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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 9, 2020

The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday March 9 at 11:30am. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon. Our meeting date falls on national “Get Over It Day”. Sweet! Has something trivial been weighing on your mind? Get over it and use #NationalGetOverItDay to post on social media.



MENU— Baked ham, parmesan scalloped potatoes, creamed peas, candied carrots, tossed salad, roll and butter, lemon sheet cake, coffee/water;

PROGRAM - Tonya Wagner, Arts Coordinator, Soaring Arts Studio - Soaring Arts, affiliated with Filling Home, is a “vibrant and inspiring place where artists of all abilities are empowered to explore their talents and express themselves through the arts”. Learn about the variety of programs and products available at Soaring Arts. Also, Maggie Westrick will give a brief overview of Project We Care, the program selected as our charity for this year.

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 2nd** or contact her directly if you cannot reach your caller. 419-599-1356.

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.

March 9th - Meeting Volunteers

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

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 10:30am)

Hostess Committee

Chuck Klamer

Gregg Merrill

Charlotte Shrider

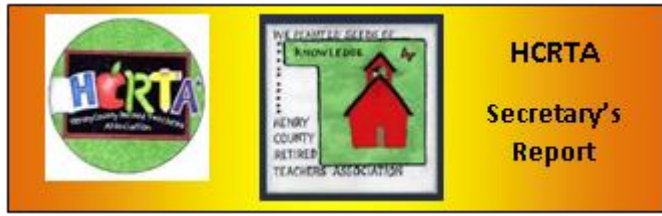
Linda Wagner

Help Needed

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Diane Meyer

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



Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report - December 9, 2019

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for December was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, the tables were dismissed with riddles using Reindeer Names.

Following the meal, the group was entertained by The Elf Band playing Christmas Music.

President Shrider opened the meeting. The treasurer and secretary's report were approved as printed in the newsletter. Pillar of Success basket was passed.

Committee Reports:

Courtesy - Marlene Jones: Wayne Short very ill. Jackie Sautter sent a thank you for thinking of her. Sandy Honemann noted the passing of Renee Weaver's Father.

Legislative: Chuck Klamer had nothing for holiday report.

Community Service - Jan Schlade reported that members had 1200 volunteer hours. Keep up the good work!

Education Foundation - Linda Wagner reported that Chuck Klamer is interested in filling the position coming open on the board. The members then voted to elect him as the new member of the board. First meeting for 2020 was set for January 14th at 10:00 AM.

Old Business:

Duane Ressler is stepping down as treasurer. Greg Merrill thanked Duane Ressler for serving as treasurer and asked members to consider volunteering to take the vacant position. There were no volunteers at this time. Other officers agreed to serve one more year. Steve Seagrave made a motion to accept the current slate of officers leaving the treasurer position to be filled. Terry Witt seconded.

Oberhaus Park facilities will remain the groups meeting place. Mark Matheny will continue to provide the meals.

The executive board will meet January 20, 2020 at 10:00 to set meeting dates and organize the program.

New Business:

President Shrider thanked Set Up Team, Rich and Faith Hurst, Steve Seagrave and Hostess is Jamie Bostelman.

Members discussed 2020 Service Project. Organizations that were considered included: The Humane Society, Together We Make a Difference, Pillars of Success or Project We Care. The group voted to donate to Project we Care for this next year.

Perfect attendance members Bev Wittes and Becky Schindler were honored with a small gift.

Bev Wittes asked members to suggest program ideas for 2020.

Richard Mengerink won \$29.50 in the 50/50 drawing.

Program ended with the teacher version of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

Rosemary Pfau made a motion to adjourn. Linda Wagner seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary

From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider



Time to begin another year of meetings. I want to thank all the officers for staying in their positions for another year. A special thanks to Duane Ressler for agreeing to one more year, with Gregg as his assistant. Bev Wittes has some great meetings lined up for this year. There should be something to appeal to everyone this year. The executive board met in January and discussed some ways to attract new members. We would sure love some new members to join us. I think if they gave us a try, they'd like us! What's not to like? The board also tossed out some ideas for fund raisers. Even though our bank account is sound, we spent more than we took in last year and as a frugal German that concerns me. You'll hear about two ideas at the March meeting. I hope to see you there!

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 cshrid1@roadrunner.com.

2020 PROGRAMS

- **March 9** - Tonya Wagner, Arts Coordinator, Soaring Arts Studio.
- **May 11** – Dave Kleck, the Voice of Sports/News at WNDH Radio.
- **July 13** – Book grant winners and their families will be guests at our dinner. Chief Dave Mack and Officer Rob Lipscomb of the Napoleon Police Department.
- **September 14** – Update with the four Superintendents of Henry County Schools.
- **November 9** – Backstage at the Theater - Doris Piercefield.
- **December 14** – Holiday Harp Music - Celebrate the holiday season with music by Angela Tonjes.

VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2019

The volunteer hours for 2019 are as follows: total volunteer hours

submitted is 6,801.75

hours. We had 42

members submit hours.

Top volunteers were

Steve Seagrave (578), Bev Wittes (390), Gene Grime (359), Tom Jenny (350) and Shirlee Mires-Fejes (307).

HCRTA Community
Service Hours

Volunteer Hours – What Counts?

We keep track of the number of volunteer hours our members contribute in our community. Fill out the form at the meeting, or 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

2020 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. We do have 4 months open so if you would like to help, call Charlotte! If everyone takes a turn it would be great!



Since the last newsletter, the Henry County Retired Teachers Foundation received these donations:

- Larry Gerken (to Brubaker Book Grant)
- Bonnie Sasaki (in memory of Sue Meyer and Larry Sicclair)
- Carol Agler (In memory of Terry Mohler, father to Renee Weaver)
- Bev Curtis (Lois Griffith Book Grant)

Keep the Foundation in mind when giving donations in memory of friends and relatives.

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, Lutheran Home, 1036 S. Perry Street, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

If you know of updates needed to this list, contact Sandy Honemann or Marlene Jones.

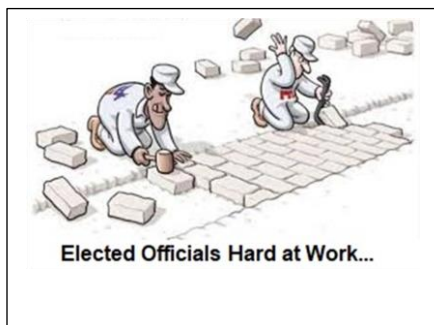


HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION				
	Duane Ressler, Treasurer	Gregg Merrill, Asst.	REPORT FOR MARCH 2020	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #/payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Nov. 21		beginning balance		\$3803.24
Nov. 26	ck. 1353 Charlotte Shrider	postage for newsletters	(\$16.50)	\$3,786.74
Dec. 1	deposit	interest	\$ 0.10	\$3,786.84
Dec. 9	deposit from meeting	meals = \$702, 50/50 = \$29	\$825.00	\$4,611.84
		Pillars donations = \$94		
		postage for newsletters		
Dec. 10	ck. 1357 AKA Designs	Meals for meeting	(\$539.00)	\$4,072.84
Dec. 11	ck. 1355 City of Napoleon	rental of Oberhaus Pk.	(\$80.00)	\$3,992.84
Dec. 16	ck. 1359 Pillars of Success	members donations	(\$94.00)	\$3,898.84
Dec. 17	ck. 1358 Tom Jenny	entertainment	(\$25.00)	\$3,873.84
Dec. 20	ck. 1356 Charlotte Shrider	postage for newsletters	(\$16.50)	\$3,857.34
Dec. 23	remote deposit	meal pmt. Nan Bretz		\$13.00
Dec. 30	remote deposit	meal pmt. Nancy Schink		\$13.00
Dec. 31	deposit	interest		\$ 0.10
Jan. 24	remote deposit	AKA Designs...repaid		\$54.00
Feb. 2	deposit	interest		\$ 0.10
Feb. 20		Ending Balance		\$3937.54
Feb. 20	CD Balance	Henry County Bank		\$1,332.09
		BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS =		\$5,269.63

FOUNDATION ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Submitted by Gene Grime, Foundation Treasurer

HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS FOUNDATION					2019 year-end report on fund totals		
	Checking	CD's	Oppenheimer	Annuity	%	1-10-2020	Totals
12/31/2019		(approx. values)	Funds (approx.)	(guaranteed principal)	of annuity	withdrawal from	
SHERMAN FUNDS	\$319.66	\$11,750.56	\$0.00	\$14,708.24	11.33%	\$774.51	\$27,553.09
GRIFFITH FUNDS	\$580.26	\$10,295.31	\$0.00	\$14,448.61	11.13%	\$774.51	\$26,098.80
KING FUNDS	\$227.94	\$2,557.49	\$7,203.58	\$10,155.57	7.82%	\$544.14	\$20,688.80
BRUBAKER FUNDS	\$200.97	\$10,842.22	\$0.00	\$90,751.02	69.91%	\$4,862.47	\$106,657.38
TOTALS =	\$1,328.83	\$35,445.58	\$7,203.58	\$129,816.79	100.00%	\$6,955.63	\$180,751.41



**ELECTION DAY IS
MARCH 17th,
ST. PATRICK'S DAY**

If you are disappointed in the available election choices, there is always "option2".



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 helping to support *Project We Care*. This group provides help to Henry County families with school age children and younger with clothes and toys for Christmas. 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.

_____ Project We Care: \$ _____

Duane Ressler
 HCRTA Treasurer
 1124 Clairmont Avenue
 Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Birthday List

Mar. 10	Baldwin, Richard Neil	Apr. 06	Shafer, Ann *
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 08	Toepfer, Mary Jill
Apr. 04	Funchion, Peg *		



HCRTA Web Site

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

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

Pictures from December



The 12 Days of Christmas – Teacher Version – Was performed with flair!



The Elf Band Returns!

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

Undesignated

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Napoleon OH 43545

postage

Member

Address