

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

Volume 28, Issue 3

July 2022

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 – July 11, 2022

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

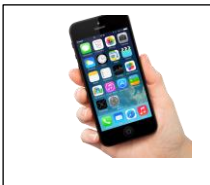
PROGRAM - Book grant winners and their families will be guests at our dinner. Kaelyn Kinnan, Miss Agriculture USA 2021, will tell us how she came to win this title and share her experiences promoting agricultural issues across the county. She is from Liberty Center and is currently a student at BGSU, majoring in pre-vet medicine.

MENU – Since we lost our caterer and are looking for a replacement, this meal will be a potluck. There will be no charge for the meeting. The men are asked to bring a dessert and the women a main course or a side. Charlotte will have the table service, and iced tea. Gregg Merrill will bring bottled water.

Even though it is a potluck, we will still do reservations, so we know how many to plan on. REMEMBER, our book grants winners and families will be at this meeting. We hope to see you there!



Meal Reservations



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 July 3rd or contact her directly if you cannot reach your caller. 419-599-1356.

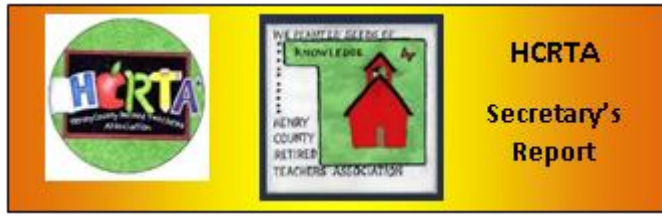
Hosts/Hostesses

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 some of the months. If you would like to volunteer, call Charlotte! If everyone takes a turn it would be great!

June 11th - Meeting Volunteers

More setup volunteers are needed for other meetings. If you can help, call Charlotte. 419-599-1356

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 4:30pm)		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 – May 9, 2022**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for May 9, 2022, was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Shrider gave a big thank you to the setup volunteers, Rich Hurst, Charlie Meyer and Terry Witt also to Faith and Carole for hosting. The order of important events that took place in the month of May was used to dismiss the tables for lunch.

Following the meal, representatives from Agape Missions Worldwide, Inc. explained to the Association the purpose of the Agape Missions nonprofit. With the help of donations, the goal of the group is to aid the orphaned, needy and street children of Christian communities in third world countries. Today's presentation was on the project in Pakistan. For more information to donate check out the website! <http://agapemw.weebly.com>

Following the presentation President Shrider called the meeting to order.

The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Community Service: Tom Jenny, Bev Wittes, Karen Maassel and Gene Grime were recognized with the most reported volunteer hours.

Education Foundation: The financial report was in last newsletter. Patty Hill stated updated information was on the Retired Teacher Website.

Membership: Nan Bretz asked members for names of recently retired teachers in the area. Sandy Honemann volunteered to be on the membership committee with Nan.

Old Business:

Lifewise Academy: Donations for the March meeting were \$105.00. This will be divided by the three county schools participating in the program. (Napoleon, Liberty Center, and Holgate)

Membership Committee: President Shrider asked for members to consider volunteering to be on the membership committee, the goal being to have a volunteer from each school community.

New Business:

Catering: The group was made aware of the need to find a new caterer because of health issues. If members have information about a local caterer that could fulfill this need, please contact President Shrider.

July Meeting: The July 11th, 2022, meeting will be held at 5:30. The speaker for this evening will be Kaelyn Kinnan, Miss Agriculture USA. The 2022 Scholarship winners and their families will also be present. Due to the caterer issue, it the members present voted to have a POTLUCK for the July meeting. Charlotte Shrider will bring tableware, Greg Merrill volunteered to furnish cases of water. Men attending should bring a dessert.

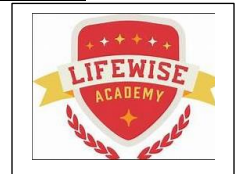
Leigh Anne Kraft won the 50/50 drawing.

Leigh Anne Kraft made motion to adjourn with Rosemary Pfau seconding the motion.

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.

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 cshrider1@roadrunner.com.

From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider

I just got back from a week in Lake Lure, North Carolina. We stayed at a beautiful resort but the roads to and from were miles of hairpin turns. It reminded me of when I did the road to Hanna in Hawaii and my stomach reacted the same way. I like to look at the mountains, but I sure prefer riding the flat roads of Ohio! Have you had your summer vacation yet?

I have contacted several caterers and both of them I called said our group is too small for them to take on. I am hoping you have some ideas we can talk about at the meeting.

I hope to see many of you at our meeting on the 11th!

Charlotte

DIRECTORY UPDATES

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.

STRS ELECTION

If you have not yet heard, all three candidates backed by ORTA and the reform groups were elected to the STRS Board. They take office September 1st.

So, the “reform” members of the board will be Rudy Fichtenbaum, Wade Steen, Elizabeth Jones, Steven Foreman and Julie Sellers.

HOWEVER, if you have been following the actions of the STRS Board since the election, it would appear that there is little interest in addressing the issues that caused active and retired teachers to overwhelmingly reject the sitting board members efforts to be re-elected. In fact, even in light of this and the sharp drop in the stock market, there have been no apparent efforts to rethink their approach. At the June board meeting they voted raises for staff, increases in bonuses, and a 27th paycheck for employees.

We will need to stay active with ORTA and the main reform groups (STRS Members Only FB group and STRS Ohio Watchdogs FB group). It may be necessary for us to organize for NEXT May's election to push for more reform candidates.



FINALLY, if you are not yet an ORTA member, please join. That is the best way to keep informed.

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 donations in memory of Dora Titgemeyer.

- Marlene & Marvin Jones
- Jan Schlade

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

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.

REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

If you were NOT at the May meeting and have not already done so, please add up your volunteer hours since March 1st and email these to Jan.

One of the things we try to do is to keep track of the number of volunteer hours our members contribute to 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

HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION				
	Gregg Merrill, Treasurer	Duane Ressler, Asst. Treas.	May 31, 2022	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Ck #/payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
April 1		starting balance		\$3,631.13
April 1	Deposit	Interest	\$0.06	\$3,631.19
May 9	CK# 1340 City of Napoleon	Oberhaus Rental	(\$90.00)	\$3,541.19
	CK# 1341 AKA Designs	Meals	(\$429.00)	\$3,112.19
May 13	Deposit	Meals	\$429.00	\$3,595.19
	Deposit	50/50 Drawing	\$27.00	\$3,622.19
	Deposit	Directory	\$5.00	\$3,627.19
	Deposit	Lifewise	\$235.00	\$3,862.19
		Balance =		\$3,862.19
	CD Balance as of May 31	Henry County Bank (Interest)	\$3.31	\$1,367.73
Mar. 30		BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS =		\$5,229.92

Agape Missions Worldwide

At our May meeting our speakers were Tahir & Fouzia Masood, and HCRTA member Steve Seagrave. The Agape Missions Worldwide charitable foundation was established and registered in January 2017. They are a newly formed, small, grass-roots charitable foundation based in Liberty Center, Ohio.

The nonprofit began as a local church effort to help a Christian family from Pakistan who had come to America seeking asylum. (Members of Liberty Chapel UMC brought the Masood family to meet with members of the church in early 2016.) In their home country they were actively involved in supporting and extending outreach to their Christian community and had become concerned for the safety of their family. They operate a nonprofit in Faisalabad, Pakistan for the support of several Christian communities.

Currently Agape Missions Worldwide is working to provide basic health care, primary education, and Sunday Schools for orphaned and needy children in culturally Christian communities in Pakistan. Orphaned and needy children, families and individuals in this community go without proper food, education, shelter and essential medical care every day due to a variety of factors including low wages, job loss, injuries, illness, age, domestic violence, or discrimination. The only way they are allowed education or services is if they convert to Islam and give up their faith.

For more information go to <http://agapemw.weebly.com>. You can sponsor a child or make one-time donations.



We have lost one of our members:
Delores (Dee) Zachrich on May 28, 2022



Send a Friend a Note of Good Cheer!

Margaret Mueller, 225 S Damascus St, Liberty Center OH 43532
 Robert C. Baker c/o West Chester Assisted Living & Memory Care Center, 6267 Glen Hollow
 Township, OH 45011

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!

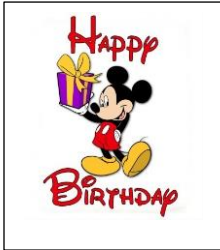
Enclosed is a check for my donation to support this cause.

\$_____ 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.

July 03	Ressler, Duane M	Aug. 06	Myrice, Mary Jane
July 04	Lytle, William D	Aug. 07	Krugh, W. Tennyson *
July 04	Stevens, Treva M	Aug. 10	Schall, Nancy A *
July 04	Zachrich, Lawrence	Aug. 11	Shepard, Jan
July 14	Wesche, Mary Kay *	Aug. 13	Agler, Carol
July 16	Klamer, Linda	Aug. 13	Baldwin, Nancy
July 17	Gerken, Kae	Aug. 19	Meyer, Diane
July 19	Schink, Nancy C	Aug. 19	Meyer, James
July 24	Ashenfelter, Rosalie A	Aug. 21	Krueger, Marlyn
July 25	Buchhop, Diane	Aug. 21	Rosebrook, Judy
July 31	Conrad, David L	Aug. 24	Denny, Gerry L *
Aug. 01	Osborn, Jerri	Sep. 04	Schroeder, Jack
Aug. 02	Joseph, Mary H	Sep. 06	Wade, Mary Ann Wade
Aug. 02	Johnson, Lucinda	Sep. 08	Weaver, Sally J



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

Undesignated

HCRTA

735 Sheffield

Napoleon OH 43545

postage

Member

Address