

# 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.

## Next Meeting – March 14, 2021

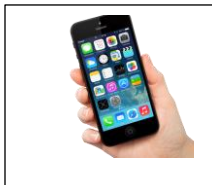
The next meeting of HCRTA will be Monday, March 14th at 11:30am. As usual the meeting will be held at Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

PROGRAM - Robin Rayfield, Executive Director of ORTA, will join us to give an update and answer questions on the continuing efforts to get STRS to be transparent about investments and efforts to get the promised COLA reinstated.

MENU - Ham with pineapple glaze, creamed green peas, roasted potatoes, toss salad, Easter themed cupcakes, 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 Shridder 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 7th** or contact her directly if you cannot reach your caller. 419-599-1356.

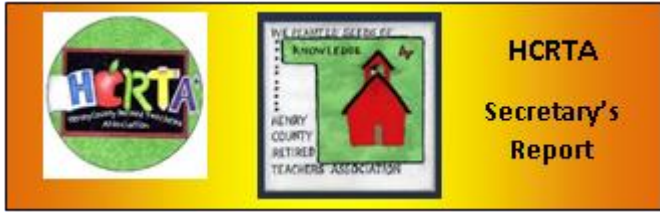
## Hosts/Hostesses

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 not have volunteers for March, so if you would like to help, call Charlotte!** If everyone takes a turn it would be great!

## **March 14<sup>th</sup> - 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	
Help needed		Help needed	
Volunteers are needed after the meeting to put away tables and chairs.			



## Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – December 13, 2021

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for December 13, 2021, was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Shrider recognized the hostesses Bev Wittes and Sandy Honemann. A big thank you to the setup volunteers also. She welcomed guest, Angela Tonjes. Celebrity December birthdays were used to determine table order dismissed to the meal. Sandy Honemann sang the Lord's Prayer and the meal was enjoyed by all.

Following the meal, Harpist, Angela Tonjes, played Christmas music. It was beautiful!

The business meeting resumed. The secretary's and treasurer's report were approved as printed in the newsletter.

1. Committee Reports:
  - a. Legislative: Steve Seagrave gave an update on STRS's questionable investments. He urged you to read updates and continue to contact your state representative or state senator.
  - b. Community Service: Jan Schlade gave a thank you to those that reported during last year. Members with highest number of hours, Tom Jenny and Gene Grime, were recognized.
  - c. Education Foundation: Updates were given, and ballots distributed for the open and newly created positions. New members elected and their terms were Kirk Fruth (2026), Larry Zachrich (2026) and Janet Aschemeier (2024) were elected.
2. Old Business:
  - a. Charlotte reported that \$169 dollars were taken in on the November Christmas basket raffle.
  - b. Gene Grime stated that dictionaries were taken to the schools that still wanted them and flash cards were purchased for the Napoleon School District.
3. New Business:
  - a. President Shrider led a discussion to choose a new community giving project. After some discussion, Nancy Hoover made a motion to

contribute to LifeWise Academy. MaryAnn Wade seconded the motion. Napoleon, Liberty Center and Holgate will receive two months donations during the year.

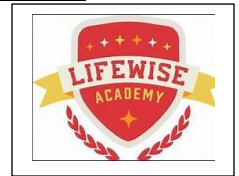
- b. A basket was passed and collected \$241.00 for the tornado victims in Mayfield, Kentucky.
4. Carole Wolfe won the 50/50 drawing of \$20.00.

Jerry Osborn made motion to adjourn. Sandy Honemann seconded the motion to adjourn.  
Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pam Schwiebert, HCRTA Secretary

### LIFEWISE ACADEMY

For 2022 this is the project we voted to support. Local communities are working towards spreading God's Word to our youth by starting the LifeWise program. This is a program where school children are released from class during the school day to attend Christian instruction off campus. The local programs began in the fall of 2021.



Below is a link to a video that explains the program and how it works. If you itemize your taxes, this is a 501c3 so a check written to LifeWise would be a way to document this tax deduction.

<https://youtu.be/-xz5IKZtwMA>

### 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.

### MISSING MEMBER INFORMATION

We have lost track of one of our members. Bob Baker has moved to a nursing home, but I have no information. If someone has this and can share, please contact me. Steve

### 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 [cshriders1@roadrunner.com](mailto:cshriders1@roadrunner.com).

## From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider

Welcome back to another year of interesting programs, STRS updates and visiting with fellow retirees. I hope you have been doing well during our time apart and are ready to get back together! Our meeting is one day before the Ides of March which I have found was the last day in the Roman calendar that the Romans could settle their debts. I have filled in the Ides of March many times in crossword puzzles but never knew its significance. You ARE never too old to learn! Come to a meeting this year if you haven't in a while. Who knows what you'll learn!

Charlotte

### 2022 PROGRAMS

- **March 14** – Robin Rayfield, Executive Director of ORTA
- **May 9** - Tahir Masood will tell us about Agape Missions Worldwide. This is a local (Liberty Center) nonprofit.
- **July 11** - Book grant winners and their families will be guests at our dinner. Kaelyn Kinnan, Miss Agriculture USA 2021.
- **September 12** – We will have a presentation on LifeWise Academy.
- **November 14** – Local author, Don Allison will speak about the books he has written.
- **December 12** - We will have a musical program presented by Bill and Kathy Beck. Their group, "Squeeze Play", has an entertaining program planned for us.

### 2022 DIRECTORY

The new directory has been 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.

### 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.



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

- Jan Schlade
- Larry Gerken

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

### STRS FACTS

ACCORDING TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF STRS:

**13.8 BILLION WOULD BE THE COST OF COLA FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS, the average life expectancy of a STRS RETIREE.**

**PROJECTED EARNINGS FOR STRS is PROJECTED AT SEVEN PERCENT A YEAR**

**STRS CURRENT ASSET VALUE IS APPROXIMATELY 100 BILLION. 7% times 100 billion EQUALS SEVEN BILLION EARNINGS PER YEAR.**

**TOTAL EARNINGS FOR EIGHTEEN YEARS IS 126 BILLION!**

**SUBTRACT COLA of 14 BILLION AND (126B - 14B = 112B) STRS WOULD STILL HAVE 112 BILLION**

**Deficit amount for yearly Retiree Payments is 4 BILLION (4B X 18yrs = 72B) ...= Amt paid out for 18 years**

**(112 B-72 B =40 B) ...40 Billion excess after paying COLA and DEFICIT**



**STRS would EARN ENOUGH TO PAY COLA and COVER PAYMENTS TO RETIREES AND STILL HAVE 40 BILLION LEFTOVER.**

### NEWSLETTER COSTS

We would like to have your email address if you have email. That way we can email the newsletter to you and save postage and printing costs. Just email Steve to make the change.

<b>HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION</b>				
	<b>Gregg Merrill, Treasurer</b>	<b>Duane Ressler, Asst. Treas.</b>	<b>February 2022</b>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #/payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Nov. 15		<b>starting balance</b>		<b>\$5,043.46</b>
Dec. 6	Deposit	HCRTF 2021 Annual Gift to cover winner meals and Dec. rental of Oberhaus	\$225.00	\$3,907.32
Dec. 13	CK# 1380 City of Napoleon	Oberhaus Rental	(\$90.00)	\$3,817.32
	CK# 1381 C. Shrider	Postage for Newsletter	(\$11.60)	\$3,805.72
	CK# 1382 AKA Designs	Meals	(\$440.00)	\$3,365.72
	CK# 1383 VOID			
	CK# 1384 MS Tonjes	Entertainment	(\$100.00)	\$3,265.72
Dec. 14	Deposit	Meals, 50/50 Drawing	\$514.00	\$3,779.72
Dec. 15	Deposit	Mayfield Relief Fund Donations	\$270.00	\$4,049.72
Dec. 16	CK# 1385 Mayfield Relief	Donations sent for Tornado Relief	(\$270.00)	\$3,779.72
	Deposit	Interest (December & January)	\$0.31	\$3,780.03
		<b>Balance =</b>		<b>\$3,780.03</b>
	CD Balance as of Nov. 15	Henry County Bank		\$1,361.08
Jan. 4		Interest earned	\$3.34	\$1,364.42
		<b>New Balance =</b>		<b>\$1,364.42</b>
Jan. 31		<b>BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS =</b>		<b>\$5,144.45</b>

<b>HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' FOUNDATION – Gene Grime, Treasurer</b>					<b>2021 year-end report on fund totals</b>		
	<b>Checking</b>	<b>CD's</b>	<b>Invesco</b>	<b>Annuity</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>1-11-2021</b>	<b>Totals</b>
12/31/2021		<b>(approx. values)</b>	<b>Funds</b>	<b>(guaranteed principal)</b>	<b>of annuity</b>	<b>withdrawal from</b>	
<b>SHERMAN FUNDS</b>	\$405.53	\$10,618.00		\$14,448.61	11.13%	\$774.16	\$26,246.30
<b>GRIFFITH FUNDS</b>	\$1,719.91	\$6,335.80		\$14,448.61	11.13%	\$774.16	\$23,278.48
<b>KING FUNDS</b>	\$2,344.79	\$0.00	\$7,561.99	\$10,164.65	7.83%	\$544.63	\$20,616.06
<b>BRUBAKER FUNDS</b>	\$129.45	\$18,200.33		\$90,754.92	69.91%	\$4,862.68	\$113,947.38
<b>TOTALS =</b>	\$4,599.68	\$35,154.13	\$7,561.99	\$129,816.79	100.00%	\$6,955.63	\$184,088.22

	<p><b>We have lost one of our members:</b> Larry Gerken on February 21, 2022</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. At the December meeting we decided to support the **LifeWise Academy**. 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 this worthwhile project!

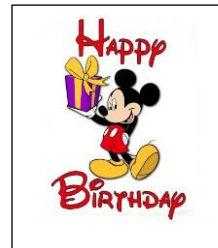
Enclosed is a check for my donation to support this cause.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ to be donated to \_\_\_\_\_

**Gregg Merrill**  
 HCRTA Treasurer  
 1500 Thershan Drive  
 Napoleon, Ohio 43545

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

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. 20	Baker, Bob	Apr. 21	Leigh Anne Kraft
Mar. 22	Sasaki, Laryce M *	Apr. 22	Bretz, Nan
Mar. 23	Utz, Rick L *	Apr. 29	Chamberlin, Becky
Mar. 23	Williams, Shirley J	Apr. 29	Schlade, Janice
Mar. 30	Wagner, Linda M	May 01	Mires-Fejes, Shirlee ***
Apr. 01	Grime, J. Gene	May 04	Miller, Janis
Apr. 01	Rettig, Roland ***	May 06	Ritchey, Cheryl J
Apr. 04	Fruth, Kirk	May 06	Rohrs, Kay *
Apr. 04	Funchion, Peg *	May 08	Toepfer, Mary Jill



## 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, 192 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

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