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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 13, 2021

The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday, December 13th at 11:30am. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

PROGRAM - Holiday Harp Music - Celebrate the holiday season with music as Angela Tonjes favors us with selections on the harp. Angela is the Worship and Music Coordinator at Emanuel Lutheran Church in Napoleon, as well as choral accompanist for Leipsic Schools. She also is a free-lance musician, playing for corporate parties, weddings and memorial services in the area.

MENU - Beef tips and mushrooms, mashed potatoes and gravy, candied carrots, parmesan broccoli, tossed salad, roll and butter and red velvet 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 December 6th** 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 for December setup, so if you would like to help, call Charlotte! If everyone takes a turn it would be great!

December 13th - Meeting Volunteers

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

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 10:30am)

Hostess Committee

Kirk Fruth

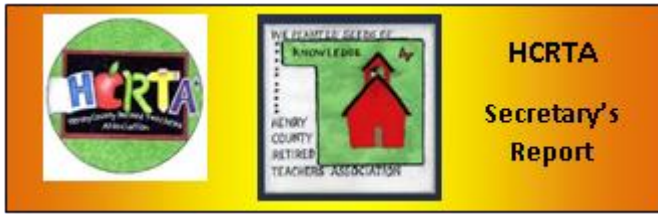
Help needed

Bev Wittes & friends

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



**Henry County Retired Teachers Association
Secretary's Report – November 8, 2021**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for November was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer, President Charlotte recognized the hostesses, Pam Schwiebert and Diane Meyer as well as the setup volunteers Greg Merrill, Faith and Rich Hurst. The tables were dismissed by a contest based on Broadway trivia.

Following the meal, Doris Piercefield, a costume designer for Stranahan Theater spoke about her job and experiences at the Theater. She brought costume changes and demonstrated how quickly a person must move behind the scenes.

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

Committee Reports:

Courtesy - Members Linda Wagner and Carol Agler had knees replaced but doing well, Chuck Klamer passed away unexpectedly and Steve Seagrave lost his wife in October.

ORTA news and notes - Carol Wolf gave quick update. Your \$300 insurance rebate was to pacify you, Steve Seagrave urges you to continue to write letters, read and keep up with information about how STRS is misusing your money.

Membership: none

Community Service - Jan Schlade reported that members logged 1065 volunteer hours. Tom Jenny, Bev Wittes and Pam Schwiebert were the top volunteers.

Education Foundation - Steve Seagrave spoke for deceased president (Chuck Klamer) about HCRTA Foundation 2021 proposed bylaws changes. The changes are to deal with (1) filling board openings when the Annual Meeting is cancelled and (2) expanding the elected Board members from the current five to seven members. If adopted, we will have three positions to fill at the December meeting so interested HCRTA members are encouraged to contact him.

MOTION: Steve Seagrave made motion to accept the proposed amendments. Terry Witt Seconded the motion. APPROVED.

Old Business:

Dictionary Project - Gene Grime noted he put an article about the project in the newspaper. He shared with the group that many of his quotes in the newspaper articles he writes are taken from the bottom of **Menard Flyers**. The Dictionary fund was given \$180 dollars from the Carolyn Plassman estate. Mr. Grime explained that not all schools want dictionaries anymore. Napoleon third graders received math fact flash cards instead.

Nominations - The Nominating Committee presented the slate of 2022 officers. **President:** Charlotte Shrider, **Vice President:** Bev Wittes, **Secretary:** Pam Schwiebert, **Assistant** Diane Meyer, **Treasurer:** Greg Merrill, **Assistant** Duane Ressler and **Past President** Charlie Meyer. The membership voted to elect the slate of officers as presented.

New Business:

The next meeting will be at 11:30am on December 13, 2021. Angela Tonjes will entertain the group with her harp.

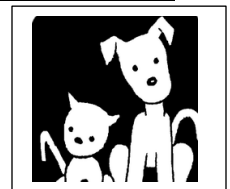
Bev Wittes and friends will serve as hostesses. Come early to help set up if you can.

Rosalee Ashenfelter made a motion to adjourn. Renee Weaver seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary

HUMANE SOCIETY ITEMS TO BRING

Reminder – We decided to bring donations for the Henry County Humane Society to the remaining 2021 meetings. Here are the things that they need.



- paper towels bleach
- Mr. Clean cleanser
- collars, leashes hand towels Dawn dish soap
- wash cloths baby food: beef, chicken, or turkey
- 32- or 39-gallon trash bags disposable gloves
- Arm & Hammer laundry detergent
- newspaper (without adds)

NOTE OF CHEER

If anyone knows of a member who needs a “note of cheer” due to illness, struggles, or loss please contact our cheer coordinators. Sandy Honemann (419-274-7194) handles members south of the river and Marlene Jones (419-533-4788) handles those north of the river.

FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

If you would be interested in serving on the Foundation board for a one of the new 3 or 5-year terms starting January 1st please contact our Foundation Secretary, Steve Seagrave at 567-225-2933.

Name	Position	Voting Member	Year Term Ends
Becky Chamberlin	Agent	Y	N/A
Gene Grime	Treasurer	Y	N/A
Steve Seagrave	Secretary	Y	N/A
Sandra Honemann	Member	Y	2021
Gregg Merrill	Member	Y	2022
Jamie Bostelman	President	Y	2023
Vacancy	Member	Y	2024
New Position	Member	Y	2024 (then 2029)
Karen Maassel	Member	Y	2025
Replacement for 2021	Member	Y	2026
New Position	Member	Y	2026
Terry Witt	Grants Chairperson	N	N/A

With the loss of our Foundation President, Chuck Klamer, VP Jamie Bostelman automatically moved up to President. According to bylaws, that partial term vacancy would be filled by the Foundation Board at its regular meeting in January. We will need a volunteer for that.

At the December meeting we will need to elect three voting members. One is to replace Sandy Honemann whose term expires, and two are for the newly created terms.

From the President’s Pen – Charlotte Shrider

We have come to the end of our HCRT year. I am so glad we were able to return to having our meetings. I understand many groups in surrounding counties have not met since Covid reared its ugly head. If you felt unsafe attending meetings this year, I hope in 2022 you feel you can safely return. We have missed so many of you this year. Bev Wittes and her program committee will be meeting early in the new year to plan our programs. If you have topics or speakers you think would interest the group, please let her know. I would

like to thank the officers for agreeing to serve another year. I really appreciate all you do to make things run smoothly. I hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving and are well underway in your preparations for the Holidays!

Charlotte

50/50 RAFFLE

Remember to bring some extra cash for our usual 50/50 raffle. The profit all goes to our general fund which is used to cover the rental of our meeting place.



STRS AUDIT – COLA AND YOU

You may recall that ORTA hired a company to do a Forensic Audit of the finances and management at STRS.

There is also a statewide group assisting ORTA in pushing for reform at STRS. The STRS Ohio Watchdogs is a grassroots organization of teachers in Ohio advocating for prudent and transparent management of STRS Ohio.

Visit our website: <https://www.strsohiowatchdogs.com>

Join our Facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/STRSOhioWatchdogs>

Follow us on Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/strsohwatchdogs>

Contact us: strsohiowatchdogs@gmail.com

HCRTA MEMBERS - You can go to the ORTA web site and download and read the audit. Watch the web site for more information. If you are not an ORTA member, **PLEASE JOIN**. We need to be united in our efforts to bring reform and transparency to STRS.

<https://www.orta.org/>

YOUTUBE UPDATES

You can go to YouTube and search “Ohio Retired Teachers Association”, and it will take you to these videos as well as any updates ORTA posts moving forward.

GET INVOLVED!

- WRITE TO STRS
- CONTACT YOUR STATE SENATOR
- CONTACT YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE



HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION				
	Duane Ressler, Treasurer	Gregg Merrill, Asst. Treas.	November 2021	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #/payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Oct. 15		starting balance		\$3,557.98
Nov. 2	CK# 1377 City of Napoleon	Oberhaus Park Rent	(\$90.00)	\$3,556.52
	CK# 1378 C. Shrider	Postage	(\$11.60)	\$3,171.52
	CK# 1379 AKA Designs	Meals	(\$360.00)	\$3,159.92
Nov. 10	Deposit	Meals \$416; Raffle \$170	\$586.00	\$3,557.92
		Balance =		\$3,682.38
	CD Balance as of Oct. 1, 2021	Henry County Bank		\$1,357.75
Oct. 4		Interest earned	\$3.33	\$1,361.08
		New Balance =		\$1,361.08
Nov. 15		BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS =		\$5043.46

ORTA MEMBERSHIP - TIME TO RENEW?	
Full Name: _____	<p>Need to renew your dues? Just fill out this form and send in your payment to:</p> <p>250 East Wilson Bridge Road Ste. 150 c/o Mia McLean, Membership Worthington, OH 43085</p>  <p>**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.</p>
Address: _____	
City _____ State _____ Zip _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 Annual Dues Enclosed	
Current Email Address: _____	

Year of Retirement: _____	
<i>Thank you!</i>	

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 csrider1@roadrunner.com.

	<p>We have lost one of our members:</p> <p>Chuck Klamer on November 6, 2021</p>	
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Send a Friend a Note of Good Cheer!

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.



DONATION OPPORTUNITY

We would like to give those of you that can't attend meetings the chance to contribute to our chapter's causes. The last two years we supported *Project We Care*. Before that it was *Pillars of Success*. At the July meeting we decided to support the **Henry County Humane Society**. Members who do attend regularly might also want to consider writing a check to simplify things and to have a record of your giving. Thanks for considering these worthwhile projects!

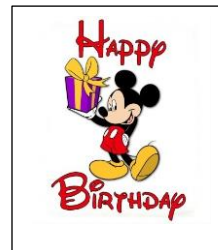
Enclosed is a check for my donation to support this cause.

\$_____ to be donated to _____

Duane Ressler
 HCRTA Treasurer
 1124 Clairmont Avenue
 Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Birthday List – Here is the list for those who like to send birthday wishes.

Dec. 05	Redd, Betsy	Feb. 06	Hill, Patricia
Dec. 08	Aschemeier, Joseph	Feb. 09	Hoover, Nancy
Dec. 09	Fetterman, Patricia	Feb. 12	Hockman, Jan *
Dec. 13	Seagrave, Stephen	Feb. 12	Rohrs, Teresa L
Dec. 13	Shrider, Charlotte Anne	Feb. 15	Curtis, Beverly
Dec. 19	Tietje, Lynette Kay	Feb. 15	Feehan, Deb
Dec. 20	Sasaki, Bonnie	Feb. 15	Honemann, Sandra R
Dec. 21	Conklin, Becky	Feb. 15	Mohr, Sue A *
Dec. 24	Rausch, Anne	Feb. 17	Buehrer, Donna L
Dec. 30	Griffith, Charles E	Feb. 18	Hall, LeAnn
Jan. 06	Snider, Jim *	Feb. 18	Northcutt, Heather S *
Jan. 09	Vocke, Lawrence	Feb. 23	Anderson, Morten *
Jan. 10	Stein, Karen	Feb. 23	Benedict, Joyce E *
Jan. 10	Titgemeyer, Dora W	Feb. 23	Hurst, Faith
Jan. 11	Fetterman, Max	Feb. 23	Kern, Thomas
Jan. 15	Frederick, Janet E *	Feb. 28	Zachrich Dolores *
Jan. 15	Meyer, Charles H	Mar. 01	Joseph, Robert **
Jan. 18	Follett, David	Mar. 02	Milius, Kevin
Jan. 19	Walker, Barb	Mar. 03	Steed, Joan
Jan. 23	Schindler, Becky	Mar. 03	Warnimont, Bev
Jan. 24	Neuenschwander, Charlene *	Mar. 10	Baldwin, Richard Neil
Jan. 24	Schwiebert, Pamela	Mar. 12	Maassel, Karen
Jan. 26	Behnfeldt, Peg *	Mar. 13	Behrman, Walter
Jan. 31	Hesterman, Phyllis	Mar. 13	Guelde, Deb



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/>

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.

Make checks payable to “**Henry Co. Retired Teachers Foundation**”.

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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postage

Member

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