



CCRTA NEWSLETTER

CLERMONT COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

2017 EDITION

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Happy 2017. I hope this new year is a prosperous one for all. Help our group grow by encouraging your fellow, retired teachers to join ORTA as well as our county chapter. There is strength in numbers. Unite with us at our four meetings. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

Linda McKinley, President

2017 PROGRAM PLANS

MARCH 15: Owensville United Methodist Church. Cindy Gramke, Executive Director of Clermont Senior Services to speak.

JUNE 15: Owensville United Methodist Church. Presentation of scholarship recipients and writing contest winners. Susan Vilardo, Director for the Literacy Council of Clermont and Brown Counties, will be our guest speaker.

SEPTEMBER 21: Owensville United Methodist Church. Storytellers from the Clermont Co. Public Library will entertain us.

NOVEMBER 16: Owensville United Methodist Church. Music program by Batavia 3rd/4th Grade Choir, directed by Karen Allen as well as an informative canine demonstration.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

In 2015, Al Ison reported that the Clermont County Chapter of the Ohio Retired Teachers Association turned in 4064 volunteer hours from our chapter. This year, the number jumped to 5300 hours, Very impressive! Members, thanks for all you do to help out and volunteer. It is greatly appreciated.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We awarded two scholarships in 2016, thanks to the money raised through our lunches, book sales and raffles. Last year's winners were: Hannah Sick from Milford and Jessica Glancy from CNE.

MEAL PRICES ARE UP

Due to rising food costs, we have had to increase the cost of our lunches an additional \$1.00. The cost will now be \$12 instead of \$11. The portion going toward the scholarships will remain the same.

2017 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS



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4th GRADE OPINION CONTEST

Fourth grade teachers from all over the county were invited to participate. One of the requirements in the 4th grade language art curriculum is to teach about how to write opinion or persuasive pieces. After teaching the unit, teachers were invited to pick their best three essays for submission. These were the classroom winners and received a certificate and writing whiz pencil. From the classroom winners, the committee made the following 2016 selections. Madeline Lengyel from Spaulding Elementary was this year's county winner with a convincing opinion that dogs make the best pets. Her teacher was Courtney Ammon. There was a tie for runner up. Bella Bosley from CNE wrote about farm living being better than living in the city and Zachery Maynes, also of Spaulding, wrote about dogs. Bella's teacher was Susan Putnam and Zachery's was Erica Amann. The students received trophies and gift cards. All teachers who participated were given a hanging basket, thanks to Joan Ballbach, and the winning teachers were awarded gift cards as well.

Visit our website at clermontrta.org



2017 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

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| 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

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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 (2017) \$10.00 _____

Lifetime \$60.00 _____

ORTA DUES

One year (2017) \$30.00 _____

Lifetime \$500.00 _____



JOIN THE GROUP 'CCRTA' ON FACEBOOK



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 ison7481@roadrunner.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.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS ARE A NECESSITY

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO PAY IN ADVANCE BUT WE **DO** NEED YOU TO MAKE A RESERVATION. DELICIOUS MEALS ARE BEING PREPARED BY THE OWENSVILLE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN, FOR WHICH WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL, BUT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE LET THEM KNOW AN ACCURATE NUMBER OF HOW MANY MEALS TO PREPARE.

MAIL-IN RESERVATION FORMS FOR EACH MEETING

November Meeting is on the 15th—Check in 11:30 and meal at noon **RESERVATION**
NAME _____ **DUE BY 11/08/17**
MEALS @ **\$12.00** _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CCRTA & SEND TO:
Sally Wilson, 700 Kilgore Ave., Batavia, OH 45103 or call 513-732-1153 for reservations only.

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September Meeting is on the 20th— Check in 11:30 and meal at noon **RESERVATION**
NAME _____ **DUE BY 9/13/17**
MEALS @ **\$12.00** _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CCRTA & SEND TO:
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June Meeting is on the 21st— Check in 11:30 and meal at noon **RESERVATION**
NAME _____ **DUE BY 6/14/17**
MEALS @ **\$12.00** _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____
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March Meeting is on the 15th— Check in 11:30 and meal at noon **RESERVATION**
NAME _____ **DUE BY 3/08/17**
MEALS @ **\$12.00** _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____
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