

CCRTA NEWSLETTER

CLERMONT COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

2014 EDITION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to CCRTA Members!

The CCRTA Executive Committee met January 30th and reviewed the 22 surveys turned in at the November meeting. We considered the data and hope you will enjoy the interesting, fun, and relevant programs for 2014. We have varied the locations and added a new one (Golden Corral) while keeping Campbell's Barn and the Owensville UMC.

CCRTA meetings will be announced on our website and members will be reminded by phone and via email. Please note that all meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the meeting months of March, June, September, and November. It is imperative that you make reservations with Pauline Caudill by the designated date on the reservation form, especially when we are meeting at restaurants. The cost remains \$11, with \$9 for the meal and \$2 going to our Scholarship Fund.

Vice-President Linda McKinley has again agreed to continue the book swap. Please bring 3 books to donate and purchase as many as you want for a few dollars donation. This will again go to our Scholarship fund.

Bob and Jan Denny will continue to hold a raffle of interesting items at each meeting. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. This, too, benefits our Scholarship Fund. It is our hope that we can raise enough fund to grant three scholarships instead of two in 2014.

I encourage you to invite any recently retired teachers to join our association. Let them know they would be our guest for lunch for the first meeting they attend.

Please check out these websites for current information: www.clermontrta.org, www.orta.org, and www.strs.org.

Many thanks to Jan Schoellman, for preparing this newsletter and for being our webmaster. Great job, Jan! I also thank the officers and committee chairs for meeting and giving their input to help make CCRTA a success.

I am looking forward to seeing you in March. If you would like to contact me, please call or email.

Sincerely,

Karen Baumann, President

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2014 PROGRAM PLANS

MARCH 19: Golden Corral Lunch Buffet at Eastgate. Meet local author, J.S. Bailey, from Amelia.

JUNE 18: Owensville United Methodist Church. Presentation of scholarship recipients and writing contest winners.

SEPTEMBER 17: Campbell's Barn, 1852 SR 125, Amelia. Randy Overbeck, West Division ORTA Vice President speaking about Teachers: America's True Heroes.

NOVEMBER 19: Owensville United Methodist Church. Music program by Batavia 3rd and 4th Grade Choir, directed by Karen Allen.

2014 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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WOULD YOU LIKE A REMINDER OF OUR MEETINGS?

If you would like to receive an email reminding you of our meetings, please send your email address to Al & Pat Ison at ison@7481roadrunner.com or mark the form on page three and turn it in to anyone on the Executive Committee.

For those of you who would rather receive a phone call notification, also mark the membership form on page three and turn it in as well. You will be assigned to one of our phone bank volunteers.

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2013, our chapter was once able to donate not two, but four, \$500.00 scholarships. Of that amount, \$344.00 was raised through the efforts of Jan Denny's raffles, \$126.00 from Linda McKinley's book swap, and additional money from your lunch donations. A huge thank you goes out to those of you who made personal donations to the fund as well. 2013 recipients were Alex White from New Richmond, Amanda Brock from CNE, Katie Swing from Milford, and Taylor Robinson from Bethel Tate.

EARN SOME EXTRA \$\$\$\$\$

The Ohio Connections Academy, which coordinates home schooling, is looking for proctors to work at their testing sites. If interested, contact Mary Basham at 6214-840-9401, ext. 310 or email her at MBasham@connectionseducation.com.

3RD GRADE LETTER WRITING CONTEST

In 2013, we again awarded two very worthy third graders for their outstanding work. Chloe Plamann from Spaulding Elementary in Goshen was our winner with Joshua Pedersen of Locust Corner Elementary in the New Richmond School District receiving Honorable Mention.

This year we are changing our focus to coordinate with the new Common Core Standards. Our focus will be fourth graders who will be challenged to write an opinion piece based on one of seven different prompts we are offering them.

FREE BROADBAND

Frontier Communications is offering free full broadband installation to seniors who are 60 years of age and older and have a Golden Buckeye card. All you need to do is call 1-800-316-3360 to learn more about the broadband offer and to establish service. They will then come to your home, set up your computer (not included), and have you 'surfing the internet' before they leave.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Al Ison reported that the Clermont County Chapter of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association turned in 3577 hours for 2013. This was an decrease from the 4216.5 hours in 2012. Is that because we volunteered less or fewer of us turned in our hours?

2014 BRINGS A DUES INCREASE

CCRTA was organized in 1970 to keep retired educators involved in local, state, & national issues involving education and retirement as well as providing a social network for our members. At that time, dues were set at \$5.00 a year or \$40.00 for a lifetime. They have remained that amount for 44 years. Unfortunately, the time has come to raise that amount. The CCRTA Executive Committee, at their planning meeting this past January, voted for the organization's first dues increase in its history. It was felt this was badly needed (and really long overdue) to keep up with the times as well as all the projects we now sponsor such as the essay writing project and the memorial book fund. Beginning this year, dues will now be **\$10.00** a year or **\$60.00** for lifetime.

Membership is by calendar year. Therefore, your 2014 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 Comanche Court, Loveland, OH 45140**. Please use the form below.

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 \$500.00 for a lifetime. ORTA dues can also be paid online.

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CCRTA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Wish to be contacted by

phone _____

Email: _____ Wish to be contacted by

email _____

Birthday (if you dare): _____

CCRTA DUES

One Year (2014) _____ Lifetime _____
(\$10.00) (\$60.00)

ORTA DUES

One Year (2014) _____ Lifetime _____
(\$30.00) (\$500.00)

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

PLEASE CALL OR MAIL BY DEADLINE (NEED ACCURATE COUNT)

MARCH 19th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY MARCH 12th

Meeting to be held at the Golden Corral in Eastgate.

JUNE 18th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY JUNE 11th

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

SEPTEMBER 17th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY SEPT. 10th

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

NOVEMBER 19th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY NOVEMBER 12th

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 _____ 11/12/14

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.

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