

# 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](http://henrycountyrta.weebly.com)

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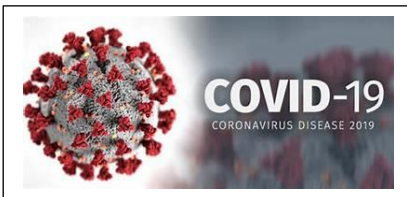
## Mission Statement

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.

## September Meeting – Cancelled



The September meeting of HCRTA has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the need to keep everyone safe. President Charlotte shared the information from the Health Department and surveyed the officers. This was the decision. Charlotte and the officers will assess things again as we see the progress of health measures. Meanwhile, take the precautions necessary to keep you and your loved ones safe.

## A Plea from the President

At our March meeting we heard from *Project We Care's* administrator, Maggie Westrick. She relayed to us the work they do at Christmas time to help children and families in need. Last year they helped almost 1,000 families. We take up an offering at our chapter meetings to give to this cause. Since we haven't had a meeting since March, we haven't been able to send any donations to this cause. We pledged our support by taking this on as our community project. I am asking everyone to send donations to Duane Ressler, our treasurer, at 1124 Clairmont Avenue in Napoleon and he will send in one check to Maggie. Thanks so much for contributing to Project we Care!

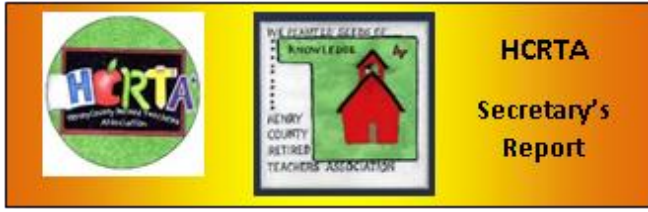


## We have lost two of our members:

John Eddy on June 19, 2020

Sue Sauber on August 14, 2020





**Henry County Retired Teachers Association  
Secretary's Report**

Since the July meeting was cancelled there are no minutes to publish.

**REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS**

**If you have not already done so, please add up your volunteer hours since the December meeting and email these to Jan.** If you emailed her after the last newsletter start from that point. 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](mailto:jj Schlade@gmail.com)

**From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider**

Well I am not going to make any predictions this time of when we can see each other in person. After all the publicity the Winery got after their outbreak I wasn't taking any chances. I did not want to hear Mike DeWine telling about the Henry County Retired Teachers starting an outbreak when he gave a news conference!

I hope you are all staying well and have found ways to keep busy. I have gotten into a routine of crossword puzzles, reading, and Dateline, Secrets Uncovered. My husband sleeps with one eye open. You can learn a lot from watching that show!

Take care everyone!

**DICTIONARY PROJECT**

It has been decided to postpone the Dictionary Project until the time that this COVID-19 pandemic looks better. We can't expect someone to buy dictionaries that we might not be able to deliver to the classrooms. We also want to think about the safety of our own

members who usually go into the classrooms for these presentations.

Gene Grime

**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.



**The Griffith Family Book Grant Winner**

**Audrey Wade** is a 2020 graduate of Napoleon High School.



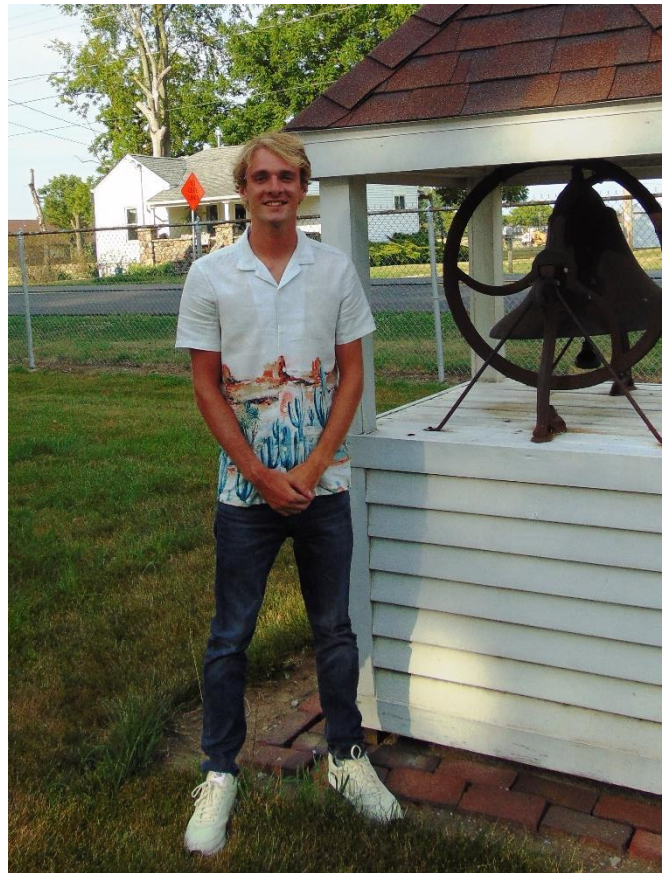
### The Karen Brubaker Book Grant

Maxwell Weaver is a 2019 graduate of Liberty Center High School.



### The Lucille and Margaret Sherman Book Grant Winner

Chase Gruenhagen is a 2017 graduate of Napoleon High School.



#### **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.*



**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.

<b>HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION</b>				
	<b>Duane Ressler, Treasurer</b>	<b>Gregg Merrill, Asst. Treas.</b>	<b>July 2020</b>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #/payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Feb. 20		<b>starting balance</b>		<b>\$3,937.54</b>
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. #1363 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
Apr. 30	Deposit	Interest added back	\$0.09	\$3,918.82
May 31	Deposit	Interest Added Back	\$0.07	\$3,918.89
June 30	Deposit	Interest Added Back	\$0.07	\$3,918.96
July 9	Ck. #1365 Charlotte Shrider	May & June postage	(\$34.10)	\$3,884.86
Aug. 2	Deposit	Interest Added Back	\$0.07	\$3,884.93
Aug. 24		<b>Current Balance =</b>		<b>\$3,884.93</b>
	CD Balance	Henry County Bank		\$1,341.35
		Interest earned July 2020	\$3.26	\$1,344.61
		<b>Current Balance =</b>		<b>\$1,344.61</b>
Aug. 24		<b>BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS =</b>		<b>\$5,229.54</b>

### 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!

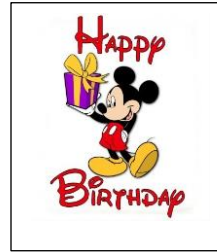
Enclosed is a check for my donation made out to this organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ Project We Care: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

<p align="center"><b>Duane Ressler</b>          HCRTA Treasurer          1124 Clairmont Avenue          Napoleon, Ohio 43545</p>
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## Birthday List

Sep. 04	Schroeder, Jack	Oct. 16	Mengerink, Richard
Sep. 06	Wade, Mary Ann Wade	Oct. 18	Burson, Susan L
Sep. 08	Weaver, Sally J	Oct. 20	Jenny, Tom R
Sep. 09	Sutton, Margaret	Oct. 22	Schlosser, Bruce E
Sep. 10	Wittes, Beverly Ann	Oct. 23	Phillips, Bev
Sep. 15	Helberg, Kathryn J	Oct. 23	Sickmiller, Shirley Ann *
Sep. 20	Hibbard, Jane	Oct. 24	Roby, Susan D
Sep. 20	Merrill, Gregg	Oct. 24	Short, Delores
Sep. 24	Meyer, Konnie *	Oct. 27	Aschemeier, Janet
Sep. 24	Pfau, Rosemary G	Nov. 05	Bostelman, Jamie
Sep. 25	Church, Fred *	Nov. 05	Krauskopf, Linda *
Sep. 26	Schnabele, Barbara A *	Nov. 07	Jameson, Colleen A
Oct. 02	Gill, Linda L	Nov. 09	Shinn, Delbert P *
Oct. 06	Gramling, Vicki	Nov. 10	George, James
Oct. 07	Rettig Janice J	Nov. 13	Long, Larry E
Oct. 14	Sautter, Jackie *	Nov. 14	Kim Spiess



### 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/>

### HCRTA Web Site

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

## TIME TO RENEW?

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Current Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/Apt./Suite #

\_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip

\$30 Annual Renewal Enclosed

Current E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Year of Retirement: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you!*

Need to renew your dues? Just fill out this form and send in your payment to:

**250 East Wilson Bridge Road**  
**Ste. 150**  
**c/o Mia McLean, Membership**  
**Worthington, OH 43085**



\*\*Remember, the date we process your payment is your new due date for the following year (i.e. 06/20/20, new due date is 06/20/21). If you pay your ORTA dues to your local chapter, your payment is applied upon receipt to our office.

## 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