



CCRTA NEWSLETTER

CLERMONT COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

2016 EDITION

President's Welcome

Happy 2016. I hope it brings prosperity to all. Please encourage your fellow retired teachers to join our chapter and also ORTA. **THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.** Greed and power are the silent killers which can affect the financial stability of our pension system. These forces are always at work. CCRTA and ORTA provide us with “an ounce of prevention as we monitor proposed legislation at area, district, and state levels. Stopping some initiatives before they are enacted eliminates the need for a “pound of cure.” Retirees need to be united if we are going to be successful at keeping those who would harm us away. Please add to our numbers.

I look forward to meeting you at one of our four meetings this year.

Sincerely,

Linda McKinley, President



2016 PROGRAM PLANS

MARCH 16: Golden Corral Lunch Buffet at Eastgate. Volunteer Opportunities through Habitat for Humanity, The Discovery Shop, and The Literacy Council of Brown and Clermont counties.

JUNE 15: Eastgate LaRosa's Party Room (near Jungle Jim's). Presentation of scholarship recipients and writing contest winners and update on what's happening in our schools by Susan Havel, School Improvement Consultant for Batavia. Bonnie Norris will also be present to speak to us about ORTA benefits.

SEPTEMBER 21: China Town Buffet (across from Mike Castrucci Ford in Mulberry on old SR 28). Rick Crawford, noted Clermont Co. historian, to speak.

NOVEMBER 16: Union Township Civic Center. (Behind Jungle Jim's on Aicholtz Rd.) Music program by Batavia 3rd/4th Grade Choir, directed by Karen Allen as well as guest speaker David Levy on Age Well-Age at Home.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Al Ison reported that the Clermont County Chapter of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association turned in 4064 hours for 2015. Members, thanks for all you do to help out and volunteer. It is greatly appreciated. Learn about more opportunities to volunteer at our March meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We awarded two scholarships in 2015, thanks to the money raised through our dinners, book sales and raffles. This year's winners were: Brandi Norman from Milford and Courtney Turner from Goshen.

2016 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, please mark the membership form on page three and turn it in as well. You will be assigned to one of our phone bank volunteers.

Visit our website at clermontrta.org



2016 DUES ARE DUE



CCRTA dues are \$10.00 or \$60 for lifetime. If you are not a lifetime member, please send your dues in now. 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.

Membership Has Benefits!

Your membership with ORTA gives you access to many member-only benefits. Association Member Benefits Advisors (AMBA) helps to make the following benefits available to ORTA members

Long Term Care	Medicare Supplement	Vision Plan
Tax Deferred Annuity	Astrum Hearing Solutions	Vacations to Go Cruises
Medical Air Services Assoc. (MASA)	Gov't Employee Travel Opportunities	Rental Car Discounts (Budget, Avis, Hertz)
Dell Computer Discounts	Apple Computer Discounts	1-800-FLOWERS Discounts
La Quinta Inn & Suites Discount	AMBA TravelPERXTravel Deals	

You must be a member of ORTA to take advantage of these benefits that are provided at reduced or discounted rates. (Note: According to our constitution, it is mandatory to belong to the state if you belong to the local.) For additional information regarding these benefits, contact our benefits provider, AMBA, at 1-800-258-7041 or log on to www.myAMBAbenefit.info.orta

CCRTA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE
PLEASE INCLUDE THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Do you wish to be contacted by phone? _____

Email: _____ Do you wish to be contacted by email? _____

CCRTA DUES
One Year (2016) \$10.00 _____
Lifetime \$60.00 _____

ORTA DUES
One year (2016) \$30.00 _____
Lifetime \$500.00 _____



JOIN THE GROUP 'CCRTA' ON FACEBOOK



4th GRADE OPINION CONTEST

In 2015, Rebecca Holbrook from Monroe Elementary was this year's winner and Julie Allgeyer from Spaulding Elementary (Goshen) was the runner up. They received trophies and gift cards. Teachers were to pick their best three essays for submission. All received a certificate and writing whiz pencil for being a classroom winner. All teachers who participated were given a flowered plant, thanks to Joan Ballbach, and the winning teachers were awarded gift cards as well.

BY-LAWS

One of the items on the agenda for the March meeting is to vote on bylaw changes. The bylaws can be found on our website, clermontrta.org. If you are unable to access the website and would like a copy, please Call Linda McKinley at 513-553-2723 and she would be happy to mail you a copy. Please note that suggested language to be added is in red, while suggested language to be deleted has been marked through.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES FOR ORTA MEMBERS

Medicare—800-633-4227 www.medicare.gov
AARP Ohio—866-389-5653 www.aarp.org/oh
Ohio Consumers Council—877-742-5622 www.pickocc.org
Ohio Department of Aging—800-266-4346 www.aging.ohio.gov
STRS Ohio—888-227-7877 www.strsoh.org
Express Scripts—866-685-2792 www.express-scripts.com
Aetna—800-645-5677
Medical Mutual—800-854-8139
Paramount Health—800-462-4589
STRS Dental Plan—866-349-1286
STRS Long Term Care—800-537-8521
STRS Vision Service Plan—800-877-7195
ORTA—877-431-7002 www.orta.org
AMBA Member Benefit Company—800-258-7041 www.amba.info
Olson Insurance—800-282-5146
Clermont Co. Retired Teachers Association website www.clermontrta.org

MORE OPPORTUNITES TO VOLUNTEER OR RECEIVE SERVICES

LIFETIME LEARNING CENTERS

1. Union Township Civic Center 947-7333 Open M through F
2. Miami Township Civic Center, Milford 248-4345 Open M through F
3. Bethel Woods Center 610 Easter Rd., Bethel, 734-4340 Transportation on Tuesday and Wednesday

CLERMONT SENIOR SERVICES

2085 James E. Sauls Sr. Drive
Batavia, OH 45103

info@clermontseniors.com

www.clermontseniors.com

513-724-1255

Programs/Services

- Adult Day Services
- Caregiver Support
 - Home Care
 - Home Repair
- Lifelong Learning Centers
 - Meals on Wheels
- Senior Connections
 - Transportation
- Volunteer Opportunities



A Helping Hand
Can Change the World

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY IN ADVANCE BUT WE DO NEED YOU TO MAKE A RESERVATION SO WE CAN PLAN THE AMOUNT OF FOOD WE NEED PREPARED AS WELL AS MAKE SURE WE RESERVE THE RIGHT SIZED ROOM. PLEASE CALL OR MAIL YOUR RESERVATION BY THE DEADLINE. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ARE ASKING YOU TO NOT JUST 'SHOW UP' THE DAY OF THE MEETING WITHOUT LETTING US KNOW YOU ARE COMING.

PLEASE NOTE: **SOCIAL TIME AND BOOK SWAP FROM 11:30-NOON. LUNCH SERVED AT NOON.** This is a change from previous years.



MARCH 16th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY MARCH 9th

Meeting to be held at the Golden Corral in Eastgate.

JUNE 15th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY JUNE 8th

Meeting to be held at LaRosa's at Eastgate. (Close to Jungle Jim's)

SEPTEMBER 21th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY SEPT. 14th

Meeting to be held at the China Town Restaurant in Mulberry (Across from Mike Castrucci Auto Sales on SR 28)

NOVEMBER 16th MEETING RESERVATION DUE BY NOVEMBER 9th

Meeting to be held at the Union Township Civic Center. (Behind Jungle Jim's on Aicholtz Rd.)

MAIL-IN RESERVATION FORMS FOR EACH MEETING

November Meeting

NAME _____ DUE BY 11/09/16

MEALS @ \$11.00 _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CCRTA & SEND TO:

Sally Wilson, 700 Kilgore Ave., Batavia, OH 45103 or call 513-732-1153

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September Meeting

NAME _____ DUE BY 9/14/16

MEALS @ \$11.00 _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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June Meeting

NAME _____ DUE BY 6/08/16

MEALS @ \$11.00 _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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March Meeting

NAME _____ DUE BY 3/09/16

MEALS @ \$11.00 _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

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