

February 2016 Greetings

Although the season may not be our favorite, should we not be thankful that we have lived to see 2016? Each day is a gift, and God has certainly been good to us. The challenges that come with retirement are not always as daunting as what we faced in our careers, nevertheless, they do help to keep us active and up to date. HCRTA is another privilege that accrues from our teaching, administrative and support years.

Thank you for trusting the new leadership to make this a time of enjoyment and encouragement. We greatly appreciate those who have done so well to keep our bunch on an even keel and ahead of the game in the past years. God bless, and let's have a good time as we go forward!

Meet our New President

Robert "Bob" D. Hottle, a graduate of Hillsboro High School, Class of 1966 completed his B.S. in Agriculture from The Ohio State University before serving his country in the US Marine Corp from 1970 until 1973. He started his Ag/FFA teaching career at Elgin HS, followed by Talawanda before returning to the area to teach at Lynchburg Clay. After 18 years of the year around demands of Agriculture/FFA, he began teaching Junior High Science first at Lynchburg Clay and then at the Christian School. Retiring from the educational field in 2009, Bob has continued to practice those agricultural skills he put into practice when he assumed ownership of family farm in 1977. Since 2006 he has served as Pastor of Anchor Baptist Church. You can also read his weekly column "Anchor On" in The Highland County Press. Bob and his wife, Barb were married in December 1977 and have 5 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

HCRTA Officers for 2016

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Treasurer:	Doris Pulse	ph# 937-981-4149	gemcitybass@frontier.com

Leadership Opportunities: Legislative, Scholarship, Membership, Informative & Protective

Executive Meetings for 2016: April 4th, July 5th, October 3rd at 9:30am at Bell Gardens

General HCRTA 2016 meeting dates: February 1st, May 2nd, August 1st, November 7th

Volunteer Hours

Did you see three familiar faces in our ORTA Winter Quarterly? If not, take a careful look. Search for an article about three local volunteers.

2015 Volunteer Hours have been sent to the state. Rhonda Simpson will share totals with us in February. Did you report yours? I find it hard to calculate just how much time I spend on different projects over the course of a year and they always ask for totals when I'm really involved with the holidays. Does this sounds familiar to you? Perhaps for our new year's resolution, we need to jot down our hours at the end of each month. Then it would be a simple "addition" problem at year's end. Remember that the couple of hours you volunteer at your church, food pantry, pet shelter, Lions Candy Store, etc. keep many organizations running. ORTA likes to emphasis how retired teachers continue to contribute to their

communities. For them to do that, we must also do our part in informing them. Who knows, you may appear in the ORTA Quarterly.

Thank You

As treasurer from 2008 to 2015, I want to thank all of you for your support and patience over the years. I know you'll accord our new treasurer Doris Pulse the same.

February Meeting Information

We are very excited to have as our guest speaker for the February meeting Sharon Bedard, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity for this area of the state. If you've ever wondered how to become involved in this project, how they select who gets a home, where ones are being built in this area, etc. Sharon will be able to answers these questions and many more. Attendees are asked to contribute to a Money Tree for Habitat for Humanity as our community service project.

February 1st at the Highland Co Senior Citizens Center, Muntz St, Hillsboro Social hour from 11:00 am to noon. Meal will be followed by speaker and concludes with a business meeting. We're done by 2:00pm.

Menu: Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Gelatin Salad, Rolls, Beverages & Dessert.

Registration form for the meeting needs to be returned to Doris Pulse by Jan. 22nd. Guests are welcome!

Please note that if weather cancels Hillsboro City Schools, the Senior Citizens Center will also be closed and there will be no meeting. If there is just a delay, we will have our lunch and meeting.

Newsletter Information

Please check the address label of this newsletter for errors. We've updated them and there is always the chance of mistakes. The label includes when your HCRTA membership expires. It should read A-16 or N-16 meaning you'll need to renew in either August or November of 2016. If it says N/15, you still need to pay this year's local dues of \$5.00. An ORTA membership is \$30/yr. Send these dues in with your reservation. Information for newsletters can be sent to levoka@hotmail.com by the 10th of April, July, October or January.

If you would like to receive future copies of the newsletter via email, please put my email address levoka@hotmail.com in your computer's address book and send me an email stating your preference. While you'll need to print off the reservation form and address an envelope to Doris Pulse with reservations, it will save HCRTA money in paper & postage and help the environment.

Reservations for February 1st HCRTA Meeting

Name(s) _____

of meals _____ Enclosed \$8.00 per meal _____

Return in enclosed envelope to Doris Pulse by Jan. 22nd or email her at gemcitybass@frontier.com (remember reservations by email pay at meeting). Owe regardless of attendance as we must pay for all meals ordered. If cancelled due to weather, reservations will be carried over to May meeting.