

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 – September 10, 2018

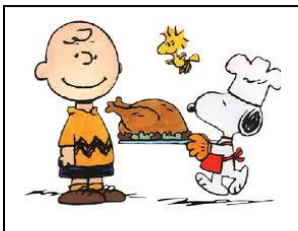
The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday September 10th at 5:30pm. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

PROGRAM - We are so fortunate to have as our speakers this month **Matthew and Jennifer Terry**. They have been missionaries and teachers in Liberia and are back in the states for a sabbatical and for their daughter to attend her Senior year with her classmates. They have many interesting stories to tell about the culture and the schools and their lives in Liberia. They plan to bring two of their children to the meeting so we can get their perspective on how their lives were away from the comforts of home in the United States. The Terrys are living in Chattanooga now but wanted to honor their commitment to speak at our meeting. I sincerely hope we have a good turnout to hear this informative program. Feel free to invite a guest or make a point to call a member that hasn't attended in a while and encourage them to attend. We will be "passing the hat" to help them as they gather funds to return to Liberia.



MENU - Roast Pork Loin w/Orange Marmalade Glaze, Sweet Potato Casserole, Corn, Toss Salad, Assorted Cookies and Brownies, 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 September 3rd or contact her directly if you cannot reach your caller. Thank you.

September 3rd - Meeting Volunteers

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

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 4:30pm)

Hostess Committee

Chuck Klamer

Help needed

Karen Maassel

Nan Bretz

Duane Ressler

Help needed

Kim Spiess

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

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**HCRTA
Secretary's
Report**

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Secretary's Report
July 9, 2018**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for July was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Charlotte thanked the hostess and set up volunteers for the evening: Marlene Jones, Becky Schindler, Duane Ressler, Dan Baer, Chuck Klamer, Terry Witt and Karen Maassel. She then welcomed Betsy Eggers, Director and Steve Kryder, Library Foundation Board member, our speakers for the evening from the Napoleon Public Library. Also present as guests for the evening were our 2018 Book Grant winners and members of their families. In keeping with the library theme of the night, tables were dismissed to the meal in order of characters from famous books.

Following a delicious meal of summer picnic style foods, the Book Grant winners were introduced. They were: Chloe Seedorf, daughter of Janet and Mark Seedorf and McKenna Koester, daughter of Larry Koester, both winners of the Griffith Family Book Grant; Anna Murcko, daughter of Jim and Shellee Murcko, winner of the Roger King Music Book Grant; and Michaela Jones, winner of the Lucille and Margaret Sherman Book Grant. Olivia Behm, daughter of Ron and Krista Behm, winner of the Karen Brubaker Book Grant, was unable to attend due to work commitments.

Chloe, a 2018 graduate of Patrick Henry and the granddaughter of Lois Griffith, plans to attend BGSU and major in Early Childhood Education. McKenna, a 2018 graduate of Napoleon High School, also plans to attend BGSU, deciding on a major in Early Childhood Education, with a minor in Special Education.

Anna is presently majoring in Music Education at Youngstown State University. Michaela attends BGSU, where she majors in Early Childhood Education with a 4-5 endorsement. Olivia is presently a junior at BGSU, with her major being Adolescent Young Adult-Integrated Language Arts Education.

We congratulate all these young women on being chosen as 2018 Book Grant recipients and wish them

well as they continue the path to their future careers in education!

Betsy Eggers then spoke to the group about the many and varied services provided by the Napoleon Public Library. Beginning its service to the community in 1906, the library first moved from home to home, until a grant was received from Andrew Carnegie to build a permanent building, which was dedicated on July 14, 1913. In 1965, St. Paul's Lutheran School building was purchased and renovated and is the current location of the library.

Services available from the library are wide ranging. The library is an excellent resource for those interested in historical documents, including newspapers on microfilm from as far back as the 1800's, old phone books and yearbooks. There are summer reading programs, staff is available for assistance with technology needs and there is public accessibility to computers and Wi-Fi. There is a Book Buddy program for little children and special library cards for senior citizens. The children's department has recently undergone renovation and other changes are hoped for in the future. These are just a few of the highlights of the many resources and services available through the public library system.

Steve Kryder then touched briefly on the opportunity to contribute to the library and its programs through giving to the Napoleon Public Library Foundation. Brochures were available with more information about the Foundation and its fundraising efforts on behalf of the Library.

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

Committee Reports:

Courtesy: Marlene Jones reported sending a sympathy card to the family of John Miller. Sympathy also to Dan Baer, who recently lost his mother. Thoughts go out to Sue Meyer, who has bladder cancer and Ruth Johnson, who is continuing treatments for leukemia. Charlie Griffith is also having health concerns, so send good thoughts his way. It was good to see Rosemary Pfau back and President Charlotte reported having had a nice visit recently with Jackie Sautter.

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

Legislative: Becky Schindler shared information about ORTA insurance.

Membership: Nan Bretz had packets available for recruiting new members. Anyone who knows of a recent retiree and/or someone who has been retired and might be interested in joining was urged to take a packet and make a personal contact to invite them to come. One name suggested was Pam Hersha.

New Business: President Charlotte asked if anyone might want to take over the school visitation duties at the historical building located on the Henry County Fairground. Faith Hurst and Chuck Klamer expressed possible interest in helping.

Hostesses for the September meeting will be Karen, Nan and Kim. Volunteers are needed for set up. The speakers will be Matthew and Jennifer Terry, missionaries to Liberia.

Chuck Klamer won the 50/50 drawing and donated it back to the group.

Motion to adjourn was made by Rosemary Pfau, seconded by Joe Aschemeier.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary

From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider

I read an article in the Blade recently about a first-year teacher in Sylvania Schools. You could feel the excitement from her quotes in the article. Remember the excitement you felt being in charge of your first classroom? I also remember the



nerves and feeling like I hadn't got a clue how to pull everything together. Somehow it all worked though, and 40 years flew by. One good thing about those first years is they didn't start August 14th like my grandchildren did! I am so confused about time these days. School starting in mid- August and Halloween costumes for sale at Costco the same week! The world is a strange place. Speaking of October, the ORTA regional seminar will be held Monday October 1 in Findlay. I plan on attending and would love some others to join me. Think about it!

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.



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

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

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.



We have lost two of our members,
John Miller – June 17, 2018
Martha Potter – August 6, 2018



The Henry County Retired Teachers Association				
Financial Report for SEPTEMBER 2018				
Duane Ressler, Treasurer				
DATE	TRANSACTION	DESCRIPTION	Amount	Balance
6/15/2018		starting balance		\$3,798.87
6/25/2018	DEPOSIT	meal pmt. (K. Spiess)	\$13.00	\$3,811.87
7/6/2018	DEPOSIT	meal pmt. (Sasaki)	\$26.00	\$3,837.87
7/6/2018	DEPOSIT	interest	\$0.10	\$3,837.97
7/8/2018	Ck. # 1319 City of Napoleon	shelter rental	-\$90.00	\$3,747.97
7/8/2018	Henry County Bank	new check purchase	-\$27.65	\$3,720.32
7/8/2018	ck. # 1320 Charlotte Shrider	postage for newsletters	-\$20.00	\$3,700.32
7/8/2018	ck. # 1321 AKA Designs	meals	-\$506.00	\$3,194.32
7/9/2018	DEPOSIT	TWCMC \$15, 50/50 \$19, Meals \$565, speaker fund \$35	\$634.00	\$3,828.32
7/31/2018	DEPOSIT	interest	\$0.10	\$3,828.42
8/15/2018		ending balance		\$3,828.42
	Certificate of Deposit	Henry County Bank		\$1,301.17
7/4/2018			\$4.66	\$1,305.83
	BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS			\$5,134.25

The Griffith Family Book Grant

Chloe Seedorf is one of the recipients of The Griffith Family Book Grant. Chloe is the daughter of Mark and Janet Seedorf, and the granddaughter of Lois Griffith. She is a 2018 graduate of Patrick Henry High School, and she will be majoring in Early Childhood Education at Bowling Green State University in the fall. She hopes to carry on the teaching tradition of her family and to be a positive influence on the lives of her students.

McKenna Koester, a 2018 graduate of Napoleon High School, is also a recipient of The Griffith Family Book Grant. McKenna is the daughter of Larry Koester. She will be attending Bowling Green State University in the fall, and she plans to major in Early Childhood Education with a minor in Special Education. She is looking forward to putting her talents and energies into learning everything possible so that she can become an inspirational teacher.

The Roger King Music Book Grant

Anna Murcko, a graduate of Napoleon High School, and she is presently majoring in Music Education at Youngstown State University. She is the daughter of Jim and Shellee Murcko. Anna feels that her future teaching will be positively influenced by her experiences as a musician and performer. She understands that her enthusiasm will fuel a driving positive force in her classroom, to help her create good musicians, singers; and most importantly, good people.

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. She is majoring in Inclusive Early Childhood Education with a 4-5 endorsement. She plans to work very hard once she has her own class to make sure her students are given their best opportunity to learn and achieve.

The Karen Brubaker Book Grant

Olivia Behm has earned the Karen Brubaker Book Grant. Olivia is the daughter of Ron and Krista Behm. She is a graduate of Napoleon High School, and she is presently a junior of Bowling Green State University majoring in Adolescent Young Adult-Integrated Language Arts Education. She wants to teach a new generation to love learning and the English language beyond the limitations of standardized testing.

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



Our July Speaker - Betsy Eggers



Book Grant Winners (L to R) – Chloe Seedorf, McKenna Koester, Anna Murcko, Michaela Jones



Book Grant Winner – Olivia Behm

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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