

November 5th Meeting at Ponderosa Banquet Center

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

Reservations are due Monday October 29th. The executive committee has listened to the members who expressed the desire to meet again at Ponderosa and considering our annual November program perhaps invites some other chapters to join us. Vice President Jim Faust has extended invitations to Adams and Brown County RTA chapters for their members to join us.

Please note this is also an excellent opportunity to invite a former colleague to join you in attending the Retired Teachers Meeting. The cost (\$10.00) to our members is the same at Ponderosa as it would be at the Senior Citizens Center. Highland Co. Retired Teachers Association is covering the rental cost. The buffet style menu will include salad, ham, vegetables, rolls, beverages, choice of desserts and, of course, Ponderosa's fudge.

Our speaker, Tamla Cole, a STRS representative, will be discussing what's new regarding our health insurance. Tamla has been here the last several years, and is not only extremely knowledgeable but very good at answering the multitude of questions we ask.

If you are an ORTA member and read your September newsletter, you should have seen some familiar faces. Bob Hottle, Jana Holbrook and Dave Stratton were captured in a photo after the August HCRTA program on the Highland County Fair. Kevin Black is doing a great job at keeping our website current. He is always looking for photos of our activities, so if you have something you think he could use, don't be shy. His home phone is: 513-248-2134

Friday October 5th, several of our officers headed to Dayton for an ORTA Southwest Region Local Chapter Officers meeting. It was the hope of the planning committee that this meeting might help strengthen the connection between local chapters and ORTA. The theme was SW Region Reconstruction. Besides sharing ideas with peers and getting the latest news from STRS, there was to be information on using the ORTA database of potential members, using your website and ways to get new leaders. Expect to hear an report at the November meeting.

The community service project for the November meeting will be "Soles For Students", a project started by attorney Susan Davis which provides identified students with vouchers to local shoe stores. We all know how important having appropriate footwear for school can influence our self-esteem and self worth. All schools in the county are eligible to participate in the program.

Scholarship Once again as this newsletter is being written, we have lost fellow co-workers. Some of you may have worked with Hal Harvey, who taught at both Hillsboro HS, Junior High and Washington Elementary. Another is Imogene Shaffer, whose husband George also

a teacher preceeded her earlier this summer. You may know of others this editor has missed. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund "in memory" or even "in honor" of someone just complete the information section on the reservation form. If you know the address of a family member who should be notified of this donation, the treasurer would certainly appreciate it. With five school districts, it's impossible for anyone to know all the family connections. As always HCRTA does not state the amount given, only that a donation was made to HCRTA Scholarship Fund in that person's name and who made the donation and their address.

Dues: It's that time of year. Dues remain \$5.00 for HCRTA and \$30.00 for ORTA. You can make one check out for both dues, meals, scholarship or community service project. Just clearly mark your preferences on the return form and mail back to Doris Pulse by Oct. 29th.

Name _____ Meals Reserved _____

Guest(s) _____

_____ Meals @ \$10.00 per person \$ _____

_____ Contribute to: Soles For Students \$ _____

_____ Dues: HCRTA \$5.00 ORTA \$30.00 \$ _____

_____ Scholarship Fund - In memory of _____ \$ _____

In Honor of _____ \$ _____

Name & Address of family to be notified _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Place this portion and your check in the addressed enclosed envelope & return by 10/29/2018. 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.