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Henry County Retired Teachers Association O.R.T.A. Chapter Since 1968

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

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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.

Next Meeting – May 9, 2016

The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday May 9th at 11:30am. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon. For the program Adam Tracy from the Children's Lantern in Defiance will be speaking on Human Trafficking and what they are doing to rescue and support victims. The menu for this meeting is Chicken Alfredo with spinach and mushrooms, steamed broccoli, Caesar salad, asiago focaccia and lemon pound cake with fresh fruit. We hope to see you there!

Meal Reservations and Costs

Just a reminder that meal costs are \$11.00 per person. We do have to guarantee the count to the caterer so if you make a reservation and then do not attend we still must pay for the meal that was ordered and delivered. That means that you need to either send the \$11.00 or have another member take your reservation. Anne Rausch handles reservations through a group of callers who email or phone 10 people each. We need to have your reservation confirmation back to your normal caller **by May 2nd**, or contact Anne directly if you cannot reach your caller. Thank you.

May 9th - Meeting Volunteers

Setup volunteers are asked to come at 10:30am. Thank you.

| Set Up | (Doors unlocked at 10:30am) | Take Down | (After the meeting) |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1 | Steve Seagrave | 1 | Carol Agler |
| 2 | Charlie Meyer | 2 | Joe Aschemeier |
| 3 | Larry Vocke | 3 | Janet Aschemeier |
| 4 | Greg Merrill | 4 | Anne Rausch |



We have lost some of our members,

Lu Alexander – 3/16/16

Eleanor Engler - 3/21/16

Carol Sonnenberg - 4/16/2016





**HCRTA
Secretary's
Report**

**Henry County Retired Teachers Association
Secretary's Report
March 14th, 2016**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for March was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, President Shrider welcomed guest John Kline. She also noted the passing of member Earlene Durr. Rosemary Pfau thanked Courtesy South Chair Sandy Honemann for representing the membership at the visitation for Mrs. Durr. President Shrider then asked volunteers from each table to hold signs with the names of best selling Easter candies. Cadbury Eggs and Peeps were the best selling candies, so those lucky tables were first to the serving line. Guest John Kline offered the prayer and a delicious lunch of Chicken Cordon Bleu and sides was enjoyed.

Following the meal, the business meeting was called to order. Preceding the regular business meeting, business was conducted by the HCRT Foundation. Foundation President Jerri Osborn presented the Annual Report to the membership. The Foundation has met three times since the general meeting last March. The annual organizational meeting will be held on March 16, 2016. Board Members for 2015 were: President, Jerri Osborn; Vice Pres., Terri Witt; Secretary, Faith Hurst; Treasurer, Gene Grime; Agent, Becky Chamberlain; ex-officio at large, Doris Ruby; Steve Seagrave. Linda Wagner will join the board as the 2020 member. Treasurer Gene Grime then gave an account of the finances of the Foundation and answered any questions from the membership about the report. A copy of this report will be in the next newsletter.

Two amendments to the Foundation Bylaws were proposed to the membership. The first proposed amending Article II, Section A to read, "The annual meeting of members of this corporation shall be held at 11:30am on the second Monday of March during each calendar year. The annual meeting shall be at the regular meeting location of the Association. No notice shall be required for this annual meeting." Previously the bylaws required the meeting location be at a certain hotel in Napoleon. The second amendment

proposed changing the wording of Article II, Section C to read, "Notice of all meetings of members other than the annual meeting shall be given not fewer than five days nor more than thirty days before the date of such meeting by mailing or emailing the same to the usual business or residence address of each member, which notice may be waived by any member. All such notices shall state the time, place and purpose of the meeting." The purpose of these amendments would be to avoid added costs of renting the hotel conference room and mailing of the notices where members have email available. The Foundation Board can hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the regular HCRTA meeting and notify members via the regular mailed/emailed HCRTA newsletter. Bonnie Eddy made a motion that these amendments be accepted. The motion was seconded by Rosemary Pfau. Motion passed.

President Osborn also reported that the History of the Foundation has been updated to include the most recent Book Grant recipients for 2015: Sherman recipient, Chandler Ashbaugh; Griffith recipient, Katie Stover; King recipient, Timothy Pelletier; and first time recipient of the Karen Brubaker grant, Wesley Rickenberg.

All four grants are in the amount of \$1000. Information about the Griffith Grant with an April 1st deadline has been sent to all Henry County school guidance counselors, WNDH, the three Henry County newspapers and the Defiance Crescent. The deadline for the other grants is June 1st, and that information will be sent out at the end of March.

President Osborn noted that high school students were usually aware of the grants, but she encouraged members to spread the word to college students they know about this opportunity, as they may not have ready access to the information. Handouts were available to post at churches or other venues. Since 1998 we have awarded 37 book grants totaling nearly \$18,500, a record to be proud of indeed! Donations may be made at any time by mailing them to Gene Grime.

Following the completion of the Foundation business, President Shrider returned to the business of the March meeting. The Secretary's report was accepted as written and the Treasurer's report was also accepted and filed for audit. President Shrider reported that Bob Joseph had completed an audit of the books and found all to be in order.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy: Neil Flick is now in the nursing home, and Sandy Honemann will be sending cards to him there.

Legislative: Becky Schindler reported that while there are no initiatives active at the present time, we should always be aware of potential changes in our pension and health care systems. She also presented information from the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, encouraging people to contact Senator Sherrod Brown concerning legislation regarding the Colorectal Cancer Screening Act.

Membership: Nan Bretz passed around a sheet with the names of persons who had been contacted to join HCRTA, but had not responded. Members were encouraged to put their name beside persons on the list that they would be willing to contact personally, encouraging them to join us.

Retirement Planning: Greg Merrill reported that he has been in contact with another chapter, asking for any new ideas for projects they may have found useful. He also is thinking of sending a survey to schools in the area to ask if there is interest among teachers in having an STRS representative come to speak, as we have sponsored in the past.

Community Service: Tom Jenny reported on the volunteer hours from last year: 6,318 hours. This is a good amount, but down from past reports. All members are encouraged to report the hours they volunteer. This demonstrates to the community the value of retired teachers and how much we contribute to the quality of life in our area.

Webmaster/Newsletter: Steve Seagrave encouraged members to continue to check the website and directory, along with the information in the newsletter, for needed corrections and updates. Pass this information along to Steve and Nan Bretz. Articles of interest/news are always welcome to be published. Directories were sent online to all members with email. Hard copies are available for \$5 if members wish to purchase. Steve also once again thanked Charlie Griffith for his help with files and advice when he took over the job of publishing the newsletter.

Historian: Faith Hurst continues to be grateful when members cut out articles from the newspapers and forward them to her.

Old business: There was no old business

New Business:

A sign-up sheet was passed for volunteers to say Grace and to decorate tables for the meetings in May, July, September and November. This is an opportunity to actively involve more members at each meeting. Those who volunteer to set up tables were

reminded to please be there at 10:30, so set up is finished before members begin arriving.

The May meeting will be at 11:30 AM on Monday, May 9, 2016. (Note: due to a scheduling conflict, this is a luncheon meeting, not a dinner meeting.) Adam Tracey from Children's Lantern will be the speaker.

The ORTA Spring conference will be held in Findlay, Wednesday April 13. President Shrider will be attending. If anyone else would like to attend, registration must be in by April 1. Cost before March 20th is \$30, after March 21st, \$35. President Shrider has forms, or they were on the back of the last ORTA newsletter.

Jane Hibbard was the lucky winner of the 50/50 drawing of \$14, which she generously donated to the book grant fund.

After the close of the business meeting, Heidi Kern from the Fulton County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity gave a very informative talk about the organization and its goals. She explained that the Fulton County unit currently serves families in Henry County, since our county does not have a unit of its own. She explained how the organization began in 1976 and that it now operates in 66 counties in Ohio and every state in the United States. It first focused on new construction, but now includes home repair as well, with the goal of serving as many families as possible. Families must apply for the housing and must pass certain criteria of income and need to be approved. She told stories of some of the families served in our area in the past and how the support of Habitat for Humanity changed lives. Information was available for those interested in giving to the organization, financially or by volunteering service. HCRTA will support Habitat for Humanity this year with monetary contributions, as well as other possible activities to support the families, as part of our charitable giving, along with continued donations to Together We Can Make A Difference.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary

From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider

I had an eye opening experience at the ORTA spring conference held on April 13th in Findlay. I would like to share a few facts with you that really surprised me. Did you know that in 2015 STRS paid pension benefits of 11 million dollars to residents of just Henry County? There are 125,000 individuals



receiving STRS Ohio pensions totaling 5.4 million dollars! The oldest Ohio retiree is 105 and receives 1,485 dollars a month. And to me this fact is staggering: Ohio's health care costs for 2015 were 690 million dollars! STRS pays more than 1.8 million dollars in health care costs daily! I have to admire the ladies and gentlemen that are on the board of trustees. What a job they have.

The ORTA State President, Carol Remington spoke on her theme for this year. Her theme is Building Relationships, Growing Membership. She challenged each chapter to take in 25 new members this year. That is a lofty goal. Can our chapter make a goal of 10?

There was also a speaker from Habitat for Humanity there. I am happy to report that at our March meeting we collected 75.00 for Habitat. We also were able to give Together we can make a Difference 62.00. Thanks for your generous contributions!

Have you found just the right item for the auction in July? Remember the July meeting is a potluck and we will have the book grant winners as our guests. Plan to attend a meeting this year if you haven't been in a while. We would love to see you!

CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES

If your address, phone, or email changes please be sure to notify our membership chairperson, Nan Bretz, and the newsletter editor, Steve Seagrave so we can be sure the directory gets updated and you get association meeting and program information.



Nan - nanbretz@hotmail.com

Steve - sseagrave@roadrunner.com



HCRT Foundation Annual Report 2015 **Presented at the HCRTA Meeting, March 14, 2016**

HCRT Foundation has met 3 times since the general meeting last March. Our last meeting was on January 5, 2016, and we will convene again Wednesday, March 16, 2016 for our annual organization meeting.

The board members for 2015 were Gene Grime, treasurer; Faith Hurst, secretary; Terry Witt, vice president; Jerri Osborn, president; Becky Chamberlain (Agent), Doris Ruby, ex-officio, at large, and Steve Seagrave. Linda Wagner will join us as the 2020 member.

Treasurer Gene Grime has provided copies of the financial report, and it will be in the next newsletter.

The History of the Foundation has been updated, adding the names of the Book Grant recipients for 2015: Sherman recipient, Chandler Ashbaugh; Griffith recipient, Katie Stover; King recipient, Timothy Pelltier; and our first-time recipient for the Karen Brubaker grant, Wesley Rickenberg.

All 4 grants are in the amount of \$1,000. Information about the Griffith Grant with an April 1st deadline has been sent to all HC school guidance counselors, WNDH, the 3 HC newspapers and the Defiance Crescent. The deadline for the other 3 grants is June 1st, and that information will be sent out at the end of March.

There are handouts available today if you would like to post them at your church, etc. or if you know any students pursuing teaching as a career. Since 1998 we have awarded 37 book grants totaling nearly \$18,500. Remember that you may contribute to the Foundation at any time by sending donations to Gene Grime.

Please help us get the word out.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerri Osborn, President

Foundation Annual Meeting, March 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Foundation President Jerri Osborn at 10:40am at her home located at 1365 Richmar Lane, Napoleon, Ohio.

MINUTES - The minutes of the January 5, 2016 meeting were read. No changes or corrections were made. Terry Witt moves, seconded by Jan Schlade, that the minutes be approved as submitted. **MOTION PASSED**

TREASURER'S REPORT - Gene Grime presented the annual financial report for 2015 that he had shared at the Annual Meeting of the Foundation held during the March 15 HCRTA meeting. The current balance of all grant funds as of 12/31/2015 is \$163,468.87. Gene noted that he has the various CD maturation dates staggered so they come due at various times and we can pull funds for book grants each year without using any of the annuity. The annuity is growing at a guaranteed rate of 6% per year (or better) until we take out the first withdrawal. He also shared the results of the 2014 and 2015 audit which was completed 2/9/2016 by Bob Joseph. A letter from Mr. Joseph indicated we had a clean audit with all records in good order.

- Sherman Funds = \$27,564.60
- Griffith Funds = \$28,079.31
- King Funds = \$21,322.21
- Brubaker Funds = \$86,502.75

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – An election of the officers for the Foundation Board of Trustees was conducted. Officers elected will serve from March 2016 to March 2017. Linda Wagner moved, seconded by Faith Hurst, to elect the following slate of officers.
MOTION PASSED

- President Terry Witt
- Vice President Jan Schlade
- Secretary Steve Seagrave
- Treasurer Gene Grime

BOOK GRANT RUBRIC – A book grant rubric committee (Terry Witt, Linda Wagner & Jerri Osborn) reported on the book grant judging rubric that had been developed. It will be used by the grant readers to guide the selection process.

BOOK GRANT READERS – The book grant readers for the 2016 grant cycle will be Becky Schindler, Terry Witt, Sandy Honemann and Jerri Osborn.

BYLAWS – Suggested revisions of the bylaws were reviewed and additional changes made. The following amendments will be submitted to the membership for approval at the May meeting. Members will be notified via the next HCRTA newsletter.

ARTICLE I

- A. ~~Until receipt from Internal Revenue Service of a determination letter recognizing exempt status under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the members of this corporation shall be the initial trustees named in Article Five of the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, namely, Golda Boyer, Eleanor Engler, Margaret L. Mueller, Doris A. Ruby and M. Lucille Sherman.~~
- B. Upon receipt of a ~~determination~~ **renewal** letter from Internal Revenue Service that this corporation has exempt status under Section 501c(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, the members of this corporation shall consist of all the members of the Henry County Retired Teachers Association, an Ohio unincorporated association (hereinafter called “the Association”), as such membership changes from time to time, intending that the membership of this corporation and the membership of the Association be at all times identical.

ARTICLE III – TRUSTEES

- A. **Number and Qualifications.** The Board of Trustees (hereinafter called “the Board”), shall consist of five members, each of whom shall be a member of this corporation.

- B. **Term of Office.** The **normal** term of office of a trustee shall be five years. No person shall be eligible to serve as trustee for more than one full five-year term in addition to any partial term to which such person is elected or appointed without an interval of at least one year during which such person does not serve as a trustee. Terms shall be staggered so that one of the trustee positions becomes vacant each year.

~~Of the initial five trustees, M. Lucille Sherman shall be deemed to be elected to a five year term, Doris A. Ruby shall be deemed to be elected to a four year term, Margaret L. Mueller shall be deemed to be elected to a three year term, Eleanor Engler shall be deemed to be elected to a two year term, and Golda N. Boyer shall be deemed to be elected to a one year term.~~ The term of office of a trustee shall commence upon election or appointment and expire when such trustee’s term expires **on December 31st** unless sooner terminated by death, resignation or majority vote of the members of the Board declaring the office vacant, which vote is authorized only in the event of failure of a member of the Board to remain qualified or failure to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board without excuse acceptable to the remaining members of the Board. **A trustee whose normal term is expiring but who is an elected officer of the Board shall hold office until the date fixed pursuant to these regulations for the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees following the annual meeting of the membership and the election of such officers, and until their successors are elected and qualify.**

E. Meetings.

2. Notice of all Board meetings, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be given **by email** or mailing the same at least five days before the meeting to the usual business or residence address of each trustee, but such notice may be waived by any trustee. At any meeting at which every trustee shall be present, even *though* without any notice of waiver thereof, any business may be transacted. Presence at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice for that meeting.

F. Miscellaneous.

1. The auditor appointed or approved by the members shall at such time as the Board may determine, **at least each two years or when the treasurer changes**, prepare for the Association a financial statement, including a statement of assets and liabilities, and a statement of income, expenses, and distributions, and such additional reports or information as may be ordered from time to time by the Board. The auditor shall also prepare such financial data as may be necessary for returns or reports required by state or federal government to be filed by the Association. The auditor’s charges and expenses shall be proper expenses.

ARTICLE V – BOARD COMMITTEES

- A. **Advisory and Other Committees.** The Board may provide for other such committees, including committees, advisory groups, etc. consisting in whole or in part of non-trustees, as it deems desirable, and discontinue the same at its pleasure. Each such committee shall be advisory to the Board and shall have such powers and perform such duties or functions, not inconsistent with law, as may be prescribed by the Board. Appointments and filling of vacancies on such other committees shall be made by the President unless the Board otherwise provides. Any action by each such committee shall be reported to the Board at its meeting next succeeding such action and shall be subject to control, revision, and alternation by the Board, provided that no rights of third persons shall be prejudicially affected thereby. Vacancies in any such committees shall be filled for the unexpired term by the **Board President**, and the **Board President** may appoint one or more persons as alternate members of any such committees who may take the place of any absent member at any meeting.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POLICY –

The trustees reviewed past practices on thank you notes for donations as well as publication in the newsletter.

- Donations “in memory of” people will be reported to the membership in the HCRTA newsletter including who made the donation and who it is in memory of.
- Amounts of donations will not be reported in the newsletter.

DONATION – At the March meeting of the HCRTA member Jane Hibbard won \$14 in the 50/50 drawing and donated it to the foundation.

BOOK GRANTS – Jerri reported that as of today no applications had been received for the \$1,000 book grants for a graduating HS senior going into education. After discussion, follow up contacts will be made with area counselors and school contacts.

NEXT MEETING – The next meeting will be September 13, 2016 at 10:00am. It will be at Terry Witt’s home located at 324 W. Washington in Napoleon.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Seagrave, Secretary

Foundation Donations Received

Foundation Treasurer Gene Grime reported the following people/groups made donations to the foundation. Those with * were gifts in memory of Eleanor Engler, a member and former officer of HCRTA.

Jane Hibbard, Mary Ann Wade*, Keith and Alison Witte*, Judith Welker*, Marsha Bostelman*, Marvin and Beverly Arps*, Vicki Hesterman*, Micky Becker*, Randy and Diane Rohrs*, Phyllis Hesterman*, McClure Tuesday Night Meeting c/o Sandi Weirauch*

DO NOT CALL LIST - RESERVATIONS

If you are on the “Do Not Call List” but plan to attend the next HCRTA meeting you can phone your reservation to Anne Rausch at 419-996-1159 or email her at tuffanneraus@yaho.com.

HCRTA 2016 DIRECTORY

We do have a limited number of extra copies that will be available at the May meeting for \$5.00 each.

Send a Friend a Note of Good Cheer!

Doris Ruby, 1036 S. Perry Street, Lutheran Home, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Charles Hemsoth, Box 36, Malinta, OH 43535

Martha Alspaugh, 140 W. North St., McClure, Ohio 43534

Barbara Schnabele, 415 N. Oak Street, Deshler, Ohio 43512

Jackie Sautter, Fairlawn Haven, Room 114, East Lutz Road, Archbold, Ohio 43502

Martha Potter, BG Health Care Center, 850 W Poe Rd, Bowling Green, OH 43402

Dolores Zachrich, 1036 S. Perry Street, Lutheran Home, Napoleon, Ohio 43545



| HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | Duane Ressler | Treasurer | | |
| | REPORT FOR May 2016 | | | |
| Date | Transaction | Description | Amount | Balance |
| Feb. 1 | | beginning balance | | \$2,699.33 |
| Feb. 29 | Deposit | interest earned | \$ 0.06 | \$2,699.39 |
| Mar. 14 | ck 1255 City of Napoleon | rental of shelter house | \$ (80.00) | \$2,619.39 |
| Mar. 14 | ck 1256 C. Shrider | postage, expenses | \$ (26.95) | \$2,592.44 |
| Mar. 14 | ck 1257 AKA Designs, Ltd. | meals for meeting | \$ (480.00) | \$2,112.44 |
| Mar. 14 | Deposit | proceeds from meeting | \$ 533.00 | \$2,645.44 |
| Mar. 14 | ck 1258 Steve Seagrave | directory expenses | \$ (169.93) | \$2,475.51 |
| Mar. 31 | Deposit | interest earned | \$ 0.07 | \$2,475.58 |
| Apr. 18 | Ending Balance Checking | | | \$2,475.58 |
| Sept. 30 | Balance CD | Henry County Bank | | \$1,267.65 |
| Apr. 4 | | interest added | \$ 3.31 | \$1,270.96 |
| Oct. 1 | Balance CD | First Federal Bank | | \$1,171.19 |
| Apr. 18 | GRAND TOTAL-ALL ACCOUNTS | | | \$4917.73 |
| NOTE: | Members who pay annual dues for either HCRTA and/or ORTA may pay at our next meeting or mail their check(s) to the treasurer. HCRTA annual dues is \$15, ORTA is \$30, payable in January. Nan Bretz has updated membership list if you are not sure if you are annual or life members. | | | |

Where are They Today?

Kristen Lauf graduated from Napoleon High School in 2010. After high school she was awarded the 2013 Sherman Book Grant while at Northwest State Community College. She will complete her education at The Ohio State University with a major in Early Childhood Education and general education endorsement (preschool - 5th grade) this May. Kristen student taught in Lima while attending class at the OSU Lima campus.

Kristen is a busy gal with two part-time jobs, coaching Napoleon Cheerleading and serving as scorekeeper for the Kity Cats. She shared that her hobby centers around basketball as she also enjoys watching her brothers play.

Becky Chamberlin

Are you Missing Out on Important STRS News?

Have you signed up to receive the automatic STRS eUPDATES? If not, you could be missing out on valuable information. To sign up for emailed updates, visit www.strsoh.org, click on the black box that says SUBSCRIBE, and tell them you want to receive the eUPDATES. Not only do you receive information following each Board meeting, but at any time there may be additional information to be disseminated, an additional eUPDATE is sent out.

Are We Having a Spring?

Submitted by Bonnie Eddy

My memory doesn't work very well anymore but it keeps insisting that we've had other springs like this one and I don't believe it. I don't like the cold weather, especially the snow. But today I'm looking outside to see the sun shining nice and bright and my husband mowing the grass. He's decided to continue mowing the grass but is paying a company to come in and fertilize and weed the front lawn all season. Another company will come mid-summer and tear up the back yard and put in better soil and instant grass.



Have you purchased any new plants yet? I hope you purchase some of my hostas that will be on sale at our May meeting. That money will go into our foundation account. I have to admit that I've been addicted to hostas for a long time now. A favorite is 'Big John' that is exactly that – BIG. I finally found a hosta named Bonnie and planted that beside it, but it only survived one year and now John grows all by himself. We also now have lots of daylilies that are blooming as I write this. A favorite is named 'Bonnie and John.' How happy I am that there are now daylilies that rebloom. I also plan on having some daylilies at the plant sale.

John and I belong to the Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society that meets at the Toledo Botanical Garden most of the year. We also take wonderful one-day trips. The trips always include stopping at places that sell hostas and daylilies and we, of course, always bring some new ones home. There are breeders who are now developing new hostas with red leaves. We don't have any of those, but do have some that have red stems and some red on part of the leaves.

One of my favorite catalogs that come is Bluestone Perennials, 7211 Middle Ridge Rd, Madison, OH 44057, bluestoneperennials.com, 800.852.5243. Some of the wonderful hostas they have listed this year that we have are:

- *Blue Mouse Ears, 8" tall, lavender blooms in mid-summer
- *Empress Wu, 3-4' tall, dark green leaves 18" across, lavender blooms mid-summer
- *Guacamole – 22" tall, very fragrant white flowers in summer
- *Old Glory – 14" tall, lavender flowers mid-summer, dark green margin leaves/gold centers
- *Patriot – 22" tall, green leaves/wide white margins, sun tolerant, lavender flowers

A special way that I use hosta leaves is part of floral arrangements. Many of those go on the altar of our church for worship services. Our gardens are always open to visitors and you are welcome to come. I always have some hostas potted and ready to give away to guests. Hope to see you sometime before the frost and snow reappear.

Community Service and Volunteer 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 HCRTA's total accumulation. To report your volunteer hours, contact Tom Jenny at **419-592-7588** (leave a message) or email him at cupmute@roadrunner.com.



DONATION OPPORTUNITY

We would like to give those of you that can't attend meetings the chance to contribute to our chapter's causes. This year we are helping to support *Together We Can Make a Difference* and *Habitat for Humanity*. Together we can make a difference assists people of all ages in Northwest Ohio with basic needs and resources that are not available with any government assistance programs. Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit ecumenical Christian housing organization building simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with people in need. Habitat for Humanity is an organization that all chapters of Ohio Retired Teachers are asked to contribute to this year. With your help we could really add support to these great organizations. Remember your gifts are tax deductible. Members who do attend regularly might also want to consider writing a check to simplify things and to have a record of your giving. Please send your check to Duane Ressler. Thanks for considering these worthwhile projects!

Enclosed is a check for my donation made out to this organization.

_____ Together We Can Make a Difference: \$ _____

_____ Habitat for Humanity: \$ _____

Duane Ressler
 HCRTA Treasurer
 1124 Clairmont Avenue
 Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Birthday List

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|---------|---------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| May 01 | Mires-Fejes, Shirlee *** | June 15 | Weaver, Renee |
| May 04 | Miller, Janis | June 21 | Mueller, Margaret L |
| May 06 | Ritchey, Cheryl J | June 23 | Lilly, Diana T * |
| May 06 | Rohrs, Kay * | July 03 | Ressler, Duane M |
| May 15 | George, Barbara | July 04 | Lytle, William D |
| May 16 | Lyne, Larry B | July 04 | Stevens, Treva M |
| May 17 | Baer, Dan | July 04 | Zachrich, Lawrence |
| May 17 | Lammers, Tom * | July 08 | Schubert, Dale |
| May 18 | Flick, Neil R * | July 14 | Wesche, Mary Kay * |
| May 20 | Leonard, Carol | July 17 | Gerken, Kae |
| May 23 | Hemsoth, Charles N | July 19 | Schink, Nancy C |
| May 25 | Cline, Garry | July 24 | Ashenfelter, Rosalie A |
| May 26 | Neuenschwander, Kenneth * | July 25 | Buchhop, Diane |
| June 02 | Ritter, Jack * | July 27 | Plassman, Carolyn J |
| June 03 | Witt, Terry | July 28 | Babcock, Sally * |
| June 04 | Haase, George F * | July 31 | Conrad, David L |
| June 08 | Gerken, Larry * | July 31 | Johnson, Ruth R |
| June 14 | Eis, Audrey * | | |



At the March meeting, our speaker, Heidi Kern from the Fulton County Chapter of Habitat for Humanity shared information on the organization and projects. Habitat for Humanity is an ORTA project for 2016.

INVITE A GUEST!

Becky Schindler, Nancy Hoover, Phyllis Hesterman, Jim Meyer, Charlie Meyer and Charlotte Shridner signed up to invite guests on the "retired recently" list Nan passed out to our meeting. If someone YOU know has retired in the past few years give them a call and invite them to the May and/or July meetings.

HCRT FOUNDATION – Donation Form

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 Association.

My donation preference is:

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

Gene Grime, HCRT Foundation Treasurer

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postage

Member

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