

CCRTA

NEWSLETTER

C L E R M O N T C O U N T Y R E T I R E D T E A C H E R S A S S O C .

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- **MARCH 31** NEWEST INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION. Presentation by Mark Slagle, technology coordinator for Goshen Local Schools.
- **JUNE 23** WHAT'S THE LATEST WORD ON OUR RETIREMENT SYSTEM? Representative Todd Book, Chair of the House Committee on Ohio's Retirement System is scheduled to speak.
- **SEPT. 15** INSIGHTS ON STRS & THE LEGISLATURE. Ann Hanning, Executive Director of ORTA will be updating us.
- **NOV. 17** MUSICAL PROGRAM BY A SCHOOL CHOIR (TBA)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings from Bob Denny, President CCRTA.

I am looking forward to meeting each of you during 2010. This is going to be a very important year for all

STRS retirees as we deal with the ongoing pension crisis that is to be a part of important legislation that the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives will be dealing with sometime during this year's legislative sessions.

The CCRTA Executive Committee, made up of officers and committee chairpersons, met in early January to discuss and schedule our four programs for the year. We reviewed the membership surveys that were returned to us. They seemed to indicate a desire for programs about educational innovations, speakers from the legislature and ORTA that would share valuable insights about what the final outcome of legisla-

tion might look like as it related to the five public pension systems. The November meeting hopefully will be a nice musical program just prior to Thanksgiving. Final details are still being worked out.

CCRTA members will be contacted by the phone tree membership committee prior to each scheduled meeting. In order to accommodate program scheduling, please make note on your calendars that the March meeting will take place on the 5th Wednesday & the June meetings on the 4th Wednesday of those two months. The September and November meetings will remain on the 3rd Wednesdays.

I would urge you to make use of the following websites for information: www.strs.org, www.orta.org, and www.clermontrta.org.

A special thanks to all the officers and committee chairs for their time and commitment. The association could not exist without them.

PLEASE JOIN US

CCRTA was organized to keep retired educators involved in local, state, & national issues involving education and retirement as well as providing a social network for our members. CCRTA dues are only \$5.00 a year or \$40.00 for lifetime. We are proud to say that these numbers have not changed for over 30 years. In order to hold down costs, this is the only newsletter to be mailed in 2010. We attempt to contact our members about meetings through the website, phone chain or through email. If you wish to be added to the phone or email list, please let an officer or committee chair know. For your convenience, we have provided a form for this information which you can use. (See back side.)

Membership is by calendar year. Therefore, your 2010 dues are due now. To renew your membership (or join for the first time), make your check payable to CCRTA & bring it to the March meeting or mail it to our treasurer:

Jan Dumford

4 Commanche Court

Loveland, OH 45140

MARCH MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY MARCH 24TH

NAME _____

MEALS @ \$10.00 _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CCRTA

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JUNE MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY JUNE 16TH

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SEPTEMBER MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY SEPT. 8TH

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NOVEMBER MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY NOV. 10TH

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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is to be held March 31st, 2010, at the Owensville Methodist Church at 2580 US Route 50 just east of Owensville. How teaching has changed over the years is the theme of the program. (You may wish you were still teaching or be glad you're not!)

11:00 Check In/Social Time

12:00 Luncheon, followed by program and business meeting

2:00 Adjournment

(Lunch reservation forms for all four meetings are included elsewhere in the newsletter)

DID YOU KNOW?

**CCRTA was
organized on
April 22, 1970.**

**HAPPY 40TH
BIRTHDAY, CCRTA.**

CCRTA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

(This can be included with your dues or brought to the March meeting.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday (if you dare): _____

Visit our website

clermontrta.org

for the latest STRS news as well as information about CCRTA

SUPPORT REPEAL OF GPO/WEP (GOVERNMENT PENSION OFFSET & WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION)

The Social Securities Fairness Act, HR 2235 and S484, would repeal each of these unfair practices. More than 300 congressional representatives have signed onto the bill, including all but three Ohio Representatives. Senator Sherrod Brown supports the bill, Senator George Voinovich does not. Unfortunately, this bill has been languishing in committee since 2007. The House Ways & Means Committee last discussed it in January 2009. If it isn't passed before November, it will have to be reintroduced. Now's the time to call your United States Senators and Congressmen (women.)

There is much you can do. The NEA has created a six minute video on YouTube called Penalties for Public Service.mov. Watch it and send it to everyone you know. The NEA has an electronic petition on its website (nea.org/home/16491.htm). Sign & send it. The video can be seen from this website as well. These unfair provisions affect all public employees, but disproportionately women.

Help get Congress moving on this bill this year.

Original article by Kathleen A. Pichola, Copley

M E E T O U R N E W P R E S I D E N T

Since most of my career was spent outside Clermont County and not too many of you know me, I was asked to insert a little information about myself. Here goes...

I earned my undergraduate degree from Eastern Ky. University and graduate degrees in Educational Administration from Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati. I taught eight years at the elementary and junior high level and spent thirty one years in administration. I had the unique experience of three different tenures at Mariemont totaling twenty seven years, three years at Bethel, and two years at Batavia. I served two years as a professional development coordinator for the Northern Ky. Cooperative for Educational Services and four years as the Director of the Ky. Dept. of Education Region 4 Service Center at NKU. Our primary job in the last two assignments was to provide in-service training for teachers and administrators who were implementing KERA, the Ky. Education Reform Act during the decade of the nineties. I served one year as an educational consultant with the Educational Services Institute in Mariemont, which gave my wife and I the opportunity to

spend ten days as part of a consulting team in England who were visiting the various levels of the British Schools.

I am married to Jan Denny and live in Miami Township. Jan is also a CCRTA member and taught at Bethel and Milford during her 30 year career as a primary teacher. We have a son and daughter. We are also proud of our six grandchildren – two grandsons and four granddaughters. We are active in our church, love to travel when time allows, and Jan is active in Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

I can be contacted on my home phone: 513-831-7997, my cell: 513-324-8491, or by email: rkdenny@fuse.net.

I look forward to serving as your president this year and pledge to do the best I can.

Sincerely,
Bob Denny

