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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 – July 8, 2019

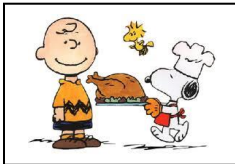
The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday July 8 at 5:30pm. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

PROGRAM - Your Henry County Health Department - Mark Adams, Henry Co. Health Commissioner, will talk to us about some of the many services available free of charge to Henry County residents from the Health Department.



MENU - The menu for this meeting is BBQ beef and pork sandwiches, potato salad, pasta salad, baked beans, veggie tray, jello salad, and pound cake with fruit, coffee/water. We hope to see you there! Book Grants - Book grant winners and their families will be guests at our dinner.

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 July 1st or contact her directly if you cannot reach your caller. 419-599-1356.

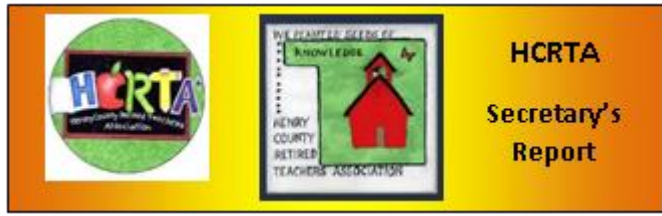
Hosts/Hostesses

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!

July 8th - Meeting Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for September & November. If you can help, call Charlotte. 419-599-1356

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 4:30pm)		Hostess Committee	
Chuck Klamer	Duane Ressler	Becky Schindler	Nan Bretz
Help Needed	Help Needed	Marlene Jones	
Volunteers are needed after the meeting to put away tables and chairs.			



Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – May 13, 2019

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for May was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, the tables were dismissed by Triple Crown Winners.

Following the meal- Pillars of Success Linda Krauskopf and Barb Hoffman gave an informative talk on what the program does for the community. Visit www.PillarsHC.com for information. Carole Wolfe spoke. She wanted to make it clear that ORTA was NOT affiliated with the Protect Ohio Pensions calls. If members have questions Dr. Rayfield should be contacted.

President Shrider opened the meeting. The treasurer and secretary's report were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Chuck Klamer gave COLA information.

Membership: Nan Bretz reported on new member cards received from mailing. There were not as many as hoped but at least information is out.

Terry Witt spoke briefly about supporting Emily Jackson, granddaughter of Jan Schlade on the list to receive a double lung transplant.

Old Business:

President Shrider had information about a group bus trip. Price would be \$164.00 per couple. Trip was tabled as little interest was shown by members present.

New Business:

Jan Schlade reported 1431 Volunteer hours. Steve Seagrave, Joe Aschemeier and Shirlee Mires recording the highest numbers. Gene Grime, Bev Wittes and Jackie Sautter were also recognized for sharing their time with others.

Carole Wolfe won \$19.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

President Shrider gave a thank you to the May set up volunteers and hostesses.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 on July 8, 2019. There will be a Picnic Supper. The program is **Mark Adams**.

Rosemary Pfau made a motion to adjourn. Bill Lytle seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary

From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider

Well let's not talk about the weather! I am sick of that discussion! Have you gone on your vacation yet? I just got back from a week in Nashville. We got to do everything on our "to do" list! A couple of highlights were visiting the American Pickers store and getting in to dinner and a show at the Bluebird café. I am going to remember the singers we heard there so I can say I saw them before they become famous. I've had enough fried chicken and fish to last awhile. Of course I loved all the music we heard. I hope your vacation goes well! Make sure to check out the article about a planned bus trip in this newsletter. We'd love to have you join us! I hope to see you at our meeting!

ROAD TRIP! JOIN US! – Charlotte Shrider

At our executive board meeting, it was brought up that a day bus trip would be a fun activity for the group. The plan is to take a bus from Napoleon to Shippshewana to the Blue Gate dinner theater. The musical we would be seeing is *A Simple Sanctuary*. Based on 50 people the cost for the bus, dinner and the show would be \$82.00 per person or \$164.00 a couple. Of course, spouses are welcome! I can't give a date because I can't order tickets and reserve the bus until I know we have enough interest. I am thinking late August or early September. If you would be interested, please email Steve or me (Charlotte) and let us know. If texting is easier, text me at 419.788.3472. Make sure you give me your name if you text. If you are planning to attend the July meeting you can tell us at the meeting. I think it would be a lot of fun!

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.

2019 DIRECTORY

In February, 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.

NEW ADDRESS – Donna Buehrer is now at 500 Haven Drive, Apt.107, Archbold, OH 43502-1205

Send a Friend a Note of Good Cheer!

Doris Ruby, Genacross Lutheran Home Rm#218, 1036 S. Perry St, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Charles Hemsoth, Box 36, Malinta, OH 43535

Martha Alsbaugh, 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's Report	JUNE 2019	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #/payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
March 31		starting balance		\$3778.46
April 3	DEPOSIT	\$100 dues (George, L. Klamer), \$13 meal	\$100.00	\$3891.46
April 30	DEPOSIT	Interest	\$0.09	\$3891.55
May 13	ck. #1337 City of Napoleon	Shelter house rental	(\$90.00)	\$3801.55
	ck. #1338 Charlotte Shrider	Postage	(\$16.50)	\$3785.05
	ck. #1339 AKA Designs	Meals for meeting	(\$429.00)	\$3356.05
May 14	DEPOSIT	\$468 from meals, \$10 from directories, \$217 for Pillars, \$20 from 50/50	\$715.00	\$4071.05
May 26	ck. #1340 Pillars of Success	Member donations	(\$217.00)	\$3854.05
June 2	DEPOSIT	Interest	\$0.11	\$3854.16
June 17		Current Balance =		\$3,778.46
June 17	CD Balance	Henry County Bank		\$1305.83
June 17		BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS =		\$5159.99

STRS UPDATE

Recently, the Retirement Board approved health care premiums for the 2020 plan year along with several changes to the STRS Ohio Health Care Program for 2020. The approved premiums reflect favorable claims experience and result in little or no cost increase in most plans. [A complete list of these premiums is posted on the system's website](#) or can be obtained by calling STRS Ohio's Member Services Center toll-free at 888-227-7877. In 2020, about 92% of enrollees will have premiums equal to or less than their current premium. STRS Ohio staff works with health care consultants and actuaries to develop expected costs for the health care plans. As noted above, lower than expected health care claims during the review period for STRS Ohio's self-insured plans had a positive impact on the 2020 premiums. For the fifth year in a row, board-approved premiums for the Aetna Medicare Plan — the plan with the highest number of STRS Ohio enrollees — have not increased.

Additional information about the 2020 health care program will be provided in upcoming STRS newsletters and on the STRS Ohio website. In late October, all plan enrollees will receive personalized health care plan information in preparation for the fall open-enrollment period that will take place Nov. 1–26.



We have lost two of our members:

Carl Dettmer – May 3, 2019

Ruth Johnson – May 24, 2019



Bull Market Fails to Fix Public Pensions.

Paraphrased from Mr. Winegarner’s Insight article in Protect Ohio Pensions 2nd Quarter Newsletter;
Full article can be found at www.pop5.org under the Newsletter tab

“If the market is doing better, where’s the money?”

Public pension funds hold assets, which grow or shrink through a combination of investment gains or losses and contributions from employers and workers.

Those assets generally rose faster than liabilities for five decades starting in the 1950s because government was expanding, and the number of retirees was smaller. In the 1980s and 1990s, double-digit stock and bond returns convinced governments they could afford widespread benefit increases (unfunded benefits such as health care for everyone, 13th checks and mandated COLA amounts).

Pension system assets began to fall in the aftermath of the dotcom bust in the 2000s, and the 2008 financial crisis followed soon after. State and local retirement systems lost 28% in 2008 and 2009. Liabilities (expenses) of major U.S. public pensions are up 64% since 2007 while assets (contributions and earnings) are only up 30% according to the most recent data from Boston College’s Center for Retirement Research.

As actuaries have explained to pension fund trustees, you have not only lost 28% of your assets, but also the earnings those assets would have generated. The amount owed to retirees is accelerating faster than assets on hand to pay those future obligations, and longer lifespans have increased the number of living retirees, while the number of active workers contributing has either decreased or remained relatively stable.

[COLAs were frozen because of legislative funding-level requirements. There is no solution there.]

MEMBERSHIP

If you know teachers in Henry County who retired this June please give their name and contact information to our Membership Chairperson, Nan Bretz. Nan will send invitation and welcome packets. You can then help us with follow up calls to personally invite people to our meetings. Nan sent out four invitations recently. She will continue to put forms on the tables at meetings so you can write down names of people to contact.

REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

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? Include any unpaid activity to benefit others or your community. If you miss a meeting, just email your numbers to Jan!



jj Schlade@gmail.com

REMINDER – If you change your phone number, email address, or physical address be sure to notify our membership chair, Nan Bretz, and the newsletter editor, Steve Seagrave.

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

July 14	Wesche, Mary Kay *	Aug. 10	Schall, Nancy A *
July 16	Klamer, Linda	Aug. 11	Shepard, Jan
July 17	Gerken, Kae	Aug. 12	Alspaugh, Jane *
July 19	Schink, Nancy C	Aug. 13	Agler, Carol
July 24	Ashenfelder, Rosalie A	Aug. 13	Baldwin, Nancy
July 25	Buchhop, Diane	Aug. 19	Meyer, Diane
July 27	Plassman, Carolyn J	Aug. 19	Meyer, James
July 28	Babcock, Sally *	Aug. 21	Krueger, Marlyn
July 31	Conrad, David L	Aug. 21	Rosebrook, Judy
Aug. 01	Osborn, Jerri	Aug. 24	Denny, Gerry L *
Aug. 02	Joseph, Mary H	Sep. 04	Schroeder, Jack
Aug. 02	Johnson, Lucinda	Sep. 05	Myers, Joan C *
Aug. 06	Myrice, Mary Jane	Sep. 06	Wade, Mary Ann Wade
Aug. 07	Krugh, W. Tennyson *	Sep. 08	Weaver, Sally J
		Sep. 09	Sutton, Margaret



HCRTA Web Site

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

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

ORTA Web Site

Below is the ORTA web site. Check there for information and links.

- Update your membership information.
- Sign up for email alerts.
- Read ORTA newsletters.
- Check member benefits.

<http://www.orta.org/>



Linda Krauskopf and Barb Hoffman speak about Pillars of Success.



Carole Wolfe from ORTA spoke.

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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