

# 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.

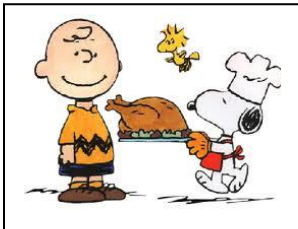
## Next Meeting – November 12, 2018

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

PROGRAM - **The Gift of Life** – Jamie Bostelman will be here to share her personal story of being a transplant recipient. Gene Grime will explain the **Green Chair** initiative and how he came to be involved with it. Many people waiting for a transplant pass away before that necessary organ becomes available because there are not enough donors registered. Those persons leave a favorite chair empty after their passing. The Green Chair initiative is leave no more chairs empty. Let's have organs for those in need. <http://donatelifeohio.org/>

MENU - Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Stuffing, Mix Vegetables, Waldorf Salad, Pumpkin Pie, 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 November 5th or contact her directly if you cannot reach your caller. Thank you.

## ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!

Our treasurer, Duane Ressler, would like to remind you that annual dues for 2019 can be paid at this time at the November or December meeting. Make your \$15 check payable to HCRTA. ORTA dues are \$30 and can be paid online via credit card at this online address: <http://www.orta.org/membership-renewal.html> or you can fill out a paper form and mail it. ORTA paper forms are available on the same page.

## **November 12 - Meeting Volunteers**

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

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 10:30am)		Hostess Committee	
Renee Weaver	Faith Hurst	Bev Wittes	
Rich Hurst	Help needed	Sandy Honemann	
Volunteers are needed after the meeting to put away tables and chairs.			

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Stephen Seagrave, editor & Terry Witt, assistant editor



**Henry County Retired Teachers Association  
Secretary's Report  
September 10, 2018**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for September was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Charlotte recognized the hostess and set up volunteers for the evening: Nan Bretz, Kim Spiess, Karen Maassel, Duane Ressler and Chuck Klamer. She welcomed guest Judy Rand. Questions about the number of episodes of various television programs helped to determine the order of tables dismissed to the meal. Nan Bretz offered the prayer and the meal was enjoyed by all.

Following the meal, President Shrider opened the meeting. The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were approved as printed.

Concern was expressed for several members: Sue Meyer is battling cancer; Ruth Johnson is receiving treatment for leukemia; John Eddy has esophageal cancer; Charlene Freppel suffered a fall and broken bone; Mary Jane Myrice was involved in an accident; Bev Curtis has had surgery; Rosalie Ashenfelter's son passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all these members as they deal with these difficult times.

The meeting was then given over to our speaker for the evening, Matthew Terry. Matthew and his family serve as missionaries in Liberia. Matt described the corrupt atmosphere in Liberia, in the educational system and the governmental structure. Social norms are far removed from our experience in the United States. Parents are often inattentive to their children, with malnutrition and other neglect unfortunately not uncommon. Education is not valued, making it very difficult for missionaries to recruit and retain students. Bribery is common in the schools, with students having to pay for grades they did not earn. The result is that most students, even if they "graduate", leave school with only a second to third grade reading level. Women and girls are treated as second class citizens. "Bush schools" stress survival skills and traditional ways, not education.

Against all these odds, the Terry family have tried to reach as many students as they can, with sports team outreach led by Matt and reading classes held by his wife Jennifer. They, along with their three children,

plan to return to Liberia next summer, after a year's break at home in the United States.

Following Matt's talk, a collection was taken for the Terry family, which they will use to buy supplies for their students in Liberia. The business meeting then resumed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Legislative:** Becky Schindler noted that a form for absentee ballots will be mailed to all Ohio residents by Sec of State Jon Husted.

**Membership:** Nan Bretz welcomed visitor Judy Rand.

**Education Foundation:** Steve Seagrave passed out copies of proposed changes to the by-laws of the Foundation. These proposals will also be emailed to all members, with a vote on the changes anticipated in November.

**Old Business:**

President Charlotte thanked Margaret Mueller for her donation of postage for two months of newsletters.

**New Business:**

Dictionaries for third grade students in the county have arrived. A sign-up sheet was passed for volunteers to deliver them to the classes.

President Charlotte will attend the ORTA District meeting in Findlay on October 1, 2018.

Terri Witt announced that a new member is being sought for the Education Foundation Board. The term would begin in January and be for five years.

The November meeting will be on organ transplants and organ donation. Gene Grime and Jamie Bostelman will be the speakers.

Motion to adjourn was made by Terri Witt, seconded by Treva Stevens.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary

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



Well as I write this I am very disappointed. I had several tickets for the billion-dollar lottery last night and I was sure I was going to win. I had it all planned out. Of course, I would have given a nice endowment to Retired Teachers! As it is, I won four dollars on the ticket. Not even enough for a McDonalds meal tonight. It's probably just as well. I couldn't have handled all the fuss that would have accompanied a win of that size. Did you have a ticket? Did you dare to dream? Speaking of dreaming, have you been dreaming about taking on a leadership role in our group? We will be electing officers soon and would welcome some new faces! We will also discuss caterers and location for the next year. Plan to attend our meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> and give us your input!

## **Where are they now? – Becky Chamberlin**

Tori Meyer was active in track, gymnastics, softball, volleyball, cheerleading, and gymnastics at Patrick Henry High School - just to mention a few of her activities. She received the Griffith Family Book Grant and graduated from Patrick Henry in 2011.

Tori graduated from Kent State University with a degree in art education in 2015. She began her teaching career as a long-term substitute. She taught art at Springfield High School and last year accepted a teaching position at Anthony Wayne Junior High.

Tori coached track at both schools and is currently assistant track coach at Anthony Wayne. To enhance the school's art program Tori started a Junior High Art Club this year. She's still a very active young lady.

## **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](http://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.

## **VOLUNTEER HOURS**

The hours I am collecting are not really reflective of the service that our members give to this community. Last meeting there were only 22 people that listed their hours. To date, we have 3910.5 hours of community service with 41 members reporting. This is well below what we have reported in other years. Please take the time to list your hours if you are at the meeting or email Tom Jenny at [cupmute@roadrunner.com](mailto:cupmute@roadrunner.com) or leave a message at 419-592-7588.



HCRTA Community  
Service Hours

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## **Address Update**

Jackie Sautter is in a different room at Fairlawn Haven so for those who wish to send a card or visit she is now in room 132.

## **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 132, 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 Honemann or Marlene Jones.*



<b>The Henry County Retired Teachers Association</b>				
Financial Report for NOVEMBER 2018				
Duane Ressler, Treasurer				
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TRANSACTION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
8/15/2018		starting balance		\$3,828.42
9/3/2018	DEPOSIT	interest	\$0.10	\$3,828.52
9/10/2018	Ck #1322 City of Napoleon	shelter rental	-\$90.00	\$3,738.52
	Ck #1323 AKA Designs	meals for meeting	-\$374.00	\$3,364.52
	Ck #1324 Matthew Terry	speaker	-\$75.00	\$3,289.52
9/12/2018	Ck #1325 TWCMD	member donations	-\$41.00	\$3,248.52
	Ck # 1326 Gene Grime	dictionary project	-\$878.75	\$2,369.77
	deposit from meeting	Meals \$425, directory \$5	\$478.00	\$2,847.77
		TWCMD \$26, 50/50 #22		
9/13/2018	deposit dictionary project	Napoleon Lions Club	\$537.80	\$3,385.57
9/19/2018	deposit meal	Dick Baldwin	\$20.00	\$3,405.57
9/30/2018	deposit	interest	\$0.08	\$3,405.65
10/1/2018	deposit for dictionary project	Holgate Lions \$113.35	\$348.20	\$3,753.85
		Deshler Lions \$234.85		
10/9/2018	deposit meal	Nancy Schink	\$13.00	\$3,766.85
10/22/2018		<b>Current Checking Balance</b>		<b>\$3,766.85</b>
10/4/2018	Balance CD	Henry County Bank		\$1,305.83
	Interest paid	1.58%		\$4.93
		<b>Current CD Balance</b>		<b>\$1,310.76</b>
		<b>Balance All Accounts</b>		<b>\$5,077.61</b>

### **Foundation Bylaws Proposals**

(Proposed changes highlighted in yellow and in italics.)

- **ARTICLE III, Section A - Number and Qualifications.** The Board of Trustees (hereinafter called “the Board”), shall consist of five *elected* members, each of whom shall be a member of this corporation.
- **ARTICLE III, Section B - Term of Office.** The normal term of office of an *elected* trustee shall be five years. No person shall be eligible to serve as *an elected* trustee for more than one full five-year term in addition to any partial term to which such person is elected or appointed without an interval of at least one year during which such person does not serve as a trustee. Terms shall be staggered so that one of the trustee positions becomes vacant each year. The term of office of a trustee shall commence upon election or appointment and expire when such trustee’s term expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> unless sooner terminated by death, resignation or majority vote of the members of the Board declaring the office vacant, which vote is authorized only in the event of failure of a member of the Board to remain qualified or failure to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board without excuse acceptable to the remaining members of the Board. An *elected* trustee whose normal term is expiring but who is an elected officer of the Board shall hold office until the date fixed pursuant to these regulations for the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees following the annual meeting of the membership and the election of such officers, and until their successors are elected and qualify.
- **ARTICLE III, Section D - Incapacitation** – *Should any officer temporarily become incapacitated or otherwise unable to fill the office the Board may elect a member to serve in that office on an interim basis.*
- **ARTICLE III, Section E - Appointed Members** – *The Board shall appoint a member of the corporation to serve as the Agent specified in the Articles of Incorporation. The Board may also appoint members of the corporation who are not elected members of the Board to serve as an officer. Such appointments shall be done annually at the time of election of officers.*
- **ARTICLE III, Section F - Ex-officio Members** – *Ex-officio or honorary members may be appointed by the Board and serve a term as specified at the time of their appointment.*



**DONATION OPPORTUNITY**

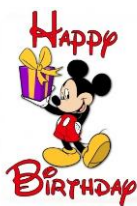
We would like to give those of you that can't attend meetings the chance to contribute to our chapter's causes. This year we are again helping to support *Together We Can Make a Difference*. Together we can make a difference assists people of all ages in Northwest Ohio with basic needs and resources 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

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



Matthew Terry shares about his mission work in Liberia.

**HCRTA Web Site**

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

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

**Update From ORTA**

ORTA sends out its monthly newsletter by email to members. If you do not have email you can also read ORTA news on the ORTA web site at this address: <http://www.orta.org/current-newsletters.html>

Below is some information from the last newsletter.

**STRS** - ORTA was present at the September meeting of the STRS Board of Trustees on September 20, 2018. Some good news that emerged is STRS working toward adoption of a policy directed at insuring all STRS retirees (and actives) would have availability to health care throughout their retirement. Premiums and policies will be developed with a 60-year goal in mind. This translates into active members and retirees knowing that health care options will be available for any 60-year period.

On the COLA front not much has happened, however ORTA has coauthored a letter that was sent to all Ohio Legislators in Columbus offering factual information on what the loss of COLA means to retirees. We are hopeful that legislators will seriously look at what the loss of COLA over a five-year period will mean to retirees that counted on a promised COLA.

## 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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