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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 – September 12, 2016

The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday September 12th at 5:30pm. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon. For the program Taylor Schroeder will speak to us about Neuro Muscular massage therapy, and Hannah Arnos, a registered dietician, will speak to us about nutrition for seniors. Both women are employees of the Henry County Hospital. The menu for this meeting is Roast pork loin with orange glaze, sweet potato casserole, green bean casserole, broccoli slaw, rolls and butter and apple cake. We hope to see you there!

Meal Reservations

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 September 5th**, or contact Anne directly if you cannot reach your caller. Thank you.

Dietary Restrictions

It has come to my attention that some of you don't attend our monthly meetings due to dietary restrictions. Please don't let that keep you from attending meetings and being an active member of our chapter. If you want, you can arrive about 45 minutes after the start time and join us for the business meeting and program. Or it is fine if you want to brown bag your supper with legal foods for you and join us at the table for the fellowship. It would be a charge of 2.00 to help with the park rental and programming. Be sure to let the reservationist know that you are coming so we can have enough chairs set up. Just say no meal, but attending the meeting. Give it a try! ~ Charlotte

September 12th - Meeting Volunteers

Setup volunteers are asked to come at 4:40pm. Thank you.

| Set Up | (Doors unlocked at 4:30pm) | Take Down | (After the meeting) |
|--------|----------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 1 | Steve Seagrave | 1 | Max & Pat Fetterman |
| 2 | Charlie Meyer | 2 | Ruth Johnson |
| 3 | HELP NEEDED! | 3 | Jan Schlade |
| 4 | HELP NEEDED! | 4 | Renee Weaver |



Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – July 11th, 2016

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for July was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, President Shrider welcomed guests Clete Schindler and our 2016 book grant winners: Allison Lamming, Drew Garringer and his parents and Madelyn Dishop and her mother. Following the blessing, a delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed by all. There was no reason for anyone to go away hungry, as the tables were laden with all kinds of wonderful choices.

Following the meal, Terri Witt introduced the book grant winners and they each in turn introduced their parents and told a little about themselves and what they are studying. Terri first read a very nice thank you note from Michaela Jones, who was unable to attend. She was the recipient of the King Book Grant. She attends BGSU and is majoring in Early Childhood Education. Then, Drew Garringer spoke, introducing his parents and telling us that he is also studying at BGSU, working to be a high school social studies teacher. Drew was awarded the Griffith Book Grant. Madelyn Dishop followed, telling us that she is studying currently at the Lima branch of OSU. She introduced her mother, who is a teacher at Liberty Center, and Maddie hopes to follow her footsteps by majoring in Early Childhood Education. She was the winner of the Sherman Book Grant. Finally, Allison Lamming was introduced as winner of the Brubaker Book Grant. She is a student at BGSU, and hopes to be a high school biology and anatomy teacher. Congratulations to all of these students and we wish them the best as they continue to work toward their degrees and a future in education. Terri commented that this year there were many deserving applicants and the committee had wished they could have awarded more grants. She also thanked the readers who volunteered to help and asked that anyone interested in doing so in the future let her know, as the committee would like to maintain a list of persons interested in helping.

Next, Rosemary Pfau spoke to the group about women who served a vital role in World War II, helping to train pilots of B-29 bombers. Rosemary read a short history of their contribution, and was also responsible for bringing a collection of hats for table centerpieces as a tribute to their service.

The business meeting was then called to order. The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as presented. A Thank You note was read from Adam Tracy, director of Children's Lantern, who spoke to the group in May, for the donation of \$178.00 collected at the meeting and donated to their cause.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy: Mary Jane Myrice reported visiting Martha Potter.

Legislative: Becky Schindler had handouts available concerning health care in 2017.

Membership: Nan Bretz was unable to attend, but sent a form with Charlotte, asking members to sign up to make a personal contact with prospective new members. She sent out 21 packets in recent weeks.

President Shrider recognized Duane Ressler for being recognized as the Melvin Jones Fellow by the Lions Club.

Old business: President Shrider reported that one newsletter was returned this time, from Sue Mohr. If anyone knows Sue's current address, please let Charlotte know. Charlotte also noted that she was included in two photos in the current ORTA publication, as she represented our group at ORTA meetings.

New Business:

Volunteers were sought for the nominations committee. Jan Schlade, Ruth Johnson and Charlie Meyer were chosen. They are to present a slate of officers at the September meeting.

The next meeting will be on September 12th at 5:30 PM. Speakers for the meeting will be from the Henry County Hospital and will talk on the topic of Senior Fitness. Charlie Meyer and Steve Seagrave were reminded that they have volunteered for set up at that meeting and Bev Wittes and Sandy Honemann are to bring table decorations.

Throughout the meeting, President Charlotte picked persons to answer the trivia question: which locations were among the top five tourist attractions in the US? Charlie Meyer was a winner of a drink pitcher

with the number one answer, Disney World in Florida; Nancy Schink won picnic plates and a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card with her answer of Las Vegas; and Diane Buchhop won burger baskets with her answer of Times Square.

To end the evening, auctioneer Gene Grime and his "Vanna" helpers, Anne Rausch and Jamie Bostelman, conducted the White Elephant Auction, with the proceeds to go into the general account of the group for future programs. Much laughter and fun was shared by all of the bidders and the lucky winners went home with new treasures.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary

From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider

Happy New Year! Well after forty years of teaching I will always think of September as the real new year. I enjoy looking at all the first day of school pictures and articles on FaceBook but it sure is nice knowing I do not have to go! Fall is my favorite season of the year. I love the cooler temperatures and the changing color of the leaves, but mostly I love football! Friday night, high school games, Saturday the Buckeyes and Sunday the Pros. I have waited for this all summer.



In January our planning committee will meet to choose program topics for next year's meeting. We want the meetings to be of interest to you. Is there something you want to learn more about? Someone you have heard at another group you are a part of that would be of interest? Please jot the idea or speakers name on a paper and give it to me at a meeting. We welcome your input!

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

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@yahoo.com.

HCRTA 2016 DIRECTORY

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

Foundation Donations Received

Foundation Treasurer Gene Grime reported the following people/groups made donations to the foundation.

From Lamar University History Department (in memory of Mary Lou Mengerink)

Membership Recruitment

Nan Bretz has sent out 21 "new member" packets to newly retired teacher. She asks members to phone those you know and invite them to the meeting. Offer to give them a ride! Give Nan any information you have on retirees and those you'd like to invite to membership so she can get a packet to them. Call her with the information (419-599-5628) or send her an email.

Nan - nanbretz@hotmail.com

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 Alsbaugh, 140 W. North St., McClure, Ohio 43534

Barbara Schnabele, Heritage Corner, Rm 401, 1069 Klotz Rd, Bowling Green OH 43402

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

If you know of updates needed to this list contact Sandy Honeman or Marlene Jones.



HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Duane Ressler

Treasurer

REPORT FOR September 2016

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Transaction</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-------------|---|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 5/31 | balance brought forward | | | \$2,423.86 |
| 6/30 | | deposit interest | 0.06 | \$2,423.92 |
| 7/12 | ck 1264 City of Napoleon | use of Oberhaus Park | (\$85.00) | \$2,338.92 |
| 7/12 | ck 1265 HCRТА Foundation | memorials | (\$50.00) | \$2,288.92 |
| 7/12 | ck 1266 C. Shrider | postage | (\$23.50) | \$2,265.42 |
| | | deposit meeting receipts | \$258.00 | \$2,523.42 |
| 7/21 | ck 1267 Habitat for Humanity | | (\$14.00) | \$2,509.42 |
| | ck 1268 TWCMD | | (\$16.00) | \$2,493.42 |
| 7/31 | | deposit interest | \$0.06 | \$2,493.48 |
| 8/6 | | deposit CD from FFB | \$1,185.40 | \$3,678.88 |
| 8/26/16 | Ending Balance Checking | | | \$3,678.88 |
| 8/26/16 | HENRY COUNTY BANK CD | current balance | | \$1,258.37 |
| | | interest added | \$15.91 | \$1,274.28 |
| 8/26/16 | GRAND TOTAL-ALL ACCOUNTS | | | \$4,953.16 |
| NOTE: | Members who pay annual dues for either HCRТА and/or ORТА may pay at our next meeting or mail their check(s) to the treasurer. HCRТА annual dues is \$15, ORТА is \$30, payable in January each year. Nan Bretz has updated membership list if you are not sure if you are annual or life members. | | | |

2016 Book Grant Winners

For information about the 2016 winners see the minutes of the last meeting. For information about all our past winners and a complete listing go to our HCRТА web site. <http://henrycountyrta.weebly.com/>



Madelyn Dishop, Drew Garringer, and Allison Lamming with Foundation President Terri Witt.



Michaela Jones with Foundation Treasurer Gene Grime.

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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|---------|------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| Sep. 04 | Schroeder, Jack | Oct. 14 | Sautter, Jackie * |
| Sep. 05 | Myers, Joan C * | Oct. 16 | Mengerink, Richard |
| Sep. 06 | Wade, Mary Ann Wade | Oct. 18 | Burson, Susan L |
| Sep. 08 | Weaver, Sally J | Oct. 20 | Jenny, Tom R |
| Sep. 09 | Sonnenberg, Carol | Oct. 22 | Schlosser, Bruce E |
| Sep. 09 | Sutton, Margaret | Oct. 23 | Phillips, Bev |
| Sep. 10 | Wittes, Beverly Ann | Oct. 23 | Sickmiller, Shirley Ann * |
| Sep. 15 | Helberg, Kathryn J | Oct. 24 | Roby, Susan D |
| Sep. 20 | Baldwin, Shirley A | Oct. 24 | Short, Delores |
| Sep. 20 | Hibbard, Jane | Oct. 27 | Aschemeier, Janet |
| Sep. 20 | Merrill, Gregg | Nov. 05 | Bostelman, Jamie |
| Sep. 21 | Siclair, Lawrence R | Nov. 05 | Krauskopf, Linda * |
| Sep. 24 | Meyer, Konnie * | Nov. 07 | Jameson, Colleen A |
| Sep. 24 | Pfau, Rosemary G | Nov. 07 | Meyer, Sue C |
| Sep. 25 | Church, Fred * | Nov. 09 | Shepard, Jan |
| Sep. 26 | Schnabele, Barbara A * | Nov. 09 | Shinn, Delbert P * |
| Oct. 02 | Gill, Linda L | Nov. 13 | Long, Larry E |
| Oct. 07 | Rettig Janice J | Nov. 15 | Ritchey, Gary |
| Oct. 07 | Sauber, Sue * | Nov. 20 | Krugh, Susan * |

White Elephant Auction



Gene Grime conducts the white elephant auction with help from his two "Vannas": Anne Rausch and Jamie Bostelman.

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.

Send donations to Gene Grime, HCRT Foundation Treasurer, 92 Old Creek Drive, Napoleon, OH 43545.)

My donation preference is:

Lois Griffith Book Grant

Roger King Book Grant

Margaret & Lucille Sherman Book Grant

Karen Brubaker Book Grant

Undesignated

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Member

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