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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 – December 9, 2019

The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday December 9 at 11:30am. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

MENU— Beef tips and mushrooms, mashed potatoes and gravy, candied carrots, parmesan broccoli, tossed salad, roll and butter and red velvet cake, coffee/water; PROGRAM - Santa’s Musical Elves - Begin your holiday celebrations on a musical note as the Napoleon Community Band’s “Elf Band” entertains us with familiar Christmas songs. There may be other Elf mischief afoot as well, so come and join in the fun!



Meal Reservations



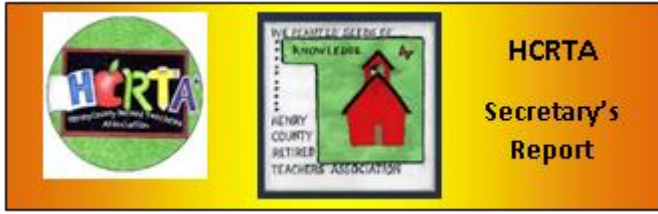
Remember that meal costs are \$13.00 per person. We do have to guarantee the count to the caterer so if you make a reservation and then do not attend, we still must pay for the meal that was ordered and delivered. That means that you need to either send the \$13.00 or have another member take your reservation. 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 2nd or contact her directly if you cannot reach your caller. 419-599-1356.

December 9th - Meeting Volunteers

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

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 10:30am)		Hostess Committee	
Chuck Klamer	Steve Seagrave	Jamie Bostelman	
Rich Hurst	Faith Hurst		
Volunteers are needed after the meeting to put away tables and chairs.			

Merry Christmas



Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – November 11, 2019

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for November was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, the tables were dismissed by needs of Shepherd's Circle.

Following the meal, Cecily Rohrs gave an interesting and informative talk about the efforts of the Shepherd's Circle based in Archbold. The organization provides for individuals that are at a point in their lives that they need someone to nurture and "walk with them" until they get back on their feet.

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

Committee Reports:

Courtesy - Marlene Jones asked for prayers for Wayne Short, Sue Roby and Larry Siclair.

Legislative - Chuck Klamer advised members to look over health care benefits and make changes before December deadline. A petition was sent around addressing the Federal Windfall Exclusion legislation for Social Security benefits.

Membership - Nan Bretz reminded group that new member forms were on the table.

Community Service - Jan Schlade reported that members logged 1500 volunteer hours. Tom Jenny, Steve Seagrave and Phyllis Hesterman recording the highest for this period.

Education Foundation - Linda Wagner stated that the most recent financial audit was perfect and thanked Gene Grime for his meticulous records.

Old Business:

Gene Grime thanked the volunteers that distributed 210 dictionaries to the Henry County third graders.

Bev Wittes attended the regional meeting. She reported that Dale Atkins was elected President of ORTA. Topics discussed were: How to get new members and the possibility of scholarships for teachers presently teaching.

New Business:

Patty Hill asked for volunteers to help with Santa Shop at Liberty Center.

Faith Hurst, Bill Lytle and Greg Merrill agreed to be on the nominating committee for needed offices.

Bev Wittes made the motion to continue meeting at Oberhaus Park for the 2020 year with Mark Matheny as caterer. Bill Lytle seconded it.

Steve Seagrave reminded members to take off name tags as you leave.

Door Prizes were drawn. Jan Schlade received free meal for December.

Charlotte Shrider won \$24.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

President Shrider gave a thank you to the November set up team and hostesses.

The next meeting will be at 11:30am on December 9, 2019. Set Up Team is Rich and Faith Hurst and Steve Seagrave. Hostess is Jamie Bostelman.

Linda Wagner made a motion to adjourn. Nan Bretz seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary

From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider



Well things are going much better than our last newsletter! Dudley has "graduated" from the wound vac and has also progressed from the walker to a cane. He is still homebound but has had some company recently and we feel like a part of the real world again! Our 20-year-old grandson has moved in with us and he is a great help. However, he does like a different kind of music than I'm used to and he seems to need to leave a trail of clothes to find his room. But he's brought some life back to our house! I haven't started any holiday preparations yet and I know it's time to get cracking on that. I think our meeting on the 9th will help get me in the mood. I'm looking forward to the elf band. Maybe we will get to song along on one of the songs. Won't you come and add to our chorus?
Charlotte

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



Send a Friend a Note of Good Cheer!

Martha Alspaugh, 140 W. North St., McClure, Ohio 43534
 Charles Hemsoth, Box 36, Malinta, OH 43535
 Carolyn Plassman, Genacross Lutheran Home, 1036 S. Perry St, Napoleon, Ohio 43545
 Jackie Sautter, Fairlawn Haven, Room 132, East Lutz Road, Archbold, Ohio 43502
 Barbara Schnabele, VanCrest Health Center, 415 N. Oak, Deshler, Ohio 43516
 Dolores Zachrich, 1036 S. Perry Street, Lutheran Home, Napoleon, Ohio 43545
If you know of updates needed to this list, contact Sandy Honemann or Marlene Jones.



HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

			DEC. 2019	
	Duane Ressler	Treasurer's Report		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #/payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
10/17		starting balance		\$3,801.14
10/18	DEPOSIT	Meal	\$13.00	\$3,814.14
10/31	DEPOSIT	Interest	\$0.10	\$3,814.24
11/6	DEPOSIT	Dues	\$50.00	\$3,864.24
11/8	ck. #1350 City of Napoleon	Oberhaus Park rental	(\$80.00)	\$3,784.24
11/12	DEPOSIT	Income from meals, 50/50 and Pillars	\$783.00	\$4,567.24
11/13	Ck. #1351 AKA Designs	Meal costs	(\$582.00)	\$3,985.24
11/18	Ck. #1352 Cecily Rohrs	Speaker cost	(\$25.00)	\$3,960.24
11/21	ck. #1353 Pillars of Success	Member donations	(\$157.00)	\$3,803.24
11/21		Current Checking Balance =		\$3,803.24

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! ijschlade@gmail.com



We have lost two of our members:

Sue Meyer – October 31, 2019

Larry Siclair – November 19, 2019



ELECTIONS

Election of officers will be at our next meeting. If you are interested in serving in one of the open positions contact the nominations committee: Faith Hurst, Bill Lytle and Greg Merrill.

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 2024. 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.

November 2019 Meeting Pictures



Cecily Rohrs shares the work of the Shepherd's Circle based in Archbold.



Bev Wittes reports on the Regional ORTA meeting she attended as our representative;



Charlotte won the 50/50 drawing. Let the party begin!

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!

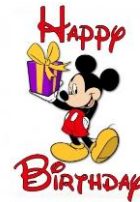
Enclosed is a check for my donation made out to this organization.

_____ Pillars of Success: \$_____

Duane Ressler
 HCRTA Treasurer
 1124 Clairmont Avenue
 Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Birthday List

Dec. 09	Fetterman, Patricia	Jan. 31	Hesterman, Phyllis
Dec. 13	Seagrave, Stephen	Feb. 06	Hill, Patricia
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. 21	Conklin, Becky	Feb. 15	Feehan, Deb
Dec. 24	Rausch, Anne	Feb. 15	Honemann, Sandra R
Dec. 30	Griffith, Charles E	Feb. 15	Mohr, Sue A *
Jan. 03	Grant, Rita R *	Feb. 17	Buehrer, Donna L
Jan. 06	Snider, Jim *	Feb. 18	Hall, LeAnn
Jan. 09	Vocke, Lawrence	Feb. 18	Northcutt, Heather S *
Jan. 10	Stein, Karen	Feb. 23	Anderson, Morten *
Jan. 10	Titgemeyer, Dora W	Feb. 23	Benedict, Joyce E *
Jan. 11	Fetterman, Max	Feb. 23	Hurst, Faith
Jan. 15	Frederick, Janet E *	Feb. 23	Kern, Thomas
Jan. 15	Meyer, Charles H	Feb. 28	Bright, Don
Jan. 18	Follett, David	Feb. 28	Zachrich Dolores *
Jan. 19	Walker, Barb	Mar. 01	Joseph, Robert **
Jan. 23	Schindler, Becky	Mar. 02	Milius, Kevin
Jan. 24	Pamela Schwiebert	Mar. 03	Steed, Joan
Jan. 24	Neuenschwander, Charlene *	Mar. 03	Warnimont, Bev
Jan. 26	Behnfeldt, Peg *	Mar. 10	Baldwin, Richard Neil



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/>



Charlotte presents prize goodies to members!

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