

# News to Share

## 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 – December 12, 2016

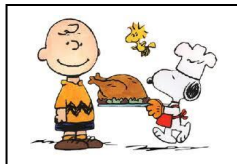
The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday December 12th at 11:30am. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

PROGRAM - The Henry County Retired Teachers welcome back one of the top Barbershop Quartettes from Northwest Ohio and Southwest Michigan for the last meeting of 2016. The quartet OH-MI was formed in 2010 when two Ohio singers welcomed two Michigan singers to form the group. Kent Lamberson from Montpelier and brother Lynn, original founders of the group, are joined by Michigander's Dave Richard and Terry Marr. We are blessed have OH-MI as our entertainment as we approach this joyous season of Christmas.



MENU - The menu for this meeting is Prime rib, roasted potatoes, green bean casserole, tossed salad, roll and butter and sheet 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 December 5th**, or contact Anne directly if you cannot reach your caller. Thank you.

### New Members

We have two new members who have joined. Please introduce yourself and welcome them at the next meeting! Add their information into your copy of the HCRTA member directory.

Kim Louise Gineman Spiess  
1065 Chesterfield Dr., Napoleon 43545  
Home-419-599-4585 Cell-419-579-0478  
Retired from Bryan City Schools 2015

Pamela S. Schwiebert  
11971 State Route 18, Holgate 43527  
Home-419-264-2485 Cell-419-966-1200  
Retired from Holgate 2016

# Merry Christmas



## Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for November was called to order by Vice President Nancy Hoover. Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, Linda Wagner's guest Pam Schwiebert, Rosalie Ashenfelter's guest, her daughter Tracy and new member Kim Spiess were recognized.

Various trivia questions were answered to determine the order of dismissal to the buffet table. Following the table prayer given by Nancy, a meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, sides and pumpkin roll dessert was enjoyed.

Following the meal, the business meeting was called to order. The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as presented, with motions and seconds put forward by Karen Maassel and Janice Rettig for the secretary's report and Becky Schindler and Rosalie Ashenfelter for the treasurer's report.

### Committee Reports:

**Courtesy:** Sandy Honemann reported that Barb Schnabele has now moved to Oak Grove Nursing Home in Deshler. Marlene Jones reported sending a card to Steve Seagrave following a fall during which he injured his arm. Karen Maassel was also recognized for being recently inducted into the Four County Hall of Fame.

**Legislative:** Becky Schindler reminded the group to always be aware of issues pertaining to our health care.

**Retirement Planning:** Greg Merrill reported that the committee is considering sending a survey to local schools to gauge interest in a meeting with STRS representatives to discuss retirement options. If interest is found, the meeting would probably be held in late winter.

**Historian:** Faith Hurst reported clippings were provided to her today and she is always eager to receive any news of members.

**Education Foundation:** Terri Witt reported that a replacement member is being sought for the Foundation board. Members from the Holgate and

Patrick Henry areas would be especially helpful. Anyone interested should contact Terri.

**Old business:** Gene Grime reported a successful completion of the Dictionary Project. He had letters on hand from grateful students for members to see. Gene and Teri Witt have made plans to use letters of this sort received from students in the past, who are now seniors and eligible for book grants. They plan to return to the students the letters they had written in third grade, along with an application form for the book grants. A good idea to stimulate interest in the grant application process!

### New Business:

Karen Maassel was again recognized for being inducted into the Four County Hall of Fame. Renee Weaver was also applauded for winning a recipe contest sponsored by the Crescent News. Congratulations to these two members for their accomplishments!

Volunteers were sought for decorations for the tables for the December meeting and for set-up for that meeting.

Suggestions were solicited for program ideas for next year. Inviting a young author to speak and having an active educator speak to continuing demands on teachers and students with testing were two ideas brought forward. Anyone with other suggestions should contact Karen Maassel, who will be taking over the position of Vice President of the group in the new year.

Charlie Meyer reminded the group that the Symphony of Trees event is this week. He encouraged members to attend and support the organizations that benefit from the monies raised by the event.

Nancy reported that the December meeting will be held on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. A musical group will be the entertainment at the meeting.

Terri Witt was the winner of the 50/50 drawing.

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

Following the meeting, speaker Jim Cain, a representative of the Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) spoke to the group concerning benefits available to members through ORTA. He supplied a handout detailing the many varied benefits available. The most important issues he discussed were Long Term Care/ Home Health Care, coverage for cancer/heart/stroke, and coverage of medical transport. These are the biggest areas where coverage

may be lacking in member's basic health plans. Mr. Cain encouraged members to contact him by phone or to make an appointment for additional information concerning their personal situations. Linda Wagner was the lucky winner of a \$25 gift card given by Mr. Cain at the end of his presentation.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary

### **From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider**

Merry Christmas! I hope you are all well into the Christmas spirit by decorating, shopping and baking. Notice I didn't say sending Christmas cards. Do you still do that? Do you get as many? I confess that I don't send them anymore and I certainly have time! FaceBook has taken over my Christmas wishes I guess. We will surely get into the spirit at our meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will be treated to some great singing and great food! I have an easy New Year's resolution for those of you who haven't been to a meeting in years. Make a resolution to attend one meeting this year. Give it a try! As this is the last newsletter of the year I want to thank all the officers, executive committee and foundation board members for all their work this year. It takes all of us to make HCRTA run. I hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season!  
Charlotte



### **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.



### **ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!**

Our treasurer, Duane Ressler, would like to remind you that annual dues for 2017 can be paid at this time at the November or December meeting. Here is the list of those who pay on an annual basis. If you believe there is an error, give him a call and he will research records.

**HCRTA \$15** – Garry Cline, Daniel Baer, Becky Chamberlin, Deb Feehan, David Follett, Cheri Goertz, Deb Guelde, Kevin Milius, Janis Miller, Joan Myers, Mary Jane Myrice, Bev Phillips, Teresa Rohrs, Mary Ann Wade;

**ORTA \$30** – Garry Cline, Daniel Baer, Nancy Baldwin, Deb Feehan, Neil Flick, David Follett, Cheri Goertz, Deb Guelde, Phyllis Hesterman, Jan Hockman, Larry Lyne, Greg Merrill, Sue Meyer, Kevin Milius, Shirlee Mires-Fejes, Carolyn Plassmank Kay Rohrs, Teresa Rohrs, Judy Rosebrook, Bruse Schlosser, Nancy Schink, Larry Sinclair, Lynette Tietje, Mary Ann Wade, Barb Walker;

### **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](mailto:tuffanneraus@yaho.com).

### **ADDRESS CHANGES**

Since the November newsletter was sent out we have received the following changes in address, phone, or email. Please go ahead and update your member directory.

Schnabele, Barbara A \*  
VanCrest Healthcare Center, 600 East Joe E. Brown Avenue, Holgate, Ohio 43527

### **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

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

Barabara Schnabele, VanCrest Healthcare Center, 600 East Joe E. Brown Avenue, Holgate, Ohio 43527

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



<b>HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION</b>				
	Duane Ressler	Treasurer		
	<b>REPORT FOR December 2016</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Aug. 26	Checking Account	balance brought forward		<b>\$3,678.88</b>
Sept. 12	ck. #1269 City of Napoleon	shelterhouse rental	(\$85.00)	\$3,593.88
	ck. # 1270 AKA Designs Ltd.	meals for meeting	(\$490.00)	\$3,103.88
	ck. # 1271 Charlotte Shrider	postage for newsletters	(\$23.50)	\$3,080.38
	ck. # 1272 Habitat for Humanity	donation from members	(\$25.00)	\$3,055.38
	ck. #1273 TWCMD	donation from members	(\$28.00)	\$3,027.38
Sept. 13	Deposit from meeting	meals \$473, 50/50 \$22	\$568.00	\$3,595.38
		donations \$53, dues \$15		
		directory \$5		
Oct. 19	ck. #1274 Gene Grime	dictionary project	(\$795.90)	\$2,799.48
	Deposit Lions Club Funds	Napoleon \$492.15	\$708.90	\$3,508.38
		Deshler \$216.75		
Oct. 27	Deposit Interest	Aug. \$.09, Sept. \$.09	\$0.18	\$3,508.56
Oct. 31	Deposit Interest	Oct.	\$0.09	\$3,508.65
Nov. 3	ck. #1275 City of Napoleon	shelterhouse rental	(\$85.00)	\$3,423.65
Nov. 14	ck. #1276 AKA Designs Ltd.	meals for meeting	(\$473.00)	\$2,950.65
Nov. 15	Deposit from meeting		\$650.00	\$3,600.65
	<b>Henry County Bank CD</b>			\$1,274.28
Oct. 4		interest	\$3.37	<b>\$1,277.65</b>
10/27/16	<b>GRAND TOTAL-ALL ACCOUNTS</b>			<b>\$4,878.39</b>
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 each year.			

### December 2016 Program Speaker



Jim Cain was the speaker and he initially reminded ORTA members that they receive discounts automatically on 1-800-Flowers, on Identity Theft protection, Apple and Dell computer purchases, rental cars, LaQuinta Inn and Suites Hotels, as well as American Hearing Benefits (free annual hearing screening and discounts on retail prices of hearing aids).

Cain noted that the Affordable Care Act does not directly affect Ohio Retired Teachers, but in an indirect way, it does affect covered expenses.

Cain, who previously was a nursing home administrator, has been working with ORTA benefits for about four years. He noted that the Big Three concerns about benefits revolve around long term care, cancer/stroke benefits and medical transport. His big concern is that people receive the benefits that they deserve and his staff is available to discuss coverage.

## 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.

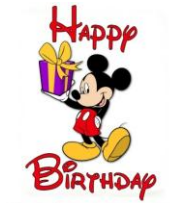
\_\_\_\_\_ Together We Can Make a Difference: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Habitat for Humanity: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Duane Ressler**  
 HCRTA Treasurer  
 1124 Clairmont Avenue  
 Napoleon, Ohio 43545

## Birthday List

Dec. 05	Redd, Betsy	Feb. 03	Dettmer, Carl *
Dec. 08	Aschemeier, Joseph	Feb. 06	Ruby, Doris
Dec. 09	Fetterman, Patricia	Feb. 09	Hoover, Nancy
Dec. 13	Seagrave, Stephen	Feb. 12	Hockman, Jan *
Dec. 13	Shrider, Charlotte Anne	Feb. 12	Rohrs, Teresa L
Dec. 19	Tietje, Lynette Kay	Feb. 15	Curtis, Beverly
Dec. 20	Sasaki, Bonnie	Feb. 15	Feehan, Deb
Dec. 20	Short, Wayne	Feb. 15	Honemann, Sandra R
Dec. 24	Rausch, Anne	Feb. 15	Mohr, Sue A *
Dec. 30	Griffith, Charles E	Feb. 17	Buehrer, Donna L
Jan. 03	Grant, Rita R *	Feb. 18	Hall, LeAnn
Jan. 06	Snider, Jim *	Feb. 18	Northcutt, Heather S *
Jan. 08	Sasaki, Larry	Feb. 23	Anderson, Morten *
Jan. 09	Vocke, Lawrence	Feb. 23	Benedict, Joyce E *
Jan. 10	Stein, Karen	Feb. 23	Hurst, Faith
Jan. 10	Titgemeyer, Dora W	Feb. 23	Kern, Thomas
Jan. 11	Fetterman, Max	Feb. 28	Bright, Don
Jan. 15	Frederick, Janet E *	Feb. 28	Zachrich Dolores *
Jan. 15	Meyer, Charles H	Mar. 01	Joseph, Robert **
Jan. 18	Follett, David	Mar. 02	Milius, Kevin
Jan. 19	Walker, Barb	Mar. 03	Steed, Joan
Jan. 23	Schindler, Becky	Mar. 03	Warnimont, Bev
Jan. 24	Neuenschwander, Charlene *	Mar. 06	Miller, John J *
Jan. 24	Schwiebert, Pamela S.	Mar. 10	Baldwin, Richard Neil
Jan. 26	Behnfeldt, Peg *	Mar. 12	Maassel, Karen
Jan. 28	Eddy, Bonnie	Mar. 13	Behrman, Walter
Jan. 30	Hesterman, Phyllis	Mar. 13	Guelde, Deb



### **HCRTA Web Site**

Below is our HCRTA web site. Check there for information and links.

<http://henrycountyrta.weebly.com/>

### **ORTA Web Site**

Below is the ORTA web site. Check there for information and links.

- Update your membership information.
- Sign up for email alerts.
- Read ORTA newsletters.
- Check member benefits.

<http://www.orta.org/>

## 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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Napoleon OH 43545

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Member

Address