

February 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Ponderosa Banquet Center

Social @ 11:00am    Buffet Meal @ 12:00pm    Program @ 12:45pm    Meeting@1:30

Reservations are due Monday, January 28th. As we did last year if the meeting is canceled due to bad weather your reservation will be carried over to the May meeting. When we met at the Senior Citizen's Center, we followed their policy with regard to cancellation. With the change to Ponderosa, the officers will make the decision regarding the meeting and will call members to let them know.

The executive committee has listened to the membership who have expressed the desire to continue meeting at Ponderosa Banquet Center. The cost will again be \$10.00 but one of the items on the business agenda for the February meeting will be a possible increase in the price of meals to cover the cost of the facility. HCRTA must pay for at least 40 dinners plus the facility charge. For example if we have 25 reservations, we would have to pay for 15 meals @\$10.00 plus the rental fee. If we increase the cost of each meal, it would help meet the cost of the rental. An increase in attendance would also benefit this change of meeting venue. Because many people are vacationing in warmer climates or hesitate to make reservations for a winter meeting, there will be space for you to share your thoughts on the reservation form.

The buffet style menu will include salad, ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetables, rolls, beverages, choice of desserts and, of course, Ponderosa's fudge.

The program for this meeting is "Hospice of Hope". Speaker Beth Belcher will share with us how to volunteer for Hospice of Hope, what the volunteers can actually do and how we can support the work of this valuable organization.

The community service project for the February meeting will be the "Homeless Shelter". If you want to bring items in, look at towels, washcloths, socks, toilet paper. There is always the option of donating money. Remember the homeless shelter is a godsend to individuals and families who have no other option this time of the year.

Dues are now past due. If you have not already paid for 2019, HCRTA is \$5.00 and ORTA is \$30.00. This can be added to reservation check, just make note of it on the reservation form.

The position of newsletter editor is open. With travel plans in April and the blueberries demanding more time each summer, I feel it is time to step down after this newsletter. I have served as treasurer or newsletter editor since the beginning of 2008 and enjoyed working with my fellow officers over the years. Thank you HCRTA members, Kathy Levo

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Meals Reserved \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Meals @ \$10.00 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Contribute to: Homeless Shelter \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Scholarship Fund - In memory of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Address of family to be notified \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Express your opinion!!!**

\_\_\_ I am opposed to any increase in the cost of meals and would support a return to Senior Citizen Center if that is what will allow us to keep the meal at \$10.00.

\_\_\_ I am opposed to any increase in the cost of meals and would support looking at having meetings somewhere else in the county and being catered by a group such as was done in Greenfield a few years ago.

\_\_\_ I am willing to see an increase in the cost of meals so we can continue to meet at Ponderosa Banquet Center. Check amount: \_\_\_\$12.00 \_\_\_\$13.00 \_\_\_\$14.00 \_\_\_\$15.00

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Place this portion and your check in the addressed enclosed envelope & return by 1/28/2019. 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.