

# 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 – December 10, 2018 at 11:30am

LOCATION - Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

PROGRAM - **The Wonder of Christmas!** We will have lots of fun celebrating the Christmas season. There will be games and prizes and some ad lib acting involved. Think of your old staff celebrations... like an office party but no alcohol or anyone ending up wearing a lampshade!

MENU - Beef tips & mushrooms, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, tossed salad, red velvet cupcakes, rolls/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 December 3rd** or contact her directly if you cannot reach your caller. Thank you.

## **December 10 - Meeting Volunteers**

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 10:30am)		Hostess Committee	
Karen Maassel	Charlie Meyer	Karen Maassel	Charlotte Shrider
Duane Ressler	Kirk Fruth		

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

## New Member

We have a new member who has joined. Please introduce yourself and welcome her at the next meeting! Add her information into your copy of the HCRTA member directory.

Sue Ann Hurst

21281 Co Rd U, Napoleon, OH 43545

[sshurst@bright.net](mailto:sshurst@bright.net)

Home - 419-267-3413 Cell-none

Retired from Archbold Schools 2015

Birthday – April 8

**Merry Christmas**



## Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – November 12, 2018

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for November 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: Sandy Honemann, Bev Wittes, Renee Weaver, Steve Seagrave, Gene Grime, Rich Hurst and Faith Hurst. She welcomed guests Kelly Valentine and Sue Hurst. Famous persons with birthdays on November 12<sup>th</sup> helped to determine the order of tables dismissed to the meal. Sandy Honemann offered the prayer, which included a tribute to Larry Sasaki, who passed away recently and will be greatly missed by so many. A delicious turkey dinner with many traditional sides 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 to begin receiving chemo soon; Ruth Johnson received her stem cell infusion and is doing well so far; expressions of sympathy were sent to Bonnie Sasaki at her husband Larry's passing and to Betsy Redd, whose husband also passed away the same week. Love and strength go out to all these members as they deal with these difficult times.

### Committee Reports:

**Legislative:** Becky Schindler spoke on health care and the open enrollment period. Members expressed concern about potential problems with ProMedica, as they have sent notices indicating they will no longer accept Aetna insurance.

**Dictionary Project:** Chairman Gene Grime reported that all the dictionaries have been delivered to the third-grade students and thank you notes from them have begun to arrive. He may have some to share at the December meeting.

**Education Foundation:** Copies of proposed changes to the by-laws were available on the tables before the meeting. President of the Foundation Linda Wagner called for a motion to accept the proposed

changes. A motion was made by Steve Seagrave, seconded by Terry Witt that they be accepted. Motion passed.

### Old Business:

President Charlotte reported on her attendance at the ORTA meeting in Findlay. She joined in discussions on various topics, including one session which gave suggestions for different activities to attract new members. The continuing push to restore the COLA was another topic discussed. The information Charlotte heard at the meeting was that the COLA will not be restored for quite some time and when it is restored, it will go to those with the lowest benefits first. Differing reports on this topic were noted, with the information given at the meeting conflicting with reports on the subject heard by members from other sources. Stay tuned for more!

President Charlotte also noted that ORTA has an incentive program for increasing membership, with \$100 given to chapters that increase their membership by 10 percent. According to STRS records, there are lots of teachers in the Henry/Fulton County area who are retired and thus eligible for membership, we just need to find out how best to reach them and entice them to join!

### New Business:

After discussion, Rosemary Pfau made a motion, seconded by Gregg Merrill that the meetings continue to be held at Oberhaus Park. Motion passed.

Further discussion resulted in a motion by Rosemary Pfau, seconded by Nancy Hoover, that we continue with Marc Matheny as our caterer. Motion passed. Comments and suggestions about the meals from members will be passed along to him.

Discussion about whether to continue with Together We Can Make a Difference as our charity will be tabled until the next meeting. Members were asked to think about possible alternative charities and/or if we wish to continue with contributions or take a break from them for a time.

President Charlotte then noted that it was time to select a slate of officers for the new year. Some officers have consented to continue in their positions, but persons are needed for at least the following jobs: Vice President, Asst. Sec. and Chair of Community Service. A Nominations Committee was then selected to work on securing a slate of officers. Members who were assigned to the Nominations Committee were: Charlie Meyer, Pam Schwiebert and Jamie Bostelman.

If they contact you, asking you to serve, please say yes!

Charlie Meyer won the 50/50 raffle of \$22.

Motion to adjourn the business meeting was made by Terri Witt, seconded by Jan Rettig.

Following the meeting, Gene Grime and Jamie Bostelman presented a very interesting talk on organ donation. Their personal stories made real just how important organ donation is to the recipient and their family. It was also touching to hear how much comfort and healing can come to the donor's family, especially if they are able to find the strength to contact the recipient of their loved one's gift. Guest Kelly Valentine brought with her the symbolic Green Chair, used by donor recruitment programs to remind us that organ donation can keep families from having to see an empty chair in their home, all because their loved one received the gift of life.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary

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



I hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving and are now ready for the Christmas season. This early snow has put us in the mood! How is your shopping coming along? I have to marvel at how times have changed. I remember when my girls were small going all over looking for popular gifts. My husband and I would even drive to obscure little towns hoping to find the treasured gift. This year I was hunting a popular new game my grandson wanted and it was out in every store I tried. As I sat in The Rusty Bucket in Cincinnati eating my lunch on Friday, I ordered the game on my phone and it arrived at the house Sunday! Yes even on a Sunday. You gotta love it! I hope your holiday shopping goes just as smoothly, and I hope to see you on the 10<sup>th</sup>!

#### **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 December meeting or mailed to him at 1124 Clairmont Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio 43545.

#### **VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Thank you for reporting the hours that you did at the November meeting. There were 35 members that reported a total of 1384.5 hours. To date we have accumulated 5345 hours of community service and tutoring. At the next meeting, please put your hours down for November/December or any other hours that you did not report yet. 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.



#### **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)



#### **Address Update**

Diane Buchhop has a new address. Go ahead and update your HCRTA directory. Her address is 1086 Westchester Avenue, Napoleon 43545.

#### **DONATIONS RECEIVED**

The HCRTA Foundation has received donations from members Larry Gerken and Lee Hetrick during the past year.

#### **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 DECEMBER 2018				
Duane Ressler, Treasurer				
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TRANSACTION</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Balance</b>
10/21/2018		starting balance		\$3,766.85
10/31/2018	DEPOSIT	interest	\$0.10	\$3,766.95
10/14/2018	Ck #1327 City of Napoleon	shelter rental	-\$80.00	\$3,686.95
	Ck #1328 AKA Designs	meals for meeting	-\$473.00	\$3,213.95
11/19/2018	deposit from meeting	Meals \$559, dues \$30, 50/50 \$23	\$612.00	\$3,825.95
11/25/2018		<b>Current Checking Balance</b>		<b>\$3,766.85</b>
11/25/2018	Balance CD	Henry County Bank		\$1,310.76
	Interest paid			
		<b>Current CD Balance</b>		<b>\$1,310.76</b>
11/25/2018		<b>Balance All Accounts</b>		<b>\$5,136.71</b>



We have lost one of our members,  
Larry Sasaki – Nov. 5, 2018



**HCRTA FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING**

The December HCRTA meeting is also the Foundation Annual Meeting. All members of the HCRTA are voting members of the Foundation. Linda Wagner, the Foundation president, will be conducting the annual business of the Foundation which includes the election of a new member to the board. That would be for the 5-year term ending in December 2023. If you would be interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Foundation, please get in touch with her at 419-653-4286. The Foundation meets three times per year (January, March and September) to conduct business.

The main business of the Foundation is the growth and management of the funds dedicated to the scholarships the Foundation awards each year. Committees of HCRTA members help with the selection of book grant awards each spring. We have four book grant funds and award grants of \$1500 from each of them. The winners and their families are always invited to our July meeting.



**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

Dec. 13	Seagrave, Stephen	Feb. 06	Ruby, Doris
Dec. 13	Shrider, Charlotte Anne	Feb. 09	Hoover, Nancy
Dec. 19	Tietje, Lynette Kay	Feb. 12	Hockman, Jan *
Dec. 20	Sasaki, Bonnie	Feb. 12	Rohrs, Teresa L
Dec. 20	Short, Wayne	Feb. 15	Curtis, Beverly
Dec. 24	Rausch, Anne	Feb. 15	Feehan, Deb
Dec. 30	Griffith, Charles E	Feb. 15	Honemann, Sandra R
Jan. 03	Grant, Rita R *	Feb. 15	Mohr, Sue A *
Jan. 06	Snider, Jim *	Feb. 17	Buehrer, Donna L
Jan. 09	Vocke, Lawrence	Feb. 18	Hall, LeAnn
Jan. 10	Stein, Karen	Feb. 18	Northcutt, Heather S *
Jan. 10	Titgemeyer, Dora W	Feb. 23	Anderson, Morten *
Jan. 11	Fetterman, Max	Feb. 23	Benedict, Joyce E *
Jan. 15	Frederick, Janet E *	Feb. 23	Hurst, Faith
Jan. 15	Meyer, Charles H	Feb. 23	Kern, Thomas
Jan. 18	Follett, David	Feb. 28	Bright, Don
Jan. 19	Walker, Barb	Feb. 28	Zachrich Dolores *
Jan. 23	Schindler, Becky	Mar. 01	Joseph, Robert **
Jan. 24	Pamela S. Schwiebert	Mar. 02	Milius, Kevin
Jan. 24	Neuenschwander, Charlene *	Mar. 03	Steed, Joan
Jan. 26	Behnfeldt, Peg *	Mar. 03	Warnimont, Bev
Jan. 31	Hesterman, Phyllis	Mar. 10	Baldwin, Richard Neil
Feb. 03	Dettmer, Carl *	Mar. 12	Maassel, Karen



Jamie Bostelman and Gene Grime presented a very interesting talk on organ donation.

**HCRTA Web Site**

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

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



At left with Jamie and Gene is Kelly Valentine, the Community Outreach Coordinator of Life Connection of Ohio's Maumee office. Valentine has been with Life Connection for nearly ten years and she was able to substantiate the information that Grime and Bostelman had, offering several additional comments to the group. Valentine brought the Green Chair with her to offer the visual recognition of the piece of furniture that has become the symbol of organ donation in Ohio. "Don't Let another Chair Go Empty" is the Ohio program to promote organ donation.

## 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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