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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 – May 14, 2018

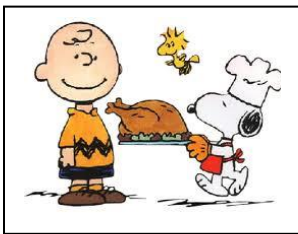
The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday May 14th at 5:30pm. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

PROGRAM - Learn what's new at your Henry County Senior Center. Sandy Blackwood, Director will share all the new opportunities for Seniors including expanded room for activities, lunches, and that popular new sport among Seniors, pickle ball! For more information about services and activities you can go to their web page at this address. <http://henrycountyseniorcenter.com/> You can also sign up to receive their newsletter via email to keep informed of upcoming activities.



MENU - The menu for this meeting is Baked Chicken Breast, Rice Pilaf, Fresh Green Beans, Toss Salad, Lemon Pound Cake w/Fresh Fruit, Rolls and Butter, Coffee/Water. 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 May 7th** or contact her directly if you cannot reach your caller. Thank you.

May 14th - Meeting Volunteers

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

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 10:30am)		Hostess Committee	
Bev Wittes	Gregg Merrill	Richard Hurst	Faith Hurst
Duane Ressler	Jan Schlade		
Volunteers are needed after the meeting to put away tables and chairs.			



**Henry County Retired Teachers Association
Secretary's Report
March 12, 2018**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for March was called to order by Vice President Karen Maassel. Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, guests were acknowledged and the hostess and set up volunteers were thanked. In honor of March being Oscar month, tables were dismissed to the buffet by putting into order Oscar nominees by their number of nominations. An Irish blessing and prayer was offered by Bev Wittes, then all enjoyed lunch, including cookies festively frosted for St. Patrick's Day.

Following lunch, Pam Thompson spoke briefly about the CASA program. This program trains volunteers to be advocates for children as their families deal with issues through the court system. CASA volunteers receive about 30 hours of training and spend many hours talking to people in the child's life, helping the court determine the best interests of that child. The ultimate goal is a safe home for every child. Advocates continue to have contact with the children for at least two years and many continue on for long after that. Abbie Badenhop also spoke briefly about the S.T.A.R. Mentoring program, which works to pair at-risk youth that come into the court system with a positive adult role model. Both ladies urged those interested in helping youth and their families to consider volunteering for these important programs.

The business meeting was called to order. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were approved as printed.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy: Sandy Honemann and Marlene Jones reported sending greeting cards and get-well cards to several members. Condolences were sent to Dick Baldwin on the passing of his wife Shirley.

Legislative: Becky Schindler discussed the current move to institute "Right to Work" laws in Ohio and the effect that would have on teachers and other

union groups. She urged members to contact their legislators about this issue.

Membership: Nan Bretz reminded all that this is the time of year when active teachers are considering retirement and we should actively seek those who may be interested in joining HCRTA. Contact her with names of potential members.

Community Service: Tom Jenny had as usual placed volunteer hour tally sheets at each table. Be sure to record all of your volunteer hours each meeting, as retired teachers contribute in many ways to our communities.

Webmaster/Newsletter: Steve Seagrave had available the 2018 Directories. Officers and committee chairs each received a printed copy and there were extra copies available for purchase by members if they wanted. The directory was also sent to all with email addresses. Please remember to pass along any changes in addresses or phone numbers so that they may be posted on the website and in the newsletter.

Historian: Faith Hurst brought a scrapbook of articles for members to see. Please continue sending her things to save.

Education Foundation: Terri Witt gave an overview of the Foundation's work of the past few months. Three meetings were held last year. The four book scholarships have been increased to \$1500.00 each this year. Board members delivered applications personally to area guidance counselors. Members may be contacted to be readers for this year's applications. Gene Grime also gave a report of the finances of the Foundation, which are in good order.

Old Business: Marvin Barlow audited the books and found all to be in order.

New Business: A question had been raised about changing the meeting times to all lunches or all evening times, instead of alternating times as we do now. The Executive Board had discussed this issue and wanted to get member input. After some input today, Nancy Hoover moved and Sandy Honemann seconded that the times continue to alternate as they do now. Motion passed.

Hostess committee for the May meeting will be Faith and Rich Hurst, with set-up volunteers Gregg Merrill, Duane Ressler, Ruth Johnson and Jan Schlade.

The speaker will be Sandy Blackwood, Senior Center Director.

Tom Jenny won the 50/50 drawing of \$22.00.

The meeting was then adjourned and Steve Seagrave introduced our main speaker, Dr. Robin Rayfield, ORTA Executive Director. He provided an overview of the recent reorganization of ORTA, now consisting of five regions. He said three main goals at ORTA are to continue to work toward financial stability, affordable health care and increasing membership. He touched on many current issues and answered questions. He encouraged members to make their voices heard to STRS about the COLA suspension, as well as any other important issues. Strength comes in numbers, so the more contacts made, the better.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary

From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone at the May meeting. I hated to miss the meeting in March. I almost never get sick but I guess after being retired for five years my immunity has worn off! I am also looking forward to hearing Sandy Blackwood tell us about all the activities the new Senior Center has to offer. My friend Mary Ann and I have been walking there most mornings for about three months now. Everyone is so friendly and welcoming! My heart doesn't feel like I am old enough to go to the Senior Center but my head knows otherwise! This weather will certainly make us appreciate spring when it finally comes to stay. I always like the time between running the furnace and the air conditioner but I'm afraid there won't be many days to have the windows open. I hope you have all found things you enjoy to keep you busy these last few dreary months. Here's to better days ahead!



2018 DIRECTORY

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

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Remember that when you are doing volunteer activities to write down your hours so when you come to the meeting you can report on the forms how many you gave since the previous meeting.



FROM THE MARCH MEETING

Pam Thompson speaks about CASA.



Abbie Badenhop speaks about the STAR mentoring program.



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.



HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION				
	Duane Ressler	Treasurer		
	REPORT FOR MAY 2018			
Date	Ck #/payee	Description	Amount	Balance
02/02/18		Balance brought forward		\$3,845.46
02/28/18	deposit	interest earned	\$0.09	\$3,845.55
03/12/18	ck. # 1313nSteve Seagrave	printing directories	-\$139.97	\$3,705.58
	ck. # 1314 AKA Designs, LTD	meals for meeting	-\$462.00	\$3,243.58
	deposit from meeting	speaker fund \$21,	\$548.00	\$3,791.58
		Meals \$483, 50/50 \$23		
		TWCMD \$16, directory \$5		
04/01/18	deposit	interest earned	\$0.10	\$3,791.68
04/05/18	deposit	ORTA rebate	\$10.00	\$3,801.68
04/19/18		Ending Balance =		\$3,801.68
01/04/18	CD Balance	Henry County Bank		\$1,296.84
04/04/18		Interest earned 4/4/2018	\$4.33	\$1,301.17
	BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS			\$5,102.85
NOTES:	2018 annual dues to HCRTA can be paid at the meeting or mailed to the treasurer.			
	We have 5 meals that were invoiced from the March meeting. When you make a reservation, please try to keep it or arrange for someone else to take your place. Otherwise you must pay for the meal since we are charged by the caterer based on reservations.			

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

May 01	Mires-Fejes, Shirlee ***	June 03	Witt, Terry
May 04	Miller, Janis	June 04	Haase, George F *
May 06	Ritchey, Cheryl J	June 08	Gerken, Larry *
May 06	Rohrs, Kay *	June 14	Eis, Audrey *
May 15	Klamer, Charles	June 15	Weaver, Renee
May 15	George, Barbara	June 21	Mueller, Margaret L
May 16	Lyne, Larry B	June 23	Lilly, Diana T *
May 17	Baer, Dan	July 03	Ressler, Duane M
May 17	Lammers, Tom *	July 04	Lytle, William D
May 18	Flick, Neil R *	July 04	Stevens, Treva M
May 20	Leonard, Carol	July 04	Zachrich, Lawrence
May 23	Hemsoth, Charles N	July 08	Schubert, Dale
May 25	Cline, Garry	July 14	Wesche, Mary Kay *
May 26	Neuenschwander, Kenneth *	July 17	Gerken, Kae



HCRTA Web Site
 Below is our HCRTA web site.
<http://henrycountyrta.weebly.com/>

ORTA Web Site
 Below is the ORTA web site. Check there for information and links.
<http://www.orta.org/>



Terry Witt gives the annual Foundation report.



Robin Rayfield shares about ORTA and its services.

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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Member

Address