

HIGHLAND COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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Happy New Year! Happy New Decade!



"I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. Because if you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something." —Neil Gaiman

"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow." —Albert Einstein

"Life is about change, sometimes it's painful, sometimes it's beautiful, but most of the time it's both." —Kristin Kreuk

"It is never too late to be what you might have been." —George Eliot

Welcome to 2020. I hope you are finding the changes that 2020 is bringing not so painful and mainly beautiful, full of life, learning, changing, and hope. Make mistakes. Make memories for next year! Dream! Grow! Become! Your colleagues at HCRTA are looking forward to sharing the journey with you.

Our first get together of the new year will be the General Meeting on Monday, February 3, 2020 to be held at Hillsboro Ponderosa Banquet Center. Social time will start at 11:00 AM, followed by the meal at noon. The menu for the day will include Ham, Cheesy Potatoes, Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Bread and Desserts. After the meal, Hillsboro Chief of Police Eric Daniels will speak about school safety plans and other school and community safety measures in place in Highland County. The business meeting will follow.

Reminder, the meal cost is \$12.00, and should be submitted to Doris Pulse with the enclosed Reservation Form. As always when we meet at Ponderosa, we need forty attendees to break even. You might want to consider blessing a former colleague with a gift of your time. Perhaps pick up the phone and give them a call reminding them that we meet four times a year. Invite them to come with you! What a great gift to a former coworker! (Reminder, if we have less than 40 attendees, the extra meals will be boxed up and offered as "to-go" meals for you to take home to loved ones for a suggested donation of \$10.)

Our November Community Service Project was a huge success and was greatly appreciated. We were able to provide each Highland County Veteran, residing at the Georgetown Veterans' Home, with two sweatshirts and one pair of sweatpants. In a note thanking us, Volunteer Services Coordinator Hanna Hopper wrote, "Please know that your interest does make a difference in the lives of our veterans and we are all touched by your compassion and support. With heartfelt thank you, your patronage to our mission of "Serving Those Who Served" is truly appreciated."

This month we will extend our generosity to the Veterans severed by the Chillicothe V.A. In discussions with representatives from the Chillicothe V.A., Vice-President Faust found that there was not much need for clothing among their clientele, however, there is a great need in their initiative to counteract homelessness among veterans. The top three items on their "Homeless Wish List" are 1) toilet paper, 2) paper towels, and 3) household disinfectant. As such, we will be collecting donations of any of these three items or monetary donations to allow us to purchase a large supply of toilet paper on behalf of the homeless veterans.

Other News From the Executive Committee:

Enclosed you will find the meeting minutes from the November meeting, as well as a copy of the January Treasurer's Report.

We still have several committee chair and member positions that need filled including Membership, Pre-Retirement, Calling Chain, and Community Service. Please consider helping in one of these areas!

At our recent Executive Meeting we discussed what program and learning topics might be inspiring and of interest to our membership. We would love to hear your thoughts regarding engaging topics of interest for our programs. Come prepared with ideas!

Lastly, remember if you have not yet paid your 2020 HCRTA and ORTA Dues, those can be sent in with your meeting reservations for the February.

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February General Meeting:
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Date: February 3, 2020

Location: Ponderosa Banquet Center

Times:

Social: 11:00 am

Buffet Meal: 12:00 pm

Program: 12:45 pm

Business Meeting: 1:15 pm

Cost: \$12.00

Reservations: Due: January 27th

Menu: Ham, Cheesy Potatoes Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Bread, Desserts and Drinks.

Program: Hillsboro Police Chief Eric Daniels, speaking on school safety plans

Community Service Project: Collections of toilet paper, paper towels, and household disinfectant or monetary donations for the purchase of said supplies for the Chillicothe V.A. Homeless Veterans' Initiative.

Meeting Cancellations: As always, if for reasons of inclement weather or bad road conditions is Hillsboro City Schools are closed, the meeting is canceled, and your reservation will be carried over to the next general meeting. Listen to WSRW or WVNU for updates.

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Doris Pulse, HCRTA Treasurer, 11740 State Route 753, Greenfield, OH 45123

Name: _____ Meals Reserved: _____

Guest(s): _____

_____ Meals @ \$12.00 per person \$ _____
_____ Service Project Contribution: \$ _____
_____ HCRTA Scholarship Fund \$ _____
 • In memory of _____
 • In honor of _____

Name & Address of family to be notified:

_____ Spargur Scholarship Fund \$ _____
_____ HCRTA Dues \$ _____
_____ ORTA Dues \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Additional comments:

Place this portion and your check in the addressed enclosed envelope & return to Doris Pulse, HCRTA Treasurer, 11740 State Route 753, Greenfield, OH 45123 by 1/27/2020. If you feel it will be late, please call Doris Pulse (937-981-4149). Remember, you are financially responsible for any reservations made. Thank you.