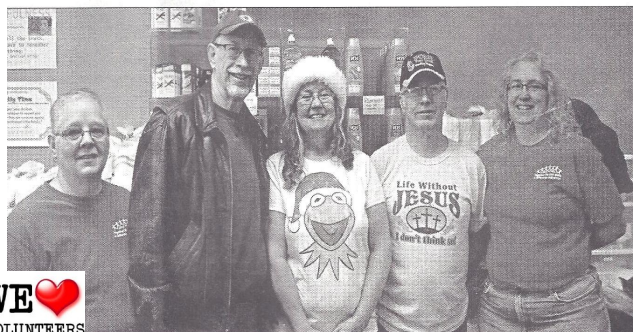


Photo courtesy of Charlie Meyer

Throughout 2013, the Henry County Retired Teachers Association has supplied more than \$800 in cash donations and products such as dish soap, razors, diapers, toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste to Together We Can Make A Difference. Pictured are (from left) Jerri Holder, Together We Can Make A Difference; Charlie Meyer, president of the Henry County Retired Teachers Association; Carol Castello, Together We Can Make A Difference; Tom Holder, Together We Can Make A Difference; and Kelli Burkhardt, executive director of Together We Can Make A Difference.

Community Service and Volunteer Hours

What is a volunteer? "A volunteer is a person that has a spirit of service, creativity, sensitivity for human pain, strong moral values, the ability to work in a team, and a social conscience. They practice solidarity, leadership, good interpersonal skills, and care for themselves and for others." ORTA Quarterly vol. 65 -No. 1

I think many of us will relate to those qualities and many have extended themselves to helping within their respective communities. We had a goal of 11,000 hours of community volunteer service this year. Our members turned in 9075 hours this year. Short of the goal, but, nonetheless, an impressive number of volunteer hours. This year we had 88 members turn in hours which has been the highest participation to date. I believe it is important to continually show the public the value of an educator whether active or retired. So, keep reporting those hours.

A reminder, the hours we collect are general volunteering hours and tutoring hours. Take advantage of one of those simple ways to add your hours to HCRT's total accumulation. Contact Tom Jenny at 419-592-7588 (leave a message) or email at cupmute@roadrunner.com



2014 Menus - Dates & Times for HCRTA Meetings

March 10 @ 11:30 AM
 Salisbury Steak
 Mashed Potatoes /Gravy
 Buttered Corn
 Rolls & Butter
 Dessert & Coffee

July 14 @ 5:30 PM
 Baked Ham
 Scalloped Potatoes
 Buttered Carrots
 Rolls & Butter
 Dessert & Ice Tea

November 10 @ 11:30 AM
 Glazed Meatloaf
 Mashed Potatoes
 Country Style Green Beans
 Rolls & Butter
 Dessert

May 12 @ 5:30 PM
 Italian Chicken Breast
 Rice Pilaf
 Green Beans
 Rolls & Butter
 Dessert & Coffee

Sept. 8 @ 5:30 PM
 Sliced Turkey Breast
 Stuffing
 California Blend Vegetables
 Rolls & Butter
 Dessert & Lemonade

December 8 @ 11:30 AM
 Expressions Catering Signature
 "Apple Wood" Rubbed Pork Loin
 Oven Roasted & Seasoned Potatoes
 Steamed Broccoli
 Rolls & Butter
 Dessert

Meal Price \$ 10.00

2014 HCRTA Programs

March 10, 2014, 11:30 AM, Oberhaus Park
Senior Nutrition, Presentation by a Dietician from
 Fulton County Health Center.

September 8, 2014, 5:30 PM, Oberhaus Park
First Families of Henry County, Presentation
 by Bill Latta.

May 12, 2014, 5:30 PM, Oberhaus Park
Napoleon Civic Center, Presentation by
 Ken Neunschwander or member of his group.

November 10, 2014, 11:30 PM, Oberhaus Park
Teachers, the Real American Heroes,
 Presentation by Dr. Randy Overbeck, ORTA.

July 14, 2014, 5:30 PM, Oberhaus Park
Black Cloister Brewery, Presentation by Bob Hall.

December 8, 2014, 11:30 PM, Oberhaus Park
Traditions and Customs of Christmas Holidays
Abroad, Presentation by LeeAnn Hall.

From Becky's Recipe Book - Becky Schindler

Taco Soup

1 pkg. taco seasoning
 1 pkg. ranch mix (dry)
 1 lb. ground beef
 1 Onion
 1 can pinto beans
 1 can chili beans
 1 can Mexican corn
 2 cans seasoned diced tomatoes
 Pour all ingredients into crockpot. When adding all can goods,
 do not drain, this makes the juice for soup. Cook in crock pot
 on high or low for several hours. It is good served with Fritos
 and shredded cheese.

A Tidbit of Humor - Mary Lou Mengerink

A school bus full of kindergarten students was taking the children home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian. The children began discussing the dog's duties.

"They use him to keep crowds back," said one youngster.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child came to a different conclusion.

"They use the dog," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrant."

Snow! Snow! Snow! - Bonnie Eddy

Snow! Snow! Snow! I've been sitting and considering topics for this article. My mind continues to go to all the snow we've had this winter. I don't think we had to break the record of the inch depth. Several deer have provided entertainment in our back yard. And I'm still surprised at how many robins are flying around. I'm very grateful for our city workers and the outstanding job they've done in clearing the streets of snow.

Because there aren't any snow flowers, I first decided to share my adventures into the plant catalogs we've received in the mail only to find that none have come yet. So, onto the internet to my favorite one – Bluestone Perennials. They have 174 new items listed this year. Here is a list of those I intend to order.



Clematis 'Claire De Lune' – The vine will grow to 8'-10' and bloom in June-July to late August. Its 5"-8" flowers are white with tinged lilac edges. I'm ordering because of its beauty and name – a favorite piano solo I've played since high school.



Mum 'Happy Face' – This blooms from early to late fall with bright yellow flowers that are spoon shaped. It's deer resistant and the flowers are good for cutting.



Dianthus 'Cosmic Pink Swirl' – Although this is listed for zones 6-10 and we are zone 5, I'm still ordering this because I have several other dianthus. This one has double blooms of pink and white streaks and is lightly scented.



Toad Lily 'Arctic Orchid' - This shade lover has golden edged foliage with purple spotted flowers with showy antlers. It's late blooming.

John is always happy that the gardens keep expanding – that means less grass to mow. One gardening activity we try to continue each year is to choose different plants so we have blooming from early spring to fall freezing. Feel free to visit when the warm weather finally arrives..

March - A Look Back - Faith Hurst

40 years ago:

An Executive Board meeting of the Henry County Retired Teacher Association was held in January of 1974 under the leadership of president Mary Tate. The first meeting of the association was not held until May.

30 years ago:

The HCRTA met for a luncheon meeting at the Holiday Inn with 46 members and 3 guests present. President Luella Lighthill introduced the speaker, Lloyd Franz, owner of Franz Nursery, Napoleon. A member of the National Arboretum Board in Washington, D.C., Mr. Franz presented a slide show about the Arboretum. He also showed a rare film of the Sixth Infantry Division's Philippine drive during WW2, in which he took part. During the meeting that followed, it was reported that tutoring was the new emphasis in volunteer work. In the legislative report, ORTA was pleased to announce the passage of Am. Sub. H.B. 232, which gave a 5 increase in benefits to those retiring before Feb. 1983.

20 years ago:

New HCRTA member Colleen Jameson was introduced at the March meeting held at the Holiday Inn. President Doris Ruby explained that local annual membership dues would be increased from \$2 to \$5 and local life memberships would be increased from \$20 to \$30 in 1995. Following group singing led by Martin Lassen, representatives of Seniors Unlimited and Taylor Tours spoke about three trips being offered.

10 years ago:

President Gene Grime called the HCRTA meeting to order at the Napoleon American Legion Hall. It was reported that 62 HCRTA members had accumulated more than 7,300 community volunteer hours during 2003. With the federal minimum wage of \$5.15, these hours would translate into almost \$38,000 given to Henry County. SPARK director Kandy Hammersmith from the

Northwest Ohio Community Action Office was present at our meeting and requested volunteers to tutor students "who might fall through the cracks" in their educational experiences. Rose Marie Cole presented a delightful program - "Laughter, Laughter." Also, ten years ago Max Fetterman became the president of the Northwest Ohio Mayors and Managers Association. Gene Grime was a guest on WBGU-PBS's discussion show "60-Plus" which was discussing volunteerism.

5 years ago:

The Henry County Hospital was the site of the March 2009 HCRTA meeting. Janice Rettig welcomed new members Jan Hockman and Bernard Haas. President Charlie Griffith thanked Karen Brubaker for developing the new HCRTA website. Also recognized for their service were Martha Potter, past treasure, and Mary Jane Myrice, past historian. Louisa Strock invited members to join Northwest State's Lifelong Learning Center bus trip to Boston. Retired Swanton teacher Harold Ridgeway entertained members with "pig" stories and the history of his famous Waterville cement pig.

1 year ago:

The HCRTA members met at the Oberhaus Park shelter house on a rainy, almost spring like day. Gregg Merrill reported on the upcoming retirement planning seminar being held at Napoleon High School in April. Jim McGreevy and Bob Stein, STRS candidates for reelection, introduced themselves and shared information on recent board activities. Richard Hupe presented information on Four County Career Center and some of the programs it offers.



Bonnie's Birthday List - Bonnie Eddy

March

- 1 – Bob Joseph
- 3 – Joan Steed
- 3 – Bev Warnimont
- 6 - John Miller
- 10 - Richard Baldwin
- 12 – Karen Maassel
- 13 – Walt Behrman
- 13 – Deb Guelde
- 14 – John Eddy
- 20 – Bob Baker
- 22 – Laryce Sasaki
- 23 – Rick Utz
- 23 – Shirley Williams
- 26 – Karen Brubaker
- 30 – Linda Wagner

April

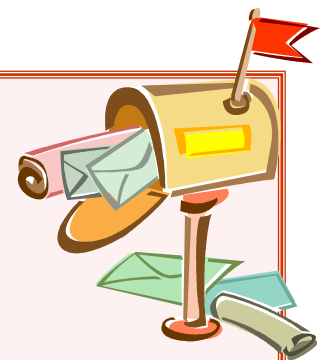
- 1 – Gene Grime
- 1 – Roland Rettig
- 3 – Elly Meyer
- 4 – Kirk Fruth
- 4 – Peg Funchion
- 6 – Ann Shafer
- 13 – Millie Holzer
- 13 – Martha Potter
- 15 – Jack Fruchey
- 16 – Earlene Dirr
- 19 – Charlene Freppel
- 21 – Paul Behnfelt
- 22 – Nan Bretz
- 29 – Becky Chamberlin
- 29 – Janice Schlade

May

- 1 – Shirlee Mires - Fejes
- 6 – Cheryl Ritchey
- 6 – Kay Rohrs
- 14 – Jim Kieffer
- 15 – Barbara George
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Jim Kieffer - Quiz Master

1. What is the name of the European city where Germany Signed Surrender Papers in WWII?
2. What was General Arnold's nickname?
3. What is the name of the Beatles' hometown?
4. Eight bits of money equals how much money?
5. What is the name of bat's navigation system?
6. What is the name of the large vein in the neck?
7. What is the name given to a paid male escort?
8. How many pints in a peck?
9. A word that means desire wrongfully is?
10. Who is Flash Gordon's foe?
11. "Little Joe" was a character on what TV show?
12. One mile is equal to 320 _____?
13. What state is called the Sun Valley state?
14. What is the name of the historic waterway from Buffalo to Albany?

Jim 's Answers

1. Reims
2. Hap
3. Liverpool
4. dollar
5. Sonar
6. Jugular
7. Gigolo
8. Sixteen
9. Covet
10. Ming
11. Bonanza
12. Rods
13. Idaho
14. Erie Canal