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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

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.

Next Meeting – September 11, 2017

The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday, September 11th at 5:30pm. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

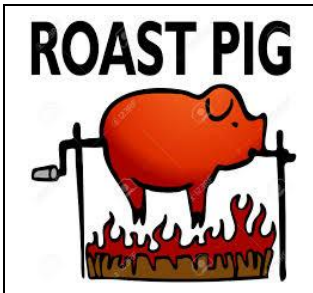
PROGRAM - **Betsy Ross**, (Sandy Zekurish) will be making a visit from Mentor, Ohio to share what went into making the first flag and what it represents.

MENU – The menu includes roast pork loin, sweet potato casserole, vegetable medley, tossed salad, rolls and butter, and apple bars. We hope to see you there!



Meal Reservations

Remember that meal costs are \$13.00 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 \$13.00 or have another member take your reservation. Charlotte Shridder handles reservations through a group of callers who email or phone 10 people each. We need to have your reservation back to your normal caller by September 4th, or contact her directly (419-599-1356) if you cannot reach your caller. Thank you.



Address Update

John Miller's son contacted us to report his father is now permanently living at Fairlawn Haven Nursing Home. Please change his address on your membership directory to: John J. Miller, Fairlawn Haven Nursing Home, Room 186, 407 E Lutz Road, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

September 11th - Meeting Volunteers

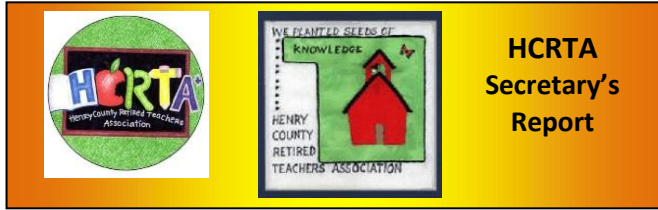
Volunteers are needed. If you can help, call Charlotte. 419-599-1356

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 4:30pm)		Hostess Committee	
Jerri Osborn	Faith Hurst	Nan Bretz	Nancy Hoover
Richard Hurst			

Volunteers are needed after the meeting to put away tables and chairs.

Are You Missing Out on Important STRS Updates?

Have you signed up to receive the automatic STRS eUPDATES? If not, you could be missing out on valuable information. To sign up, visit www.strsoh.org and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on the black box that says "SUBSCRIBE". This will open an email message to STRS. Give them your email address and tell them you are a retired teacher and want to receive the eUPDATES.



Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – July 10, 2017

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 recognized guests Judy Rand and Jan Baker. She thanked members of the hostess committee, Becky Schindler, Marlene Jones and Becky Chamberlin, and the set-up committee of Karen Maassel, Ruth Johnson and Jan Schlade. Bev Wittes was also thanked for taking money today in place of vacationing Steve Seagrave.

Tables were dismissed to the meal by means of putting into chronological order ages of celebrities celebrating July birthdays. A delicious meal of ham sandwiches, various sides and shortcake dessert was enjoyed by all.

Our speaker was then introduced. Jenny Barlos, Development/Client Services Director with ADAI (Assistance Dogs for Achieving Independence), along with her dog Jasmine, informed the group of the many ways service dogs help those with mobility issues and other disabilities. Clients are helped to do many daily tasks, such as opening doors, retrieving dropped items, lifting legs into bed and more. The main objective is to allow the patient to conserve their own energy level by allowing their dog to complete these routine tasks. The dogs are in training for approximately two years, with socialization as well as learning specific task commands among the many parts of the regimen. Foster families care for the dogs early in their lives. Prison inmates are also a part of the program, training the dogs for commands. Mrs. Barlos noted that the inmates gain as much from the program as the dogs, by receiving the unconditional love of their animal, something they may never have had the chance to experience from anyone in their lives. An interesting insight into a very worthwhile program.

Following the speaker, Terri Witt announced the book grant winners for this year. They were: Emma Babcock, Griffith Family Book Grant, daughter of Leigh Ann and Tom Babcock; Anna Murcko, Roger King Music Book Grant, daughter of Jim and Shellee Murcko; Michaela Jones, Lucille and Margaret

Sherman Book Grant, daughter of Gary and Debra Jones; and Taylor Fausey, Karen Brubaker Book Grant, daughter of Deb and Gary Fausey. Emma, Anna and Michaela were present, with members of their families. Taylor was unable to attend due to work obligations. The three ladies present each told a little about themselves and their career hopes. Emma will attend The Ohio State University, majoring in Early Childhood Education. Anna attends Youngstown State, where she is a Music Education major. Michaela attends BGSU, majoring in inclusive Early Childhood Education. Taylor majors in Early Childhood Education at the University of Cincinnati.

Terri thanked the members of HCRTA who volunteered to help as readers for the Book Grants this year. Gene Grime assisted in awarding the checks to the recipients and took photos to be placed in the newspapers.

The business meeting was called to order. The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as presented in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy: Becky Schindler was present and said she is feeling better after recent health concerns; it was noted that John Miller is now at Fairlawn; Mary Jane Myrice reported visiting Martha Potter and Don Bright. President Charlotte congratulated Gene Grime, as he is now the President of the Lion's Club.

Historian: Faith Hurst reported receiving an article today and always appreciates those who bring things to her to be included in the historical records.

Old business: There was no old business.

New Business: President Charlotte asked for three volunteers to be on the nominating committee to select officers for the new year. After discussion, with several of the officers indicating that they were willing to serve once more, Jan Schlade volunteered to be sure the slate was ready for the meeting in September.

President Charlotte mentioned that it was suggested that we might try meeting at the new youth center at the Lutheran Church. When she checked on this, the price was \$225 for non-members, \$150 for a member of the church. Since this would be quite a bit more of an expense than our current location, it was decided to remain at Oberhaus Park.

Throughout the meeting, President Charlotte drew names for summer themed door prizes that she had furnished. Becky Schindler was the lucky winner of a picnic basket, filled with various picnic tableware;

Duane Ressler won a pink storage box; and Barb Walker took home a barbecue utensil set.

Charlotte had also brought along several books that members were invited to take home for a free will donation to the Speaker's Fund. Jan Schlade was the winner of the 50/50 drawing.

The September meeting will feature Sandy Zekurish as Betsy Ross. As we will meet on September 11, 2017, this will be an especially appropriate speaker to celebrate patriotism on this honored day.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Renee Weaver, seconded by Karen Maassel.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary

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



From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and took the time to do some fun things! I am taking my vacation next week and visiting Gatlinburg, Pigeon Forge and Cades's Cove. We are also taking a day to visit the Biltmore estate in North Carolina. I have never been there and I have heard lots of good reviews so I am looking forward to it.



I want to thank all the officers for agreeing to another year of service to HCRTA. I appreciate all the help and support you give me. Karen Maassel told me she already has some good ideas for programs next year! Please let Karen or me know if you have a program you would like to see presented.

Thanks to everyone's giving to the "tip bags" on the tables our speakers fund is growing. We had a chance to make 1,000 dollars by working the fair gates for a day but it takes 66 workers to man the gates and I thought it might be hard to get that many of us. Good opportunity though! Happy fall and yippee it is football season!

Charlotte

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 Charlotte Shrider at 419-599-1356 or email her at cshrider1@roadrunner.com

Where are they now? – Becky Chamberlin

Chandler Ashbaugh graduated from Napoleon High School in 2012. While a student at Baldwin Wallace University she was a member of the Teaching Together Society, Swimming Diving Team and received the Most Valuable Player Award in 2015. In 2015 she was our Sherman Book Grant winner. She graduated from Baldwin Wallace in 2016 with an Early Childhood Education degree - Generalist Endorsement 4-5.

Chandler lives in the Cleveland area and returns to her 4th grade classroom at Keystone Elementary School this fall. She is a Swim Coach, enjoys reading, hiking, camping, outdoor activities, and leading her students to their highest potential.

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

Barbara Schnabele, 415 N. Oak, Deshler, Ohio 43516

John Miller, Fair Haven Nursing Home (Room 186), 407 E Lutz Road, Archbold, OH 43502

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



HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Report for September 2017		Duane Ressler, Treasurer		
Date	Transaction	Description	Amount	Balance
06/14/2017	Balance brought forward			\$3,685.04
07/02/2017	deposit	interest from HCB	\$0.10	\$3,685.14
07/10/2017	ck# 1291 City of Napoleon	shelterhouse rental	(\$90.00)	\$3,595.14
	ck# 1292 AKA Designs LTD.	meals for meeting	(\$484.00)	\$3,111.14
	ck# 1293 Charlotte Shrider	postage for newsletters	(\$19.60)	\$3,091.54
	ck# 1294 Jenny Barlos	speaker	(\$25.00)	\$3,066.54
07/11/2017	deposit	meeting receipts (See below.)	\$686.00	\$3,752.54
07/14/2017	ck# 1295 TWCMD	member donations	(\$34.00)	\$3,718.54
07/18/2017	deposit- ck from Sue Meyer	meals reimbursed	\$24.00	\$3,742.54
07/31/2017	deposit	interest from HCB	0.09	\$3,742.63
08/18/2017	ENDING BALANCE			\$3,742.63
07/02/2017	CD Henry County Bank			\$1,285.64
07/03/2017	deposit CD interest	rate .975%	\$3.87	\$1,288.51
	GRAND TOTAL-ALL ACCOUNTS			\$5,031.14
Meeting Receipts Details:				
Meal payments = \$550		50/50 drawing = \$20		Book sale = \$27
Donation - J. Schlade = \$19		TWCMD cash donation = \$33		Tips = \$32
				TWCMD donation (Pfau check) = \$25

Health Care Issue

Our Legislative Liaison, Becky Schindler, is asking members to contact their U.S. Senators and U.S. Congressman to urge them to vote “no” on any bill that harms Americans by taking away Medicaid coverage, reduces coverage of pre-existing conditions, allows insurance companies to put in a “lifetime cap” on what bills they would pay for catastrophic illness, or reduces preventive care coverage.

Representative Bob Latta, Bowling Green office (419-354-8700). Representative Jim Jordan, Lima office (419-999-6455). Representative Marcy Kaptur, Toledo office (419-259-7500). Senator Sherrod Brown, Cleveland office (216-522-7272). Senator Rob Portman, Toledo office (419-259-3895).

The Karen Brubaker Book Grant

Taylor Fausey has been granted the Karen Brubaker Book Grant. Taylor is the daughter of Deb and Gary Fausey. She is a graduate of Napoleon High School, and she is presently attending the University of Cincinnati, majoring in Early Childhood Education. Taylor remembers the life-changing kindness of her teachers, who helped a quiet shy child find her way at school. She hopes to encourage her students so that they can develop a love of learning and grow to believe in themselves.

The Giffith Family Book Grant

Emma Babcock is the 2017 recipient of The Griffith Family Book Grant. She is the daughter of Leigh Ann and Tom Babcock. A recent graduate of Liberty

Center High School, Emma will be attending The Ohio State University in the Fall. She plans to major in Early Childhood Education. Emma has wanted to be a teacher since she was very young. She states, “I want to inspire each child that enters my room that they can do anything they set their mind to and that learning can be fun.”

The Roger King Music Book Grant

Anna Murcko, a graduate of Napoleon High School and presently attending Youngstown State University, has earned the Roger King Music Book Grant. Anna is majoring in Music Education. She is the daughter of Jim and Shellee Murcko, and she was raised by them to appreciate the importance of the arts. Growing up and seeing her father teaching middle school choir, she realized the positive impact he has had on his students. This helped Anna decide that she wanted to become a music teacher. She hopes she can be lucky enough to have a positive impact on her community, just as her father has.

The Lucille and Margaret Sherman Book Grant

Michaela Jones has been awarded the Lucille and Margaret Sherman Book Grant. Michaela is a graduate of Holgate High School, and she is attending Bowling Green State University, majoring in Inclusive Early Childhood Education. Michaela is the daughter of Gary and Debra Jones. She feels that she was “born to be a teacher”, and she wants to face the challenges of the profession to help her students do the best they can for themselves.

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 again helping to support *Together We Can Make a Difference*. 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. With your help we could really add support to this great organization. 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: \$ _____

Duane Ressler
 HCRTA Treasurer
 1124 Clairmont Avenue
 Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Birthday List

Sep. 15	Helberg, Kathryn J	Oct. 22	Schlosser, Bruce E
Sep. 20	Baldwin, Shirley A	Oct. 23	Phillips, Bev
Sep. 20	Hibbard, Jane	Oct. 23	Sickmiller, Shirley Ann *
Sep. 20	Merrill, Gregg	Oct. 24	Roby, Susan D
Sep. 21	Sicclair, Lawrence R	Oct. 24	Short, Delores
Sep. 24	Meyer, Konnie *	Oct. 27	Aschemeier, Janet
Sep. 24	Pfau, Rosemary G	Nov. 05	Bostelman, Jamie
Sep. 25	Church, Fred *	Nov. 05	Krauskopf, Linda *
Sep. 26	Schnabele, Barbara A *	Nov. 07	Jameson, Colleen A
Oct. 02	Gill, Linda L	Nov. 07	Meyer, Sue C
Oct. 07	Rettig Janice J	Nov. 09	Shinn, Delbert P *
Oct. 07	Sauber, Sue *	Nov. 13	Long, Larry E
Oct. 14	Sautter, Jackie *	Nov. 14	Kim Spiess
Oct. 16	Mengerink, Richard	Nov. 15	Ritchey, Gary
Oct. 18	Burson, Susan L	Nov. 20	Krugh, Susan *
Oct. 20	Jenny, Tom R		



HCRTA Web Site

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

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



Book Grant Winners – (L-R) Anna Murcko, Michaela Jones, Foundation President Terri Witt, Emma Babcock



Book Grant Winner Taylor Fausey with Foundation President Terri Witt;



Program speaker Jenny Barlos and one of the assistance dogs;

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.

NOTE: Gifts to the Foundation may ONLY be used for our book grants and associated costs such as postage, etc. They may NOT be used for regular HCRTA expenses or programs.

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

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