

Meeting: August 7th at Highland Co. Senior Citizen Center, Muntz St. Hillsboro
11:00-12:00 Social Hour 12:00 – Meal 12:30 - Program
Sherri Smithson on "Geneology -Where do I start? Reliable web sites, etc"
1:15 - business meeting.

Invite your former co-workers, especially those who've just retired or a friend or spouse who's interested in the geneology. All are welcome, just remember to make your reservations to Doris Pulse by Saturday July 29th. She'll be calling the center with the meal count on Monday morning July 31st. The menu for the August meeting will be: Salad, Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Assorted Pies and Choice of Beverage for \$8.00.

Our Community Service Project for August is Redi-Fest. This Lynchburg Clay program to help low income families get their children prepared for the new school year is administered by a local committee of teachers and others who determine eligibility. The program provides socks, shoes, underwear, school supplies and other essential items that each child needs daily. In some cases, gift cards are given that must be used to purchase the shoes. In addition, each student is checked for lice (treatment given if needed) and they are also given haircuts if the families cannot afford them. We are asking for cash donations. Distribution of donations beyond the threshold set at the May meeting will be decided by members attending the August meeting.

Gale Adkins, our Regional ORTA representative, will be attending the August meeting and be available to answer questions.

Jim Faust will report on the State ORTA Bd meeting held May 5th at the Columbus Zoo. See additional information included in this newsletter.

Mary Black will report on scholarships to be awarded for 2017-18 school year.

Joyce Baker, chair of HCRITA Xmas Tree Project is asking members to bring to the August meeting an ornament(s) given to them by a student. These could be handmade or store bought. Please place in a ziploc bag along with a card that states your name, description of ornament to help us return it to you, approximate year given and who may have given it to you. Obviously since we are retired and these were given when you were an active teacher some of the details may be fuzzy but do the best you can. Will be returned to you in 2018.

Mark your calendar for the Sam Barnhouse Memorial Blood Drive Saturday July 20th from noon to 6:00pm at the Sam Barnhouse Center at Hillsboro High School. Schedule this life saving donation by calling Hoxworth at 513-451-0910 or visiting www.hoxworth.org/groups/sam

Methodist Chicken was the entrée at our May meeting. Several people requested a copy of this dish. Check back page of the minutes for the recipe.

Kevin Black is requesting pictures of May meeting for HCRTA website. You can bring copies to August meeting or email them to Kevin.

ORTA Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations presented May 5th:

- New name that more accurately describe membership
- New logo with a more contemporary tone
- Revision of vision and mission statements
- Changing membership year to July through June
- More regional involvement with local chapters
- Consider holding an annual state meeting & small state board - 8 total

Name _____ Meals Reserved _____

Guest(s) _____

_____ Meals @ \$8.00 per person \$ _____

_____ Contribute to: Redi-Fest \$ _____

_____ Scholarship Fund - In memory _____ \$ _____

_____ Dues: HCRTA - \$5.00 ORTA - \$30 \$ _____

Place this portion and your check in the addressed enclosed envelope & return by 7/29/2017. If you feel it will be late, please call Doris Pulse (937-981-4149). Remember you are financial responsible for any reservations made. Thank you.