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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

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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 11, 2019

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

PROGRAM - My Time in the Secret Service - Jeff Mires will relate his experiences serving our country as a Secret Service Agent.

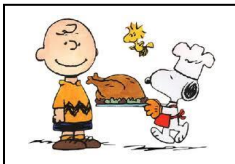
MENU - The menu for this meeting is Baked ham, parmesan scalloped potatoes, creamed peas, candied carrots, tossed salad, roll and butter, lemon sheet cake, coffee/water. We hope to see you there!



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 4th or contact her directly if you cannot reach your caller. 419-599-1356.

March 11th - Meeting Volunteers

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

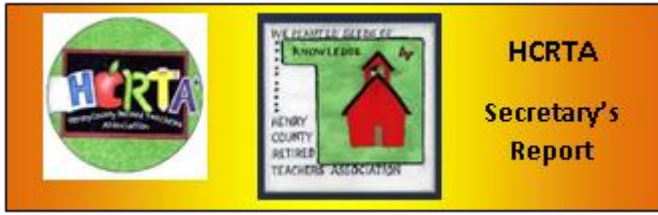
Set Up (Doors unlocked at 10:30am)		Hostess Committee	
Kirk Fruth	Gregg Merrill	Diane Meyer	Pam Schwiebert
Duane Ressler	Larry Zachrich	Linda Wagner	

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



We have lost one of our members:

Rita Grant – September 7, 2018



Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report - December 10, 2018

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for December was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and grace, tables were dismissed to the meal by way of the order of items in the Twelve Days of Christmas song.

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

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Becky Schindler again advised members to watch their health care benefits carefully and if there are any questions, don't hesitate to contact STRS for assistance.

Membership: Nan Bretz reported that STRS sent address labels of all retired teachers in Henry/Fulton Counties. After sorting out those who already are members, she may use this information to contact potential new members.

Education Foundation: Linda Wagner reported that Jamie Bostelman is recommended to the group for a position on the Foundation Board. A motion to accept this nomination was made and seconded. Motion passed. Jamie will attend her first Foundation Board meeting on January 8th, 2019.

President Charlotte thanked both Becky Schindler and Tom Jenny for their years of service as chairs of Legislative and Community Service committees. New chairmen will take over with the new year.

Old Business: President Charlotte asked Kirk Fruth to report on some information he had researched on the COLA issue. After talking with STRS advisors, he could report that the Health Fund is in good shape, being 150% funded. This is due to increases in costs

being less than projected, fewer claims and active teachers working and contributing longer.

He was informed that the COLA issue will be revisited in four years. Again, the fact that active teachers are working and contributing for longer periods of time is a positive factor in this decision. Investment performance has been fairly good but is always a volatile factor. Working against is the fact that retired teachers are living longer—(a good thing, except for the COLA issue!)- and thus using benefits for longer periods of time. The STRS Board will make the decision as to if and when the COLA is restored.

President Charlotte reported that the Oberhaus Park location has been secured for the 2019 year and Marc Matheny will continue as our caterer.

The issue of which charity we will support in the new year had been tabled from the last meeting. President Charlotte shared some data she had gathered on the administrative costs involved with some charities. After further discussion, a motion was made by Chuck Klamer, seconded by Terri Witt that we support Pillars of Success, a local charity dedicated to supporting families in need. Motion passed. President Charlotte noted that the "tip" bags dedicated to a speaker's fund will be discontinued for the time being.

New Business:

President Charlotte congratulated the following members for perfect attendance for the year: Rich and Faith Hurst, Tom Jenny, Dora Titgemeyer, Bev Phillips, Terri Witt and Bev Wittes. Nancy Hoover had perfect attendance until today, when illness kept her home. Charlotte presented each person with a lottery ticket and a wish for good fortune!

Nominations Chairman Charlie Meyer presented the following slate of officers for the 2019 Chapter year:

President: Charlotte Shrider, Vice President: Bev Wittes, Treasurer: Duane Ressler, Asst. Treasurer: Larry Vocke, Secretary: Pam Schwiebert, Asst. Sec.: Diane Meyer, Community Service Chair: Jan Schlade and Legislative Chair: Chuck Klamer. A motion to accept these officers was made by Rosalie Ashenfelter, seconded by Bill Lytle. Motion passed.

It was also noted that Duane would like to pass on the Treasurer's duties after this next year, so be thinking about whether you could help the chapter in this capacity!

Gene Grime had samples of Thank You notes from county third graders for the dictionaries they received. He encouraged everyone to enjoy looking at them after the meeting.

Pam Schwiebert won the 50/50 drawing of \$26.

Following the business meeting, President Charlotte led the group in Christmas games and songs. Tables were challenged to guess Christmas songs, with only the initials of the words as clues. The 12 Pains of Christmas, a parody of 12 Days of Christmas, was sung by the group. Volunteers acted out various silly scenarios to be guessed, such as a prom queen interviewing an applicant for the head elf job! The seasonal fun ended with all singing "Merry Christmas To You". Happy Holidays to all and see you in the New Year!

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary



**Henry County Retired Teachers Association
Secretary's Report – Jan. 25, 2019
Executive Committee**

The HCRTA Executive Board met January 25, 2019 at the Henry County Senior Center. President Charlotte Shrider called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM after muffins and coffee were served.

President Charlotte reported that the Chapter reports filed with ORTA on time. A financial audit of the Chapter was completed for 2018, with no inconsistencies being reported. A thank you was given to Duane Ressler and Larry Vocke for another excellent year keeping the accounts.

Assistant Treasurer Larry Vocke asked that the Board consider changing Chapter dues to a Lifetime fee of \$50.00 eliminating the yearly option. After Board discussion Sandra Honemann made a motion to have only a lifetime dues category at a fee of \$50.00 beginning January 2019. Members that have been paying annually for three years will convert to lifetime status. Those members with less than three years will

convert to lifetime membership with three payments. Linda Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

President Charlotte shared the meal menus for the year from our caterer, Marc Matheny. Prices for the meals will remain the same. Bev Wittes made motion to keep the price of meals at \$13.00. (\$11.00 for meal and \$2.00 for Oberhaus park rental). Chuck Klamer second. Motion passed.

Bev Wittes shared the programs scheduled for the 2019 year.

President Charlotte asked for members to contact members we do not have email addresses for so we can update email addresses or change of address to help save on postage and returned newsletters. Names were divided. Contact Charlotte Shrider, Steve Seagrave or Nan Bretz with updates.

It was noted that member Rita Grant had died on 9/7/2019 and that we had missed it.

Nan Bretz reported that STRS sent mailing labels for retired teachers in our Chapter area. There are 434 in Fulton County and 180 in Henry County. The Board discussed how to contact these retirees to rejoin or join our organization. Greg Merrill made a motion to send membership information to all on list using the general fund to pay the cost for the one-time mailing membership drive. Steve Seagrave seconded. Motion passed.

Fund Raiser ideas were discussed. The board decided to look into a bus trip.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary



From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider

Welcome back to another year with your fellow retired teachers! The officers have been busy in the "off season" confirming meal menus, obtaining speakers, and changing a few administrative details. I think we have some diverse and interesting programs planned for this year. Mark the dates now on your calendar. Meetings are always the second Monday. March (at 11:30am), May, July and September (at 5:30pm) and then November and December back at 11:30am. The cost of the meal and meeting remain the same as last year, \$13.00. I received an invitation from the Williams County Chapter to attend their meeting on April 16th to hear Dr. Robin Rayfield. I replied that he spoke to our chapter just last year but thanked them and said I would pass on the invitation. I will give more details at our March meeting. Hope to see you there!

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 cshridr1@roadrunner.com.

2019 PROGRAMS

- March 11 – Jeff Mires, former Secret Service Agent
- May 13 – Barb Hoffman & Linda Krauskopf, Pillars of Success
- July 8 – Mark Adams, Henry County Health Commissioner
- September 9 – Sue Stamm, storytelling from education
- November 11 – Jerry & Cecily Rohrs, Giving a Helping Hand
- December 9 – Napoleon Community "Elf Band"

VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2018

The volunteer hours for 2018 are as follows: total volunteer hours submitted is 5,992 hours. Of those hours, 124 of them are for tutoring students. Fifty-three members submitted volunteer hours. Tom Jenny had the highest total (727 hours) submitted followed by Gene Grime (543), Bev Wittes (465), Shirley Mires-Fejes (363), and Becky Schindler (311).



2019 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.

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!



The Henry County Retired Teachers Foundation received \$920 in memory of Larry Sasaki. Keep the Foundation in mind when giving donations in memory of friends and relatives.

During the past year, the Foundation also received donations from members Larry Gerken and Lee Hetrick.

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, **Jan Schlade**. 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 Jan!

jj Schlade@gmail.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 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.



HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION				
	Duane Ressler	Treasurer	REPORT FOR MARCH 2019	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #/payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Nov. 25		beginning balance		\$3,825.95
Dec. 2	deposit	interest	\$0.10	\$3,826.05
Dec. 4	deposit dues		\$15.00	\$3,841.05
Dec. 7	Ck. # 1329 City of Napoleon	shelter rental	(\$80.00)	\$3,761.05
Dec. 10	Ck. #1330 Gene Grime	dictionary project	(\$14.75)	\$3,746.30
	Ck. #1331 AKA Designs	meals	(\$473.00)	\$3,273.30
	deposit from meeting		\$686.00	\$3,959.30
Dec. 31	deposit	interest	\$0.09	\$3,959.39
Jan. 3	deposit		\$36.00	\$3,995.39
Jan. 28	deposit	donation	\$15.00	\$4,010.39
Jan. 31	deposit	interest	\$0.10	\$4,010.49
Feb. 11		Current Balance =		\$4,010.49
Nov.25	CD Balance	Henry County Bank		\$1,310.76
Jan. 4		Interest earned 1/4/2019	\$5.22	\$1,315.98
		BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS =		\$5,326.47

HCRTA DUES

Dues can be paid at this time. The board recently voted to convert all “annual” members to “lifetime members” with the payment of three annual years. So, if you have paid annual dues for three years you will automatically become a lifetime member and need not pay annual dues again. If you have been a member for less than three years once you make that 3rd annual \$15 payment you will convert to lifetime and will not need to pay again.

Below is the list from our 2018 membership role who have been annual members for 3 years and/or have upgraded to life members. If you still owe for 2018 check with Duane at the next meeting.

Those who have been members for less than 3 years have the year joined indicated. Please bring a \$15 check for 2019 dues to the March meeting or mail it to Duane Ressler, at 1124 Clairmont Ave, Napoleon, Ohio 43545.

Dan Baer, Don Bright, Becky Chamberlin, Gary Kline, Deb Feehan, David Follett, Cheri Goertz, Vicki Gramling, Deb Guelde, Sue Ann Hurst (joined 2018) Leigh Ann Kraft, Kevin Milius, Janis Miller, Joan Myers, Mary Jane Myrice, Bev Phillips, Teresa Rohrs, Pam Schwiebert, Mary Ann Wade;

FOUNDATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS FOUNDATION					2018 year-end report on fund totals		
	Checking	CD's	Oppenheimer	Annuity	%	10-Jan-19	Totals
12/31/2018		(approx. values)	Funds (approx.)	(guaranteed principal)	of annuity	withdrawal from	
SHERMAN FUNDS	\$2,017.05	\$10,500.38	\$0.00	\$14,708.24	11.33%	\$774.51	\$28,000.30
GRIFFITH FUNDS	-\$574.51	\$11,893.98	\$0.00	\$14,448.61	11.13%	\$774.51	\$26,542.70
KING FUNDS	\$1,193.49	\$1,038.54	\$7,062.92	\$10,155.57	7.82%	\$544.14	\$19,994.74
BRUBAKER FUNDS	\$1,768.18	\$4,081.77	\$0.00	\$90,751.02	69.91%	\$4,862.47	\$101,464.14
TOTALS =	\$4,404.21	\$27,514.67	\$7,062.92	\$129,816.79	100.00%	\$6,955.63	\$175,755.22

NEW MEMBERS!

We have two new members who just joined! Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them at our next meeting.

Lucinda Johnson: Retired from Otsego in 2014; 4358 Co. Rd. Q, Napoleon; Phone 419-748-8185;

Mary Jill Toepfer: Retired in 2013 from Penta Career Ctr; Q 893 Co. Rd. 14B, Napoleon; Phone 567-395-9889;

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 *Pillars of Success*. 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.

_____ Pillars of Success: \$_____

Duane Ressler
 HCRTA Treasurer
 1124 Clairmont Avenue
 Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Birthday List

Mar. 12	Maassel, Karen	Apr. 08	Hurst, Sue Ann
Mar. 13	Behrman, Walter	Apr. 13	Holzer, Mildred
Mar. 13	Guelde, Deb	Apr. 19	Freppel, Charlene
Mar. 14	Eddy, John ***	Apr. 21	Leigh Anne Kraft
Mar. 20	Baker, Bob	Apr. 22	Bretz, Nan
Mar. 22	Sasaki, Laryce M *	Apr. 29	Chamberlin, Becky
Mar. 23	Utz, Rick L *	Apr. 29	Schlade, Janice
Mar. 23	Williams, Shirley J	May 01	Mires-Fejes, Shirlee ***
Mar. 30	Wagner, Linda M	May 04	Miller, Janis
Apr. 01	Grime, J. Gene	May 06	Ritchey, Cheryl J
Apr. 01	Rettig, Roland ***	May 06	Rohrs, Kay *
Apr. 04	Fruth, Kirk	May 15	Klamer, Charles
Apr. 04	Funchion, Peg *	May 15	George, Barbara
Apr. 06	Shafer, Ann *		



HCRTA Web Site

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

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

December Meeting



Where Are They Now? By Becky Chamberlin

Madelyn Dishop graduated from Liberty Center High School in 2013. She continued her education at The Ohio State University and completed her degree at OSU-Lima. During her college experience she worked with students at West Broad Elementary School, an inner-city school in Columbus, The Ohio State Tutoring and Learning Center and tutored students from Liberty Center and St. Augustine. She received our Sherman Book Grant in 2016 and used these funds to expand her classroom library.

Madelyn is a K-1 Looping teacher in the Pike Delta York school district. She will remain with her students as they move on next year. She plans to participate in the Residency Teaching Program for second year teachers, coach a junior cheerleading squad this summer and expand her certification to include a generalist 4-5 endorsement. She enjoys working out and watching her brother play basketball for Trine University.

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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