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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, henrycountyrta.weebly.com

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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, as it builds upon its legacy of encouraging scholarship, fostering volunteerism, promoting and protecting retiree interests, supporting advancement of public education in Ohio, developing a proactive membership.

2015 HCRT Foundation, Griffith Family Book Grant Recipient

Katie Stover, winner of the 2015 HCRT Foundation, Griffith Family Book Grant, is the daughter of Jeff and Jodi Stover of Napoleon. Katie will graduate from Napoleon HS this spring and plans to attend the University of Dayton in the fall. The strengths Katie brings to her role as a

future teacher in leadership, involvement in both community and school, and the positive influence on others has enabled Katie to be highly regarded by those around her. These qualities, along with a high academic performance should enable Katie to become an outstanding teacher.

Where are they now?

Lindsay Rohrs Bialorucki graduated from Archbold High School in 2006. She was awarded the Lucille and Margaret Sherman Book Grant in 2009 while a student at Bowling Green State University. She graduated from BGSU with a major in Music Education in 2010. Substitute teaching kept her busy after graduation. She also worked part-time for the Rettig Music Stores and moved into a full-time position with them.

Lindsay meets Northwest Ohio's fifth graders

at the five Rettig Store locations and helps them with their instrument selection. She teaches them how to handle and care for their instrument. Lindsay also handles instrument repair.

When attending a musical performance at Liberty Center or Archbold you will find Lindsay with the Pit Orchestra. She is a movie buff, enjoys knitting, playing the piano and her trumpet.

Lucky fifth graders have the opportunity to begin their musical voyage with an outstanding leader.



**We have lost a dear friend.
Nova Zimmerman**





Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report for December 8, 2014

Respectfully Submitted, Bev Wittes

March 9, 2015

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for March was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Guest Rob Rettig, speaker for the day, was welcomed. To decide which table would be first for the meal, titles of movies starring Harrison Ford were displayed by volunteers from each table. They were then arranged into chronological order with help from the group. Tables were dismissed in the order of the movies. President Shrider gave the blessing and the meal for the day was served.

Following the meal, the business meeting was called to order. The Secretary's report was accepted as written with a motion from Janice Rettig, seconded by Terri Witt. The Treasurer's report was also accepted as presented with a motion from Steve Seagrave, seconded by Becky Schindler. President Shrider did mention two changes that had come about since the minutes were written: The caterer has been changed to Marc Matheny. The Executive Board made this decision due to the fact that Bavarian Catering had instituted a minimum number to be served of 50, with the group required to pay even if reservations did not reach that number. This would have resulted in added expense for the group at many meetings when the reservations did not meet the minimum. The other change is that the July meeting will be a potluck, with funds collected in lieu of meal expenses benefiting the group and a charity.

Committee Reports:

President Shrider reported that she had received a letter from Bob Joseph confirming that an audit of the books found everything to be in order.

Courtesy: Sandy Honemann reported having cards ready to send to several members for St. Patrick's Day. Marlene Jones reported sending cards to Mary Lou Mengerink, Jackie Sautter and Lucille Meyer. She also sent a card to Don Bright on the occasion of his 85th birthday. They both appreciate help from members to let them know when cards should be sent. President Shrider acknowledged the passing of Jane Apel on Feb. 7, 2015. Condolences will be sent to her

family.

Legislative: Becky Schindler gave short reports on the Windfall Elimination Act and HB 64, dealing with STEM teachers. She advised the most concern at this time is with health care, with losses in the account a concern for the future. She recommended contacting Rob McColley and Clifford Hite, local representatives, about this issue.

Membership: Janice Rettig will be turning over the job to Nan Bretz. The chapter thanks Janice for her work in the past few years. Nan will be glad to take names of suggested new members to contact and will continue Janice's practice of watching for names in local board reports.

Webmaster: Steve Seagrave reported the site has added more names of past scholarship winners and what they are doing now, all posted on a separate page to make scrolling for the information easier. Anyone having information they wish posted on the site should let him know. It is hoped the directory will soon be on the site as well.

Historian: Faith Hurst continues to gather articles about members from local papers and appreciates any and all help from members in saving articles they may see.

HCRT Foundation: Jerri Osborn reported the Foundation Board met 6 times since the last general meeting in March. The History of the Foundation was updated to include the Book Grant recipients for 2014: Sherman, Becca Pfister; Griffith, Allison Lamming; King, Robert McMahan. The financial report was submitted by Gene Grime and is in the newsletter. Audits will now be done every other year. Board Members for 2014 were Gene Grime, trea.; Bev Curtis, Faith Hurst, Jerri Osborn, Jan Schlade, Becky Chamberlain (Agent), Doris Ruby, ex-officio, at large, and Steve Seagrave. Terri Witt will join as a 2019 member. Four grants will be available this year with the inclusion of the new Karen Brubaker Book Grant. All four will be for \$1000. The Griffith Grant has a deadline of April 1st, the others on June 1st. Information has been sent to all local media. Handouts were available today for anyone wishing to post elsewhere or to give to a potential candidate. It was proudly reported that since 1998, 33 book grants have been given totaling nearly \$14,500. Fund-raising efforts will continue to support these book grants. Gene Grime then added some clarification to the

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spreadsheet information posted in the newsletter.

Old business:

President Shrider noted that a discussion on possible changes to the newsletter to save costs would be tabled until the next meeting when Charlie Griffith could be present to lend his expertise to the discussion.

It was announced from the floor that member Barbara Huffman passed away in January.

New Business:

President Shrider asked if anyone would be interested in attending the state meeting for ORTA on April 23rd. Charlie Meyer said he would check his schedule to see if he might be able to attend.

President Shrider then mentioned the April 10 Center for Lifelong Learning Seminar on China. Any member interested may seek further information from Northwest State.

She then announced that our next meeting will feature winners of the Henry County Arts Council essay contest. There will also be the annual plant sale, compliments of Bonnie Eddy. The item for Together We Can Make a

Difference for that meeting will be toilet paper.

Duane Ressler was the lucky winner of \$19.00 in the fifty/fifty drawing.

The business meeting was then adjourned with a motion from Rosemary Pfau, seconded by Bonnie Eddy.

Kirk Fruth then introduced the speaker for the day, Rob Rettig. Rob is a member of the Napoleon School Board. Before Rob began his remarks, Kirk congratulated him on being named recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Alumni Society of The Ohio State University. Rob began his talk by thanking teachers for what they do every day in the classroom. He stressed that community involvement was his main motivation for being involved with the board. He then fielded questions concerning the building project at Napoleon Schools and other issues concerning the school and his role as a board member.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary



From the President's Pen - Charlotte Shrider

I am wondering if you feel like I do about several things. When you hear the birds sing in the morning do you think "School is almost out."? Are you SO glad that you taught when you did before all these testing procedures and SLO's started? I can't imagine starting out now. We had time for some fun in our day, and the kids still learned!

I was sorry to miss the state ORTA meeting but I had a good time in Memphis! I think everyone ought to visit Graceland once in their lifetime. If you get a chance to visit the Civil Rights Museum it is so informative and interesting. It is built around the motel where Dr. Martin Luther King was shot. Those of us on the tour remarked how sheltered we were here in Northwestern Ohio from what was occurring in the south. It gives you lots to think about!

I can't wait for our July meeting. Get ready to pit your trivia knowledge against your friends! Our district director, Carole Wolfe will be our guest. I am sure we will impress her with our knowledge! Our July meeting will be a fund raiser for both Together We Can Make A Difference, and our HCRTA chapter.

A big thank you to Bonnie and John Eddy for organizing the plant sale for our May meeting and to Audrey Eis for obtaining our High School speakers for today. I also want to thank all of you who come early to the meetings and set up. How great to work with people willing to pitch in!

Charlotte



HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Duane Ressler Treasurer

Report for May 2015

Date	Transactions	Checking Acct.	Description	Amount	Balance
			correction...omitted items dues, interest	\$15.07	\$2,482.07
Feb. 27			corrected balance		\$2,482.07
Mar. 1			deposit interest paid	\$0.06	\$2,482.13
Mar. 9	Ck # 1232		City of Napoleon	(\$80.00)	\$2,402.13
Mar. 9	Ck # 1233		AKA Designs Meals	(\$440.00)	\$1,962.13
Mar. 9	Ck # 1234		Becky Schindler postage	(\$39.20)	\$1,922.93
Mar. 9	Ck # 1235		TWCMD members donations	(\$49.00)	\$1,873.93
Mar. 9			deposit Meals \$473	\$587.00	\$2,460.93
			50/50 \$20		
			Donations \$49		
			past due meals \$30		
Mar. 31			deposit interest paid	\$0.06	\$2,460.99
April 27			Ending Balance Checking		\$2,460.99
Feb. 2015			HENRY COUNTY BANK CD balance		\$1,255.36
Apr. 4			interest paid	\$3.01	
April 27			current balance		\$1,258.37
Feb.			2015 FIRST FEDERAL BANK CD current balance		\$1,171.19
GRAND TOTAL-ALL ACCOUNTS					\$4,890.55

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

Gene Grime, HCRT Foundation Treasurer

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From Becky's Recipe Book - Becky Schindler

Coke Roast

This is a very good meat dish!

- 1 beef roast
- 1 pkg. dry onion soup mix
- 1 jar Chili sauce
- 1 can (12oz) Coca-Cola

Mix soup mix, chili sauce and Coke. Pour over the roast. Cover with aluminum foil and bake at 350 degrees (1/2 hour per pound of roast) Do not cover with aluminum foil if you place a lid on the roast pan. Or, cook it in your crock pot.



Lunch & Dinner Menus

May 11 @ 5:30 pm

Roast Pork Loin w/Apricots & Roast Onion Jam
Sweet Potato Casserole
Sweet Corn
Homemade Applesauce
Chopped Salad w/Lemon Vinaigrette
Rolls and Butter
Cake
Coffee/Tea

July 13 @ 5:30 pm

Hot Pulled Chicken Sandwich
BBQ Beef Sandwich w/Blackberries
Potato Salad
Baked Beans
Cole Slaw
Deviled Eggs, Fresh Vegetables and Ranch Dip
Cupcakes
Coffee/Tea

September 14 @ 5:30 pm

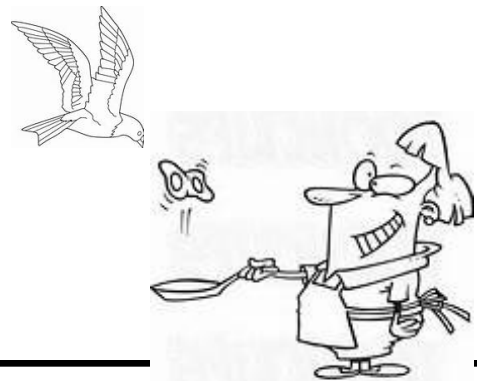
Meatloaf w/Brown Sugar Glaze
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Candied Carrots
Tossed Salad
Rolls and Butter
Sheet Cake
Coffee/Tea

November 9 @ 11:30 am

Oven Roasted Turkey and Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Roasted Brussel Sprouts
Sweet Corn
Cranberry Salad
Rolls and Butter
Pumpkin Pie
Coffee/Tea

December 14 @ 11:30 am

To be announced



Bonnie's Birthday List - Bonnie Eddy

Mires-Fejes, Shirlee	1-May	Stevens, Treva M	4-Jul
Ritchey, Cheryl J	6-May	Zachrich, Lawrence	4-Jul
Rohrs, Kay	6-May	Schubert, Dale	8-Jul
George, Barbara	15-May	Wesche, Mary Kay	14-Jul
Haase, George F	4-Jun	Gerken, Kae	17-Jul
Gerken, Larry	8-Jun	Schink, Nancy C	19-Jul
Eis, Audrey	14-Jun	Ashenfelter, Rosalie A	24-Jul
Mueller, Margaret L	21-Jun	Buchhop, Diane	25-Jul
Lilly, Diana T	23-Jun	Plassman, Carolyn J	27-Jul
Ressler, Duane M	3-Jul	Babcock, Sally *	28-Jul
Lytle, William D	4-Jul	Johnson, Ruth R	31-Jul



We did not move - the road was renamed and the post office wants us to change the address. Our address is 5212 County Road 424, Liberty Center, OH 43532.
Thanks Marlene Jones



**Your Editor and our News to Share
need your help!
We need a picture taker, who will capture
the moments at our HCRTA meetings.**

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