

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

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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 – May 11, 2020

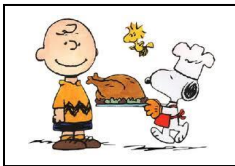
The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday May 11th at 5:30pm. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

PROGRAM - Dave Kleck, the Voice of Sports/News at WNDH Radio; Dave will share some of his experiences from his many years with Henry County's local radio station.

MENU - The menu for this meeting is Chicken breast with lemon sauce, rice pilaf, parmesan broccoli, corn, broccoli slaw, roll and butter and strawberry short cake, coffee/water. We hope to see you there!



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

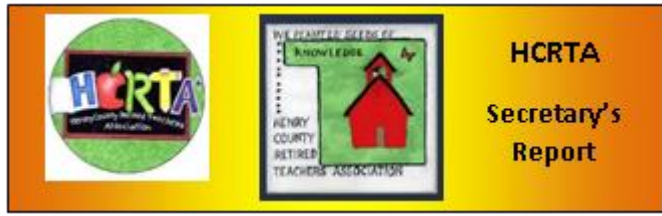
Hosts/Hostesses

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!

May 11th - Meeting Volunteers

Two more setup volunteers are needed for May & July. If you can help, call Charlotte. 419-599-1356

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 4:30pm)		Hostess Committee	
Charlie Meyer	Terry Witt	Carol Agler	Diane Meyer
Help needed	Help needed	Pam Schwiebert	Bev Wittes
Volunteers are needed after the meeting to put away tables and chairs.			



Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – March 9, 2020

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for March was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and Irish prayer, the tables were dismissed by publication dates for songs with green in the title.

During the meal Maggie Westrick shared what Project WE Care does for families in Henry County. Her nonprofit helps families with needs during the Christmas season, particularly with presents for children. This past December they served about 1000 families. Last year it was higher, around 1500. They are looking to start adding services and respond to needs year-round. **Project We Care** is an official 501c3 nonprofit, so donations to them are tax deductible. Following the meal representatives from The Soaring Arts Studio spoke on projects that they participate in and create during the year. They have a studio in downtown Napoleon. They are open from 8am to 5pm five days per week for area residents to come and work on art projects. They also provide lessons. Originally, they were housed at the Filing Home and served residents there. Several of their clients and participants came and spoke about the projects they do for themselves and in the community.

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

Committee Reports:

Legislative: Chuck Klamer reported that not much is being done in our favor at the state level. The chances of the COLA being restored is slim now that the stock market has dropped and endangered the projected growth in interest and dividends.

Membership: Nan Bretz reminded members that new member cards were on the tables. Goal for this year is for all members to invite someone to join.

Community Service: Jan Schlade reported that 831 hours were recorded last quarter.

Courtesy North- Marlene Jones reported Wayne Short died and card was sent to family.

Courtesy South- Sandra Honemann reported Millie Holzer was sent a thinking of you card at son's death.

Historian-Faith Hurst thanked member that brought her news articles.

Education Foundation Annual Reports: The foundation held its annual meeting. Linda Wagner reported Shelby Fackler and Chase Gruenhagen received grants this year. She detailed activities of the board and how book grant forms are promoted. Three of the grants are for people in college and finding ways to reach prospective applicants has been an issue. Gene Grime gave the annual financial report. The funds are invested in CDs and an annuity. At present, the interest each year is enough to provide four grants of \$1500 each.

Old Business:

Gregg Merrill was elected assistant treasurer to aid **Duane Ressler** who was elected treasurer for the 2020 year.

New Business:

Money makers for this year include the May 50/50 tickets which will be \$5.00. At the November meeting Charlotte Shrider will furnish a Christmas basket to be raffled off. Kim Spiess won \$33.00 in the 50/50 drawing. President Shrider gave a thank you to the set-up team.

The next meeting will be May 11, 2020 at 5:30pm. Dave Kleck will be the speaker.

Dora Titgemeyer made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Hoover seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary

From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider

I'm actually at a loss for words. What else can be said about this health crises we are going through? I've been heartbroken over so many things. Our granddaughter is a senior and missing so many High School milestones this year. We haven't gotten to meet our great grandsons yet, and after a shaky start to my piano lesson year with my husband's health now I haven't gotten to see the kids since mid- March. I'm not even mentioning sports, which I love! At this time, I am not sure we will get to have our May meeting. We will reschedule Dave Kleck if we have to cancel the meeting. As soon as we know about the meeting, Steve will send out an email. I wish I could say I have accomplished so much during this "lock down". Alas I haven't. I started out gung-ho and then fizzled out. I keep thinking, "What's the rush?" I hope you are all well and as content as you can be. I hope to see everyone real soon!

HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION				
	Duane Ressler	Treasurer's Report	MAY 2020	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #/payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Feb. 20		starting balance		\$3,937.54
Mar. 1	Deposit	interest added back	\$0.09	\$3,937.63
Mar. 9	ck. #1360 City of Napoleon	Oberhaus Pk. Rental	(\$80.00)	\$3,857.63
	ck. #1361 Steve Seagrave	directories expenses	(\$140.50)	\$3,717.13
	ck. #1362 Charlotte Shrider	postage	(16.50)	\$3,700.63
	ck. #1362 AKA Designs	meals for meeting	(451.00)	\$3,249.63
	ck. # 1364 Proj. We Care	members donations	(98.00)	\$3,151.63
	Deposit	proceeds from meeting	\$687.00	\$3,838.63
Mar. 11	Deposit	transfer from Foundation	\$80.00	\$3,918.63
Mar. 31	Deposit	interest added back	\$0.10	\$3,918.73
	DEPOSIT	donation Pillars \$22, dues \$15, meals \$687, 50/50 \$27, HCRTA Found. \$80, dir. \$5	\$836.00	\$3,778.36
Apr. 13		Current Balance =		\$3,918.73
	CD Balance	Henry County Bank		\$1,332.09
		Interest earned January 2020	\$4.87	\$1,336.96
		Interest earned April 2020	\$4.39	\$1,341.35
Apr. 13		BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS =		\$5,260.08

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.



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.

2020 DIRECTORY

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.

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

HCRT FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019

The annual report for calendar year 2019 was presented at the HCRT meeting on March 9, 2020

The HCRT Foundation has met three times since the general meeting. We will be holding the organizational meeting of 2020 on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. We will select officers for 2020 at this meeting.

The board members for the 2019 year were: Becky Chamberlin-agent, Gene Grime-treasurer, Linda Wagner-President, Terry Witt-Vice-President, Steve Seagrave-secretary, and members Sandy Honemann, Greg Merrill and Jamie Bostelman. Terry Witt has completed her term but has agreed to continue her help with the Scholarships. Charles (Chuck) Klamer has joined the board.

Treasurer Gene Grime will provide copies of the financial report, and it will be in the next newsletter.

The history of the Foundation has been updated, adding the names of the book grant recipients for 2019. Shelby Fackler (2019 Patrick Henry) –Griffith recipient and Chase Gruenhagen (Napoleon HS) -Sherman-recipient. There were no applicants for the King and Brubaker Grants.

The two grants awarded were in the amount of \$1500, which was the same amount as the 2018 grants. The due date for the Griffith Grant is April 6th. The information for the Griffith Grant has been delivered to the 4 county high schools' guidance departments by members of the Foundation board. An invitation to apply for the other grants has been sent to the 2019 recipients and applicants by email. A note will be sent to their homes, as well. Information about the grants will be presented to the media outlets in Henry County. Information about the grants and applications are also available on the HCRT website.

There are handouts describing the grants available today should you wish to post them at a church or other location. Please feel free to encourage any qualified individual you may know to apply. The board has established a policy that an additional grant may be awarded to a direct descendent of one of the creator/namesakes of a book grant. The applicants can indicate on the applications whether that circumstance applies to them. However, the person must meet the same standards as the other applicants.

We have awarded 52 book grants, totaling \$35,000, since 1998. Contributions to the Foundation may be made at any time by sending them to Gene Grime.

Remember, the most effective tool to get qualified applicants has been through personal contact.

Linda Wagner-Foundation President

May 50/50 Raffle

We will be doing some different things to raise funds for the general account. The 50/50 drawing in May will be \$5 per ticket. That means the potential for a much larger prize! If 30 people buy ONE ticket the 50/50 prize would be \$75.



*In Loving
Memory*



Since the last newsletter, the Henry County Retired Teachers Foundation received memorials from Bonnie Sasaki and Millie Holzer in memory of Millie's son Eric.

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

WHAT IF? – Our Next Meeting

If the current “stay at home” social distancing orders are extended by the governor and our meeting is cancelled it will be posted on our web site and an email sent to our members. - Steve

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 helps families with needs during the Christmas season, particularly with presents for children. This past December they served about 1000 families. They are looking to start adding services and respond to needs year-round. **Project We Care** is an official 501c3 nonprofit, so donations to them 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

May 15	Klamer, Charles	June 08	Gerken, Larry *
May 15	George, Barbara	June 14	Eis, Audrey *
May 16	Lyne, Larry B	June 15	Weaver, Renee
May 17	Baer, Dan	June 21	Mueller, Margaret L
May 17	Lammers, Tom *	June 23	Lilly, Diana T *
May 20	Leonard, Carol	July 03	Ressler, Duane M
May 23	Hemsoth, Charles N	July 04	Lytle, William D
May 25	Cline, Garry	July 04	Stevens, Treva M
May 26	Neuenschwander, Kenneth *	July 04	Zachrich, Lawrence
June 03	Witt, Terry	July 08	Schubert, Dale
June 04	Haase, George F *		



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/>

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.



Maggie Westrick and some of the Project We Care clients share information about their activities and the nonprofit.

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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Member

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