

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

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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 9, 2019

The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday September 9 at 5:30pm. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

MENU— Roast pork loin, sweet potato casserole, corn, steamed green beans, tossed salad, roll and butter and apple cobbler, coffee/water; PROGRAM - You Gotta Laugh! - Sue Stamm, a retired teacher, will use her storytelling talents to relate humorous tales from her many years in the educational field.



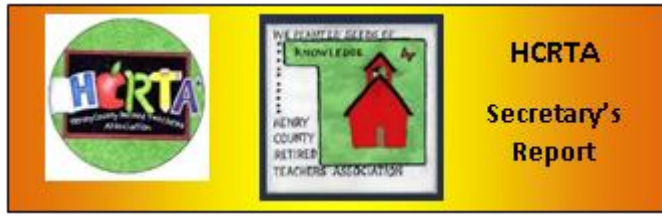
Meal Reservations

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 2nd 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!

September 9th - Meeting Volunteers			
Volunteers are needed for November & December. If you can help, call Charlotte. 419-599-1356			
Set Up (Doors unlocked at 4:30pm)		Hostess Committee	
Chuck Klamer	Janice Rettig	Bev Wittes & Friends	
Help Needed	Help Needed		
Volunteers are needed after the meeting to put away tables and chairs.			



Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – July 8, 2019

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for July was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, the tables were dismissed by year Red, White and Blue Movies were released. Blessing for the BBQ style meal was given by Becky Schindler.

Following the meal, Education Foundation member, Linda Wagner introduced this year's book grant winners. Chase Gruenhagen, a Napoleon High School Graduate, received the \$1,500 Lucille and Margaret Sherman Book Grant. Shelby Fackler, a Patrick Henry graduate, received the \$1,500 Griffith Book Grant. President Shrider then introduced Bethany Wachter, Health Communication and Coordinator for Henry County. Wachter explained the many services that the Health Department provides. Henry County was one of the first ten departments in the state of Ohio to receive accreditation.

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

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Chuck Klamer shared that there has been a 10.6 cent increase in gas tax. The biennial budget is almost ready but had not passed as of July 1st.

Old Business:

President Shrider reported that the group bus trip was canceled due to lack of interest.

New Business:

Condolences were expressed as Emily Jackson, granddaughter of Jan Schlade, that all were praying for had passed away.

Best Wishes were sent to Treva Stevens as she celebrated her 90th birthday.

It was also announced that Sandra and Junior Honemann celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

The group was invited to tour historic homes of Jamie and Gary Bostelman and Tom and Beth Jenny during the Henry County Home and Garden Tour.

Phyllis Hesterman won \$25.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

President Shrider gave a thank you to July set up and hostesses.

The next meeting will be at 5:30pm on September 9, 2019. Sue Stamm, a retired teacher and storyteller will be our speaker.

Bev Wittes and friends will be responsible for set up.

Linda Wagner made a motion to adjourn. Rosalie Ashenfelter seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary

From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider



I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and got to do some fun things with your friends and family. I have been hearing the cicadas in the evening and that gets me excited for fall and my favorite sport, football! I am even anxious to watch the Cleveland Browns this year! I just finished working all week at the Henry County Fair. I really enjoy my work in the Treasurer's office, but I found I'm out of "work shape!" I couldn't wait to get to bed all that week. Usually I am up till 1:00 watching crime shows. Those shows are a close second to football!

I hope to see you at our next meeting and enjoy the storytelling of Sue Stamm!
Charlotte

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.

Patricia "Patty" Hill

- 10966 Co. Rd. T, Napoleon, OH 43545
- Home phone: 419-592-0683
- Cell phone: 419-579-0115
- Retired from Liberty Center Schools in 2019 after 34 years in education
- Birthdate: Feb. 6
- Spouse: Randy
- Email: pattyshouse2@gmail.com

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 cshrid1@roadrunner.com.

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 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's Report	SEPT. 2019	
Date	Ck #/payee	Description	Amount	Balance
6/17		starting balance		\$3854.16
6/30	DEPOSIT	Interest	\$.09	\$3854.25
7/5	ck. #1341 C. Shrider	postage for newsletters	(\$16.50)	\$3837.75
7/8	ck. #1342 AKA Designs Ltd.	Meals for meeting	(\$473.00)	\$3364.75
	ck. #1343 City of Napoleon	Oberhaus Park rental	(\$90.00)	\$3274.75
7/10	DEPOSIT	\$481 from meals, \$5 from directory, \$138 for Pillars, \$26 from 50/50	\$650.00	\$3924.75
7/10	ck. #1344 Pillars of Success	Member donations	(\$138.00)	\$3786.75
7/31	DEPOSIT	Interest	\$0.10	\$3786.85
8/9		Current Balance =		\$3,786.85
	CD Balance	Henry County Bank		\$1321.33
7/4		Interest	\$5.43	\$1,326.76
8/9		BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS =		\$5,113.61

STRS INVESTMENTS UPDATE

STRS reported that investment return for FY19 was 7.13% and increase of \$1.1 billion. This is good news given the volatile stock market. This put Ohio STRS in the top 20% in terms of success in the listing of public funds maintained by Callan's Public Fund Sponsor Database. STRS investments totaled \$78.9 billion at the end of July after paying out \$7.5 billion in benefits to retirees during FY19



We have received two donations recently.

Dora Titgemeyer gave a donation in memory of Joan Myers and Janice Schlade donated in memory of Ruth Johnson.

Members wishing to make a donation can use the form in this newsletter or contact Gene Grime who is the treasurer.

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!



jjschlade@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.

Henry County Retired Teachers Foundation. – 2019 Book Grant Winners

At the July meeting Foundation President Linda Wagner presented Book Grants to the two winners selected for 2019.

Griffith Family Book Grant

Shelby Fackler is the recipient of the Henry County Retired Teachers Association, Griffith Family Book Grant. She is a 2019 graduate of Patrick Henry High School, and she will be attending Bowling Green State University in the fall. Shelby will be majoring in Early Childhood Education. She is looking forward to entering college and using her joy of learning and her powerful work ethic to gain the skills needed to teach others. Shelby wants her students to learn that they can dream and achieve if they plan and work hard.



The Lucille and Margaret Sherman Book Grant

Chase Gruenhagen is being awarded the Henry County Retired Teachers Association, Lucille and Margaret Sherman Book Grant. Chase is presently a student at The Ohio State University, majoring in Life and Earth Science Education. Chase has worked in classrooms in suburban Columbus, and he has learned how much he really likes teaching. He has enjoyed his time with those students, but he really misses the sense of community he had at Napoleon High School and in rural Henry County. He hopes to return teach in Henry County so he can contribute to and be a part of the Henry County community.



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

Sep. 09	Sutton, Margaret	Oct. 16	Mengerink, Richard
Sep. 10	Wittes, Beverly Ann	Oct. 18	Burson, Susan L
Sep. 15	Helberg, Kathryn J	Oct. 20	Jenny, Tom R
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. 10	George, James



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/>



Bethany Wachter, Health Communication Coordinator for Henry County shared information and services of the agency.



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 HCRT Foundation.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

My donation preference is:

Lois Griffith Book Grant

Roger King Book Grant

Margaret & Lucille Sherman Book Grant

Karen Brubaker Book Grant

Undesignated

This donation is in ___honor, ___memory of: _____ Amount: _____

Send donations to Gene Grime, HCRT Foundation Treasurer, 92 Old Creek Drive, Napoleon, OH 43545.

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Member

Address