

CCRTA NEWSLETTER

CLERMONT COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

2013 EDITION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings, and Happy 2013!

The CCRTA Executive Committee met in January and, after reviewing the membership's surveys, we believe we have developed interesting, relevant programs for this year. We varied the locations of the meetings and, through contacts of the amazing committee members, we have scheduled speakers describing educational innovations and provided showcases of educational excellence in our county. Thanks to the officers and committee chairs for a great team effort.

CCRTA meetings will be announced in local newspapers, on our website, and members will be reminded by phone and email. Please note that all meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month. It is imperative that you make reservations with Pauline Caudill on the designated date, especially when we are meeting at restaurants. It has been necessary to increase the cost of our lunches to \$11.

The book swap will continue each meeting. Please bring 3 books to donate, and browse through the selection of reading materials that you may obtain for a few dollars. The proceeds support our scholarship fund. Thank you to Vice-President Linda McKinney for organizing this activity.

We still have twelve cookbooks for sale at \$10 each. The recipes are designed for busy people, and they are easy to prepare and delicious! They make great gifts!

This year ORTA is emphasizing membership. If you know of a recently retired teacher, or one who has not yet joined, please invite him or her to a meeting. Sometimes, personal contact is the best motivation for a potential member!

Please regularly check the websites for current information: <http://www.clermontrta.org/>, <http://www.orta.org/>, <http://www.strs.org/>.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in March. If you need to contact me, please call or email me.

Stay warm!

Joan Ballbach, President

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2013 PROGRAM PLANS

MARCH 20: Holiday Inn Eastgate McKenna's Lunch Buffet. M.E. Steele-Pierce, former Assistant Superintendent of West Clermont Schools, will speak about current education issues.

JUNE 19: Owensville United Methodist Church. Presentation of scholarship recipients and writing contest winners.

SEPTEMBER 18: Campbell's Barn, 1852 SR 125, Amelia. Darrell Edwards, Goshen School Superintendent, will discuss new teacher regulations and evaluation procedures.

NOVEMBER 20: Owensville United Methodist Church. Music program by Batavia 3rd and 4th Grade Choir, directed by Karen Allen.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Al Ison reported that the Clermont County Chapter of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association turned in 4216.5 hours for 2012. This was an increase from the 4099 hours in 2011. Congratulations, members, for all your hard work and willingness to give back to our communities.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2012, our chapter was once again able to donate two \$500.00 scholarships. Of that amount, \$191.01 was raised through the efforts of Jan Denny's raffles at three of our meetings, \$206.00 from Linda McKinley's book swap, and additional money from your lunch donation. A huge thank you goes out to those of you who made personal donations to the fund as well. 2012 recipients were Rebecca Strauss from Goshen and Victoria Davis from Batavia.

3RD GRADE LETTER WRITING CONTEST

In 2012, we had 90 entries from around the county. We found, for the most part, the letters were more similar this year and thus, more difficult to judge. We finally were able to narrow it down to two whose scores were only one point apart. At that point, we decided to create a runner up position, in essence, recognizing two outstanding 3rd grade writers instead of just one. The runner up trophy went to Cailey Fritz, from Ms. Crawford's class at Willowville Elementary in the West Clermont School District. The winner was Jack Webster from Spaulding Elementary in Goshen. Jack's teacher was Ms. McClanahan who happened to be a former student of Marge Edwards.

This year, we are continuing the contest with the help of two outside sources. Office Max has given us a significant discount on the certificates and AAA has expressed an interest in helping.

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PLEASE NOTE

This is the second year of a two year term for all of our officers except for our Treasurer who has graciously served two terms. This is an election year and as wonderful a job as these people have done, they may not want to serve another two years, no matter how hard we beg. If this turns out to be the case, please consider “stepping up to the plate” and taking your turn as an officer or committee chair. If you are interested in serving in one of these capacities, please contact Karen Baumann, our nominating chair.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
clermontrta.org
for the latest STRS news as well as information about CCRTA

IT'S TIME TO RENEW

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 dues have not changed for over 30 years. In order to hold down costs, this is the only newsletter to be mailed in 2013. 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 by filling in the form below. The same form can be used to pay your dues. Membership is by calendar year. Therefore, your 2013 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 and the form to our treasurer, **Jan Dumford, 4 Comanche Court, Loveland, OH 45140.**

ORTA (State Retired Teachers Association) dues are due now as well. They can be included in your check and our treasurer will forward that portion to the state. ORTA dues are \$30.00 for one year or \$500 for a lifetime. ORTA dues can also be paid online.

CCRTA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday (if you dare): _____

CCRTA DUES

One Year (2013) _____ Lifetime _____
(\$5.00) (\$40.00)

ORTA DUES

One Year (2013) _____ Lifetime _____
(\$30.00) (\$500.00)

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

PLEASE CALL OR MAIL BY DEADLINE (NEED ACCURATE COUNT)

MARCH 20th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY MARCH 13th

Meeting to be held at the Eastgate Holiday Inn, McKenna's Restaurant.

JUNE 19th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY JUNE 12th

Meeting to be held at the Owensville Methodist Church, 2580 US Rt. 50, Owensville

SEPTEMBER 18th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY SEPT. 11th

Meeting to be held at Campbell's Barn, 1852 St. Rt. 125

NOVEMBER 20th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY NOVEMBER 13th

Meeting to be held at the Owensville Methodist Church, 2580 US Rt. 50, Owensville

PLEASE NOTE: SOCIAL TIME FROM 11-NOON. LUNCH SERVED AT NOON

MAIL-IN RESERVATION FORMS FOR EACH MEETING

NAME _____ 11/13/13

MEALS @ \$11.00 _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CCRТА & SEND TO:

Pauline Caudill, 3382 Clover Rd., Bethel, OH 45106 or call 734-3834 or

email Davidmedic73@aol.com. You may also call Joan Ballbach at 513-875-2986

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NAME _____ 9/11/13

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