

Highland County Retired Teachers Association

Newsletter

10-16-19

Welcome Autumn!



"Come, little leaves," said the Wind one day, "Come to the meadows with me and play. Put on your dresses of red and gold; For Summer is past, and the days grow cold."
– *George Cooper*

"Autumn...the year's last, loveliest smile." **William Cullen Bryant**

"And all the lives we ever lived and all the lives to be are full of trees and changing leaves..." **Virginia Woolf**

"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."
– *L. M. Montgomery*



We are so blessed to live in a part of the country where we have 4 distinct seasons. Autumn: cool days and crisp nights, a bright full moon, costumes and trick-or-treat, apples and cider, corn mazes, color-filled trees and golden fields, the kaleidoscope of raining leaves; pumpkins, Indian corn, pies, jack-o-lanterns, and corn shocks; harvest bounty! WOW, an amazing season! What's your favorite thing about autumn?

I, for one, am looking forward to the drive to Hillsboro for our November General Meeting. I'm hoping for trees in full color and a beautiful sunny day!

The General meeting will be at Hillsboro Ponderosa Banquet Center Monday November 4, 2019. Social time starts at 11:00 AM. President Hottle will call the meeting to order at Noon with opening remarks, singing, and a blessing prior to the meal. The menu for the day will include Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Bread and Desserts. After the meal, Tamla Cole from STRS will be the featured speaker, updating us on the latest from our retirement system. The business meeting will follow. At the conclusion of the business meeting interested individuals are invited to take a tour of the Highland House Museum and view the Retired Teachers' Christmas Tree.

Speaking of the Christmas Tree, there may still be time to get your "Silver Bells" themed ornaments to Joyce Baker. Contact Joyce at 937-288-0126, to arrange to submit your decoration.

Reminder, the meal cost is \$12.00, and should be submitted to Doris Pulse with the enclosed Reservation Form. Also remember, regarding our meetings at Ponderosa, we need forty attendees to break even. If you took an invite card last time, now would be the time to add a note and put it in the mail. No contact card? No problem. This is a perfect time to pick up a phone and call someone you used to work with. Tell them how you miss them and invite them to share a meal with you at the HCRTA general meeting! With Ms. Cole coming from STRS, this is one of those high interest meetings for fellow retirees!

Our November Community Service Project will honor Veteran's Day, with a collection for "Sweats for Vets". Vice President Faust writes: "I met with the director of the Veteran's Home in Georgetown and we discussed the Sweats program. There are 159 residents there ... 9 [of which] are from Highland County. It seems that we may be able to provide some clothing for each of the 9 Highland County veterans. I have the sizes for all nine and I told the director that I would get back with her after our meeting when we saw how much money we received. She was very happy that we were doing this. I talked with one of the veterans from Lynchburg and he said he would love to have some new sweatpants and sweatshirts."

Other News from the Executive Committee:

Enclosed you will find the meeting minutes from the May meeting, however, since I was unable to attend the Executive Meeting this month, I do not have a copy of the Treasurer's Report to send. It will be submitted at the General Meeting.

At the *November* meeting we will be electing officers. All current officers are willing to continue; however any member is welcome to nominate themselves or others for consideration as an officer. We all so 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!

One final note. Did you happen to see the news article in the local papers as well as the ORTA newsletter, highlighting HCRTA members' generosity, awarding 3 scholarships to future educators?

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August General Meeting:

Date: November 4, 2019
Location: Ponderosa Banquet Center
Times:
 Social: 11:00 am
 Buffet Meal: 12:00 pm
 Program: 12:45 pm
 Business Meeting: 1:15 pm

Program: Tamla Cole from STRS will be the featured speaker, updating us on the latest from our retirement system.

Community Service Project: Collections for "Sweats for Vets". Donations will go to buy sweatpants and shirts for residents of Veteran's Home in Georgetown. Nine (9) of the residents are from Highland County.

Cost: \$12.00

Reservations: Due: October 28th

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

Menu: Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Bread, Desserts and Drinks.

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 (Cut and Return this Portion)
 Doris Pulse, HCRTA Treasurer, 11740 State Route 753, Greenfield, OH 45123

Name: _____ Meals Reserved: _____
 Guest(s): _____

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

Name & Address of family to be notified:

_____ 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 7/29/2019. 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.