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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 – November 13, 2017 at 11:30am

LOCATION - Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

PROGRAM - **Black Swamp Medicine Girls** - Susan Wiesehan and Jeanne Caryer, “The Black Swamp Medicine Girls” will demonstrate examples of antique medical devices and treatments and welcome you to explore their diverse display of vintage patent medicine bottles, pharmacy items, and advertising.



Explore the history of vintage medicine bottles, diseases of the Great Black Swamp, and treatments for such ailments as consumption, quincy, lumbago, rheumatism, bad breath, and gout.

Learn about the old medicine show sales pitches and how one-half dollar could buy you a treatment that could cure everything from baldness to curvature of the spine.

Discover the adventurous antics of medicine shows in the 1850’s through the 1930’s and how traveling groups put on performances peddling their miracle cures, elixirs, and devices guaranteed to improve your health.

MENU – The menu includes turkey breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, corn, sourdough muffins, waldorf salad, pumpkin 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 Shrider 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 November 6th**, or contact her directly (419-599-1356) if you cannot reach your caller. Thank you.

November 13th - Meeting Volunteers

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

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 4:30pm)

Hostess Committee

Linda Wagner

Pam Schwiebert

Sandy Honemann

Renee Weaver

Diane Meyer

Carol Agler

Bev Wittes

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



Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – September 11, 2017

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for September was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, President Shrider recognized guests Judy Rand and Vicki Gramling. She thanked Rich and Faith Hurst, Duane Ressler, Jerri Osborn and Karen Maassel for set-up today and Nan Bretz, Nancy Hoover and Kim Spiess for being the hostess committee. A prayer before the meal was given by Nancy Hoover. Tables were dismissed to the meal by means of putting into order names of past presidents of HCRTA. A delicious meal of pork loin and various sides was enjoyed by all.

After the meal, Vice President Karen Maassel introduced "Betsy Ross" (aka reenactor Sandy Zekurish). Betsy told us the story of her life, from her beginning as a member of a very large Quaker family, through her three marriages with many associated joys and tragedies. It was a fascinating story, which of course included how she came to make her famous flag. We all learned so much about the real life of an important historical figure with this presentation.

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

Committee Reports:

Courtesy: Marlene Jones reported sending greetings to several members. Nan Bretz was congratulated on her 45th wedding anniversary.

Legislative: Becky Schindler asked members to inform themselves concerning Issue 2, which will be on the ballot in November.

Membership: Nan Bretz again welcomed the visitors present today.

Community Service: Tom Jenny had as usual placed volunteer hour tally sheets at each table.

Historian: Faith Hurst reported receiving two articles today and always appreciates those who bring things to her.

Dictionary Project: Gene Grime reported that the dictionaries for this year have already arrived and those who signed up to do the presentations to third grade classes could take them today. A few more volunteers were needed to fill slots at some of the schools.

Webmaster/Newsletter: Steve Seagrave reported that the website has been updated with this year's scholarship winners. President Charlotte reported hearing from Jackie Sautter and Jack Fruchey about the newsletter. A new address may be needed for Diana Lilly, as her copy was returned.

Education Foundation: Chair Terri Witt reported that they will be looking for a new member of this committee in the coming year. She will be making contacts with members to find those who may be interested in filling this position.

Old Business: Jan Schlade presented a slate of officers from the nominations committee: President - Charlotte Shrider; Vice President - Karen Maassel; Secretary - Bev Wittes; Asst. Secretary - Ann Rausch; Treasurer - Duane Ressler; Asst. Treasurer - Larry Vocke. President Shrider asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the vote was taken and the slate of officers was elected.

New Business: President Charlotte reported that the committee investigating possible changes in our constitution will have a report at the next meeting. Steve Seagrave, Jan Schlade and Greg Merrill are serving on this committee.

Our speakers in November will be Black Swamp Medicine Girls. Hostess Committee for November will be Sandy Honemann, Renee Weaver and Bev Wittes.

Terri Witt won the 50/50 drawing for the day.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Steve Seagrave, seconded by Charlie Meyer.

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

What beautiful fall weather we have been having. I am not an outdoor person and even I have been enjoying it! Good thing I love going to the football games so I get my dose of fresh air. I'm sure many of you have your yards and flower beds all cleaned up and ready for cooler weather. Cooler weather is also a good time to snuggle up with a book. I will have some books available at the next meeting for a free will donation to the speaker's fund. These are all different from the titles I brought in July.



My three year old grandson is really into telling me jokes. His favorite is "Why did the Happy Meal cross the road? To get more chicken nuggets!" Then he throws his head back and laughs uproariously. I might ask "Why did the retired teacher go to chapter meetings?" I hope the answers would be, to keep informed on issues facing retirees today, for camaraderie with fellow educators, to hear interesting speakers, to enjoy a good meal and hopefully share a laugh or two! If you haven't been in a while please join us! I would throw back my head and smile widely to see you!

Charlotte

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.

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!

Our treasurer, Duane Ressler, would like to remind you that annual dues for 2018 can be paid at this time at the November or December meeting.

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

Robert McMahan, the Roger King Music Book Grant winner of 2013 and 2014, graduated from Napoleon High School in 2011 and Indiana Wesleyan University in 2015. While a student at Indiana Wesleyan he was in Wind and Jazz ensembles, Pep Band, University Singers and Summer Musical Just to name a few. After his University graduation he taught instrumental music grades 5-12 at Eastbrook Schools in Marion, Indiana.

Today Robert and his wife Jenni are CRU staff members at Bowling Green State University helping students meet new friends, learn about life and faith. He works in a variety of settings including one on one, small group, and large group gatherings. Robert serves on the church audio/technology team for worship. They like to travel and hike. While attending a Staff Conference in Colorado they stayed extra days to hike in the Rocky Mountains.

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 Honemann or Marlene Jones.



HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Report for November 2017		Duane Ressler, Treasurer		
Date	Transaction	Description	Amount	Balance
8/18/17		starting balance		\$3,742.63
8/31/17	DEPOSIT	interest	\$ 0.09	\$3,742.72
9/11/17	Ck. 1296 City of Napoleon	shelter rental	\$ (90.00)	\$3,652.72
9/11/17	Ck. 1297 Gene Grime	dictionary project	\$ (795.50)	\$2,857.22
9/11/17	Ck. 1298 Sandy Zekurish	speaker/Betsy Ross	\$ (50.00)	\$2,807.22
9/11/17	Ck. 1299 C. Shrider	postage for newsletters	\$ (19.60)	\$2,787.62
9/11/17	Ck. 1300 AKA Designs LTD	Meals	\$ (572.00)	\$2,215.62
9/12/17	DEPOSIT	Meals (\$671) 50/50 (\$20)	\$ 1,464.65	\$3,680.27
		TWCMC (\$24) dues(\$15)		
		Dictionaries (\$670.65)		
		Speaker fund (\$64)		
9/27/17	DEPOSIT	Holgate Lions (dictionaries)	\$ 119.85	\$ 3,800.12
10/1/17	DEPOSIT	interest	\$ 0.11	\$ 3,800.23
10/20/17		ending balance		\$3,800.23
	<i>CD Henry County Bank</i>			\$1,288.51
10/4/17	deposit CD interest	rate 1.275%	\$4.14	\$1,292.65
GRAND TOTAL-ALL ACCOUNTS				\$5,092.88

STRS Ohio Staff Analysis of Issue 2

Posted: Oct. 3, 2017

Summary of Proposed Law

State Issue 2 is a ballot initiative stating that neither the state of Ohio, nor any other state entity shall enter into any agreement with the manufacturer of any drug for the purchase of a prescribed drug unless the net cost of the drug is the same or less than the lowest price paid for the drug by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

STRS Ohio is not a proponent nor an opponent of the proposed law because there isn't enough data available to know the long-term impact to our members. Several of the outstanding matters are outlined below. We do, however, believe there is likely to be short-term disruptions to our drug plan and want to make members aware of this.

Key matters to be determined:

1. Whether or not STRS Ohio is considered an "other state entity." This is not a term currently defined in state law. STRS Ohio is not specifically included in nor excluded from the language in the ballot initiative. Issue 2 requires the General Assembly to enact additional laws to carry out the provisions of Issue 2, and these laws would likely define what organizations are considered an "other state entity" with respect to this law.
2. If STRS Ohio is deemed an "other state entity," there are questions regarding how the law would be administered, namely:
 - o The law in Ohio would forbid STRS Ohio from paying more for a drug than the VA; however, what the VA pays for a drug is unknown — and neither the state nor STRS Ohio have authority to require the VA to share drug price information.
 - o While the law can limit what STRS Ohio is allowed to pay for a drug, it cannot require the drug manufacturers to sell the drug to STRS Ohio at the price the VA pays. There are no provisions in the law that would allow STRS Ohio to pay more for the drug, so the drug would have to be dropped from the plan.

In the long term, there might be some financial benefits to being in the group of state entities and receiving additional discounts; however, there will be disruption in the short term when STRS Ohio will not be allowed to purchase drugs that are only offered by the manufacturers at a price higher than what is allowed by law.
3. If STRS Ohio is not deemed an "other state entity," the cost the system pays for drugs could be subject to a larger increase as manufacturers try to recoup income lost due to VA discounts being provided to groups identified in Ohio's new law. There are basically three options for drug manufacturers to consider:
 - o Drug manufacturers could provide the additional discounts to the groups covered by Ohio's new law, accept the lower payments and take the financial loss. We don't believe this is a likely scenario.
 - o To make up for discounts provided to the groups covered by the new law, manufacturers could increase prices for organizations and entities that are not in the group receiving new discounts. This will help the manufacturers maintain profit margins and return for shareholders. We view this as a likely scenario.
 - o Manufacturers could increase the base price of drugs for the VA and base required discounts off the new higher prices.

The concerns outlined above are not likely to be answered until the Ohio Legislature or the Ohio courts provide guidance. That is why STRS Ohio is not taking a formal position on Issue 2 and why we have reason to believe that there will be short-term disruption in our current prescription drug plan.

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

Nov. 05	Bostelman, Jamie	Nov. 25	Goertz, Cheri
Nov. 05	Krauskopf, Linda *	Nov. 27	Barlow, Linda
Nov. 07	Jameson, Colleen A	Dec. 05	Redd, Betsy
Nov. 07	Meyer, Sue C	Dec. 08	Aschemeier, Joseph
Nov. 09	Shinn, Delbert P *	Dec. 09	Fetterman, Patricia
Nov. 13	Long, Larry E	Dec. 13	Seagrave, Stephen
Nov. 14	Kim Spiess	Dec. 13	Shrider, Charlotte Anne
Nov. 15	Ritchey, Gary	Dec. 19	Tietje, Lynette Kay
Nov. 20	Krugh, Susan *	Dec. 20	Sasaki, Bonnie
Nov. 22	Hetrick, Lee *	Dec. 20	Short, Wayne
Nov. 22	Jones, Marlene	Dec. 24	Rausch, Anne
		Dec. 30	Griffith, Charles E



HCRTA Web Site

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

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



Program speaker Sandy Zekurish telling the story of Betsy Ross.



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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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