

**Henry County Retired Teachers Association  
Secretary's Report  
September 11, 2011**

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for September was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, President Shrider recognized guests Judy Rand and Vicki Gramling. She thanked Rich and Faith Hurst, Duane Ressler, Jerri Osborn and Karen Maassel for set-up today and Nan Bretz, Nancy Hoover and Kim Spiess for being the hostess committee. A prayer before the meal was given by Nancy Hoover. Tables were dismissed to the meal by means of putting into order names of past presidents of HCRTA. A delicious meal of pork loin and various sides was enjoyed by all.

After the meal, Vice President Karen Maassel introduced "Betsy Ross" (aka reenactor Sandy Zekurish). Betsy told us the story of her life, from her beginning as a member of a very large Quaker family, through her three marriages with many associated joys and tragedies. It was a fascinating story, which of course included how she came to make her famous flag. We all learned so much about the real life of an important historical figure with this presentation.

The business meeting was called to order. The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as presented in the newsletter.

**Committee Reports:**

**Courtesy:** Marlene Jones reported sending greetings to several members. Nan Bretz was congratulated on her 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Legislative:** Becky Schindler asked members to inform themselves concerning Issue 2, which will be on the ballot in November.

**Membership:** Nan Bretz again welcomed the visitors present today.

**Community Service:** Tom Jenny had as usual placed volunteer hour tally sheets at each table.

**Historian:** Faith Hurst reported receiving two articles today and always appreciates those who bring things to her.

**Dictionary Project:** Gene Grime reported that the dictionaries for this year have already arrived and those who signed up to do the presentations to third grade classes could take them today. A few more volunteers were needed to fill slots at some of the schools.

**Webmaster/Newsletter:** Steve Seagrave reported that the website has been updated with this year's scholarship winners. President Charlotte reported hearing from Jackie Sautter and Jack Fruchey about the newsletter. A new address may be needed for Diana Lilly, as her copy was returned.

**Education Foundation:** Chair Terri Witt reported that they will be looking for a new member of this committee in the coming year. She will be making contacts with members to find those who may be interested in filling this position.

**Old Business:** Jan Schlade presented a slate of officers from the nominations committee: Pres.- Charlotte Shrider; V. Pres.- Karen Maassel; Sec.- Bev Wittes; Asst. Sec.- Ann Rausch; Trea.- Duane Ressler; Asst. Trea.- Larry Vocke. President Shrider asked for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the vote was taken and the slate of officers were elected.

**New Business:** President Charlotte reported that the committee investigating possible changes in our constitution will have a report at the next meeting. Steve Seagrave, Jan Schlade and Greg Merrill are serving on this committee.

Our speakers in November will be Black Swamp Medicine Girls. Hostess Committee for November will be Sandy Honemann, Renee Weaver and Bev Wittes.

Terri Witt won the 50/50 drawing for the day.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Steve Seagrave, seconded by Charlie Meyer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary