

# 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

Website: [henrycountyrta.weebly.com](http://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 – March 12, 2018

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

**PROGRAM** - **ORTA update and viewpoints.** Robin Rayfield, Executive Director, will share the restructuring of ORTA and discuss other current issues facing members. Pam Thompson, CASA Director, will also explain to us the need for CASA volunteers and why teachers are such a good resource.

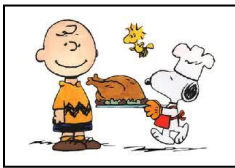
**MENU** - The menu for this meeting is Glazed Ham, Red Skin Potatoes w/Parsley, Early Spring Peas, Fresh Broccoli, Cauliflower and Carrot Salad Citrus Sheet Cake Rolls and Butter Coffee/Water. We hope to see you there!



### Meal Catering

Marc Matheny will continue with us as caterer. His price is the same. We will continue to collect \$13.00 for each meal (\$11.00 for catering and \$2.00 will be used toward building rental which is \$85/meeting.) For those attending but not eating we will continue to collect the \$2.00.

### 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 March 5th**, or contact her directly if you cannot reach your caller. Thank you.

### **March 12<sup>th</sup> - Meeting Volunteers**

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

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 10:30am)

Hostess Committee

Charlie Meyer

Gregg Merrill

Bev Wittes

Ruth Johnson

Terri Witt

Bill Lytle

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

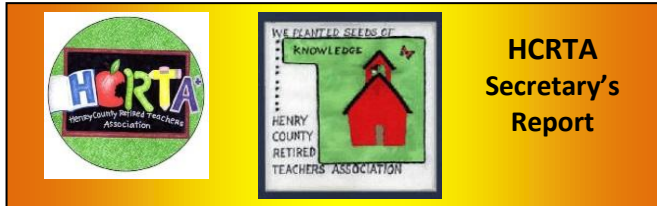


## We have lost three of our members:

Jack Fruchey – Nov. 28, 2017

Shirley Baldwin – Jan. 8, 2018

Barbara Nagel Jan. 26, 2018



### Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – Jan. 30, 2018 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of HCRTA met at Johnson's Ice Cream Shoppe at 9 AM on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Following a delicious breakfast meal, the meeting was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider.

President Charlotte noted that she had received a report from Marvin Barlow, stating that he had audited the books and found everything to be in very good order. Thanks to Treasurer Duane Ressler for an excellent job with the accounts of the organization. President Charlotte also noted that she had filed all required state reports by the due date in January.

Meeting Times - A brief discussion was held concerning whether to change the times for the meetings, changing all to 11:30 AM. This question was brought up by a member. Pros and cons of the idea were discussed by the board and it was decided to get input from the general membership at the March meeting. Times for this year have already been set, so any changes that may be made would not take effect until the following year.

Menu - President Charlotte shared the menus for the year from caterer Marc Matheny. Prices for the meals are not expected to change for this year.

Member Issues - Both President Charlotte and newsletter/website editor Steve Seagrave expressed thanks to those who let them know of concerns for members, so that they can pass that information on to the membership in a timely manner. Please continue to keep them updated.

Retirement Planning - Gregg Merrill reported that the Retirement Planning Committee is preparing informational materials about HCRTA, our goals and

accomplishments, to be distributed to area schools. In this way it is hoped we can reach out to potential new members, by giving information about our group to those who may be reaching retirement age.

HCRT Foundation - President Terri Witt was pleased to report that the amount given for each scholarship this year will be increased to \$1500.00. The due date for the first scholarships will be extended to April 6, due to Easter falling on the first of the month. Committee members will be delivering the application forms to area guidance counselors in person, so that they are able to answer any questions and promote increased participation in the process.

Oberhaus Park Rental - Discussion was held concerning a potential cost increase for renting Oberhaus Park. Costs for this year have been secured, but may increase the following year. One suggestion was to allow the Foundation to pay the rent for December, as that meeting is considered their official meeting date for the year. This will be brought and discussed at the Foundation board meeting in March and their recommendation on the issue would then be presented to the general membership. Other ideas were to use some of the "tip money" that has been collected at each meeting for this expense. This money has been used to help offset the cost of outside speakers, but perhaps part could go to the rent of the building. It was also brought up that \$50 is given by HCRTA each year to the Foundation in memory of members who passed away. As the Foundation currently has sufficient funds, it was suggested that this money could be kept in the general account. A motion to that effect was made by Duane Ressler, seconded by Terri Witt. Motion passed. Any other cost saving ideas from the membership are welcome.

Directory - Steve Seagrave will be preparing the 2018 directory soon and may be asking for information from committees and members for this book.

Membership - A discussion then followed on how to attract new members. One idea was to put a "packet" of information on the website. This could be printed out by any member, to be given to a potential new person. Personal contact with new people is always key and in this way more members could be involved

in outreach. Any other suggestions are welcome as to how we can attract new people to join us!

Volunteer Hours - It was also suggested that a list of activities that qualify for volunteer hours be posted in the newsletter. As a group we had 5000 hours tallied this last year, but the feeling is that there are probably many more hours that are being under-reported.

Retired teachers give so much to our community and we want to document that value!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary



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

Welcome back to a new year with Henry County Retired teachers! The officers have been at work during the past months getting things lined up for what we hope will be a great year! We ended last year with over 50 at the meetings and we would love to add to that number this year. Do you have friends who haven't been attending? Why not talk to them about becoming active again? If each active member got one person interested, what a great group we would have!

It is exciting news that the Education Foundation Committee has voted to increase the book grants to 1,500 dollars this year. The members of the foundation are taking very good care of the money entrusted to them. We always look forward to meeting the recipients at our July meeting.

After a cold winter and rough flu season we will appreciate Spring all the more. Time to get back outside and among people. See you at the meeting? I hope so!

### **2018 PROGRAMS**

- March 12 – Robin Rayfield, ORTA Executive Director; Pam Thompson, CASA Director

- May 14 – Sandy Blackwood, Henry County Senior Center Director
- July 9 – Betsy Eggers, Napoleon Public Library Director
- September 10 – Matthew & Jennifer Terry, missionaries serving in Liberia
- November 12 – Jamie Bostelman, The Gift of Life; Gene Grime, Green Chair Initiative
- December 10 – The Wonder of Christmas!

### **2018 DIRECTORY**

The new directory will be emailed to those members with an email address. A small number of paper copies will be available for \$5 each at the next meeting. 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.

### **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](mailto:cshrider1@roadrunner.com).

### **VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2017**

The volunteer hours for 2017 are as follows: total volunteer house

submitted is 5,269.75 hours. Of those hours, 182.25 of them are for tutoring students. Fifty-

seven members submitted volunteer hours. Tom Jenny had the highest total (603 hours) submitted followed by Shirley Mires-Fejes (467), Gene Grime (325), Delores Short (289) and Bev Wittes (250).

HCRTA Community  
Service Hours

### **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

*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		
	REPORT FOR MARCH 2018			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #/payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Feb. 2		<b>beginning balance</b>		<b>\$3,847.82</b>
Nov. 30	ck. #1302 Charlotte Shrider	postage	(\$19.60)	\$3,828.22
	DEPOSIT	interest	\$0.09	\$3,828.31
Dec. 11	ck. #1305 City of Napoleon	shelter rental	(\$60.00)	\$3,768.31
	ck. #1306 Charlotte Shirider	postage	(\$22.05)	\$3,746.26
	ck. #1307 Garry Cline	entertainment	(\$75.00)	\$3,671.26
	ck. #1308 AKA Designs	meals for members	(\$561.00)	\$3,110.26
Dec. 12	ck. #1309 TWCMD	donations from members	(\$69.00)	\$3,041.26
	DEPOSIT	meeting collections	\$856.00	\$3,897.26
Dec. 27	DEPOSIT	meal reimbursed(Hibbard)	\$13.00	\$3,910.26
Dec. 31	DEPOSIT	interest	\$0.10	\$3,910.36
Jan. 30	Ck.#1310 Sandy Honeman	meals reimbursed	(\$26.00)	\$3,884.36
	ck. #1311 City of Napoleon	shelter rental (Mar. mtg.)	(\$80.00)	\$3,804.36
	ck. #1312 ORTA	dues(C. Goertz)	(\$30.00)	\$3,774.36
	DEPOSIT	Goertz dues \$30, meals \$26,	\$71.00	\$3,845.36
		Goertz dues \$15		
Jan. 31	DEPOSIT	interest	\$0.10	\$3,845.46
Feb. 2		Current Balance =		<b>\$3,845.46</b>
	CD Balance	Henry County Bank		\$1,292.65
		Interest earned 1/4/2018	\$4.19	<b>\$1,296.84</b>
	BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS			<b>\$5,142.30</b>

### Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's books were subject to our annual audit in January. The audit was performed by Mr. Marv Barlow of the Henry County Bank. He found the books to be accurate and up to date. The audit is available to any interested member upon request.

Any 2018 dues still not paid may be paid at the meeting or sent to the treasurer.

Members who have ordered a meal and then do not attend the meeting or arrange for a replacement to take their place, will be sent an invoice for the cost of the meal. This is a continuation of past practice.



### Host/Hostess Details

The hosts/hostesses bring a centerpiece for the tables and are responsible for the meal prayer. It can be seasonal or relate to the program topic or it could be a collection or hobby that a member has. Table coverings are provided. Members of the executive board have signed up for most months. We do have a few openings

so if you would like to help call Charlotte! If everyone takes a turn it would be great!

### Meeting Survey

The Executive Board was asked to consider having all of the HCRTA meetings at 11:30am. As you know, we normally do November, December & March at 11:30 and May, July & September at 5:30. Times are already "locked in" for 2018 with our meeting place and caterer. The board took no action on the question but did decide to survey the members present at the March meeting regarding meeting times for 2019.

### Retirement Committee

Gregg Merrill and the retirement planning committee are working on a special HCRTA informational newsletter to distribute to all the schools in Henry County sometime in April. This is to both inform new and future retirees of what we do and to help with recruitment for our organization. Gregg will have a draft for members to preview at the March meeting. If you have suggestions, please email Gregg at this address. [greggmerrill@gmail.com](mailto:greggmerrill@gmail.com)

<b>HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS FOUNDATION</b>					
<b>2017 year end report on fund totals</b>					
Gene Grime Treasurer	<b>Checking</b>	<b>CD's (approximate values)</b>	<b>Oppenheimer Funds (aprox)</b>	<b>Annuity (guaranteed principal)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><i>SHERMAN FUNDS</i></b>					
12/31/2017	\$34.70	\$12,943.53	\$0.00	\$13,127.00	<b>\$26,105.23</b>
<b><i>GRIFFITH FUNDS</i></b>					
12/31/2017	-\$102.04	\$13,190.22	\$0.00	\$13,127.00	<b>\$26,215.18</b>
<b><i>KING FUNDS</i></b>					
12/31/2017	\$949.40	\$2,009.49	\$7,048.62	\$9,223.00	<b>\$19,230.51</b>
<b><i>BRUBAKER FUNDS</i></b>					
12/31/2017	\$124.60	\$2,059.11	\$0.00	\$82,415.00	<b>\$84,598.71</b>
	<b>\$1,006.66</b>	<b>\$30,202.35</b>	<b>\$7,048.62</b>	<b>\$117,892.00</b>	<b>\$156,149.63</b>

### Volunteer Hours – What Counts?

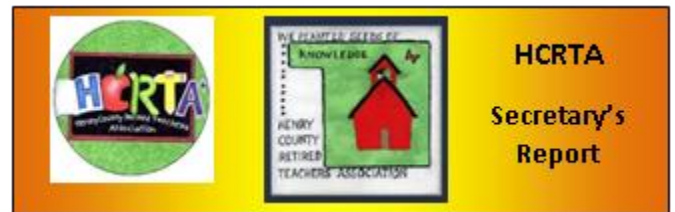
One of the things we try to do is to keep track of the number of volunteer hours our members contribute in our community. You can submit your numbers at the meeting or you can email them to our coordinator, Tom Jenny. So, what should you count? Obviously, you count tutoring you do to help kids at school or other places. Volunteer hours also include community service projects, fund drives, volunteer work at hospitals and nursing homes, committee meetings for nonprofits, service clubs, church, recycling projects, helping an elderly or disabled neighbor...basically any unpaid activity to benefit others or your community. If you miss a meeting, just email your numbers to Tom!

[cupmute@roadrunner.com](mailto:cupmute@roadrunner.com)

### 2018 ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!

Our treasurer, Duane Ressler, would like to remind you that annual dues for 2018 can be paid at this time. Below is the list from our 2017 membership role. It shows those who have paid annually their local dues of \$15.00. If you have already paid for 2018, thank you! If not, please bring a check to the March meeting or mail it to Duane Ressler, HCRTA Treasurer at 1124 Clairmont Ave, Napoleon, Ohio 43545.

Dan Baer, David Follett, Cheri Goertz, Vicki Gramling, Leigh Ann Kraft, Kevin Milius, Janis Miller, Joan Myers, Mary Jane Myrice, Bev Phillips, Teresa Rohrs, Pam Schwiebert, Mary Ann Wade;



### **Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report December 11, 2017**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for December was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, President Shrider recognized guest Rowena Gramling. She thanked Duane Ressler and Karen Maassel for helping with set-up and decorations, along with others who pitched in as well. Tables were dismissed to the buffet by putting into order Christmas movies. A prayer was offered by Charlotte, including a tribute to member Jack Fruchey, who recently passed away. A variety of appetizers and desserts were then sampled and all were delicious!

After everyone had their fill of the Christmas feast of goodies, the business meeting was called to order. The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as presented in the newsletter.

### Committee Reports:

Courtesy: Concerns were noted for members Shirley Williams and Linda Gill. Shirley Baldwin was sent

condolences on the loss of her brother. Christmas cards have been sent to homebound members as well.

**Legislative:** Becky Schindler offered a report on various legislative issues, including health care.

**Community Service:** Tom Jenny had as usual placed volunteer hour tally sheets at each table. He also made pointed out a chart prepared by Gregg Merrill, which noted that the group has donated close to 5000 volunteer hours this year. He asked that members continue to keep track of and record their volunteer hours, as this is an excellent way to show the value retired teachers bring to their communities.

**Webmaster/Newsletter:** Steve Seagrave distributed fliers he had secured from the State Attorney General's office concerning computer/phone scams. He had received the information after a personal experience with a scam phone call that he reported to the Attorney General's office. This is valuable information to have in our busy digital world.

**Education Foundation:** Chair Terri Witt informed the group that member Jan Schlade would be ending her term in March. Gregg Merrill was nominated by the committee to fill the empty slot on the Board and he was unanimously elected by the membership.

**Old Business:**

Bill Lytle moved, seconded by Rosalie Ashenfelter, that the group continue in the new year with Together We Can Make A Difference as our charity. Motion passed.

Dan Baer moved, seconded by Pam Schwiebert that we move the December meeting back to the noon time slot, if that time is available. Motion passed.

Rollie Rettig moved, seconded by Barb Walker, that we continue to use Oberhaus Park as our meeting place. Motion passed.

Bill Lytle won the 50/50 drawing. With no further business to bring forward, the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Bev Phillips, seconded by Mary Ann Wade.

The group was then treated to a delightful time of musical entertainment provided by the group Nostalgia. They sang several Christmas songs, including one during which several members of the audience helped with the sound effects by playing frog instruments and whistles. Just the thing to get everyone in the holiday mood!

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary



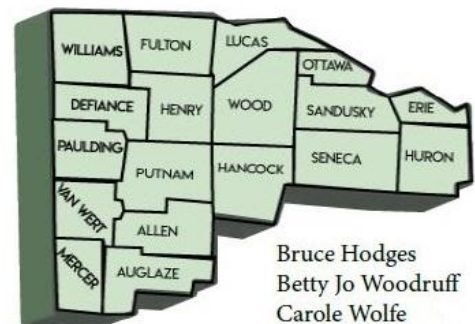
Member Recognition



Christmas Music

**ORTA REGIONAL LIASONS**

NORTHWEST REGION



Bruce Hodges  
Betty Jo Woodruff  
Carole Wolfe

## 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

Mar. 01	Joseph, Robert **	Apr. 01	Rettig, Roland ***
Mar. 02	Milius, Kevin	Apr. 04	Fruth, Kirk
Mar. 03	Steed, Joan	Apr. 04	Funchion, Peg *
Mar. 03	Warnimont, Bev	Apr. 06	Shafer, Ann *
Mar. 06	Miller, John J *	Apr. 13	Holzer, Mildred
Mar. 10	Baldwin, Richard Neil	Apr. 13	Potter, Martha L *
Mar. 12	Maassel, Karen	Apr. 19	Freppel, Charlene
Mar. 13	Behrman, Walter	Apr. 21	Leigh Anne Kraft
Mar. 13	Guelde, Deb	Apr. 22	Bretz, Nan
Mar. 14	Eddy, John ***	Apr. 29	Chamberlin, Becky
Mar. 20	Baker, Bob	Apr. 29	Schlade, Janice
Mar. 22	Sasaki, Laryce M *	May 01	Mires-Fejes, Shirlee ***
Mar. 23	Utz, Rick L *	May 04	Miller, Janis
Mar. 23	Williams, Shirley J	May 06	Ritchey, Cheryl J
Mar. 30	Wagner, Linda M	May 06	Rohrs, Kay *
Apr. 01	Grime, J. Gene		



### **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/>

## **HAVE YOU PAID YOUR YEARLY ORTA DUES?**

A friendly reminder that if you have not paid your 2017 dues, or would like to renew your ORTA dues (\$30) for 2018, now is the time!

You can now pay online with credit card, making it faster and more convenient than ever. We can of course still accept checks mailed to the office at:

**8050 N. High Street**  
**Suite 190**  
**Columbus, Ohio 43235**



Your membership is important! We are here to serve you. Your memberships help keep us going, so we want to say thank you for your loyalty to ORTA, and we wouldn't be here without **YOU**.

### **Donation Received**

The HCRT Foundation received a donation from Larry Gerken designated for the Karen Brubaker Book Grant.

## 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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735 Sheffield

Napoleon OH 43545

postage

Member

Address