

HIGHLAND COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter
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When a man retires, his wife gets twice as much husband for half as much money.
~ *Chi Chi Rodriguez*

Retire from work, but not from life.
~ *M.K. Soni*

You must gain control over your money or the lack of it will forever control you. ~ *Dave Ramsey*

If we command our wealth, we shall be rich and free. If our wealth commands us, we are poor indeed. ~ *Edmund Burke*

Cessation of work is not accompanied by cessation of expenses. ~ *Cato*

Money is only a tool. It will take you wherever you wish, but it will not replace you as the driver. ~ *Ayn Rand*



IMPORTANT NEWS !!!

Hello and Happy Autumn, Fellow Former Educators!

Many of you who are not currently members of the Highland County Retired Teachers' Association may be wondering why you are receiving the HCRTA Newsletter. Our HCRTA chapter exists primarily as a social and community service organization, providing positive connections among retired educators as well as serving the community through scholarship awards and community service projects and donations. However, our other function is to advocate for retirees' pensions and keep retirees aware of actions at the state level that impact our retirement benefits. Considering the recent publicity surrounding STRS Ohio and the management of our Ohio school pensions, we felt it appropriate to extend an invitation to a much broader audience to attend our next HCRTA General Meeting, scheduled for November 1st at the Pricetown Church of Christ.

Each November we invite STRS to speak to us regarding changes to our STRS Member and Healthcare Benefits. This year in the wake of the Ohio Retired Teachers' Association Forensic Audit, STRS has deemed it appropriate to send their most senior executives to address our group. STRS officials presenting will include Bill Neville, STRS Executive Director, Nick Treneff, STRS Director of Communications, and Gary Russell, Deputy Director of Member Benefits.

We want to welcome you to be a part of this conversation. The STRS officials will not only **speak** to our group but will also present an opportunity for attendees to **ask the "tough questions"** you have regarding what is happening with your retirement investments and your withheld COLA's. Please consider joining us for this very important meeting.

Details Please:

The meeting will be held on Monday, November 1, 2021, in the Fellowship Hall of Pricetown Church of Christ. The church is located at 2070 S.R. 131, Hillsboro, OH 45133. There is a wonderful meeting area, and in keeping with our efforts to host our meeting in various areas of our county, this location allows us to showcase the western part of our county. It is only about 11 miles from the center of Hillsboro (about the same distance from Hillsboro as the Old Y Restaurant). From Hillsboro you would take SR 138 west to Danville, then turn right on SR 131. The church will be on the left once in Pricetown. There is ample parking both in the front and the rear of the building and the meeting room can be entered directly either from the front or rear entrance. Plan to arrive between 11:00 AM and 12:00 PM. We will eat at around 12:00 PM and our speakers will begin at 12:30 PM.

The meal will be catered by All Seasons Catering of Leesburg. This service comes with high recommendations. The meal will consist of a choice of Ham Loaf or Lasagna, Potatoes Au Gratin, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Tea or Lemonade, and Apple Cake with Butter Cream Sauce. Cost for the meal is \$15.00. The room is at no cost except for whatever donation we choose to offer the church. Please send your RSVP and money to Doris Pulse no later than Friday, October 22, 2021. The previously mentioned STSR speakers will follow the meal.

Our November service project will be to support Christmas gifts for foster children in our area. Monkey Beans Giving Closet, a 501 (c) 3 organization is designed to help foster children. It is located near Sardinia and serves children in our area. All money given will go to provide Christmas gifts for the neediest foster children, to be identified by Highland County Children's Services. Remember, Monkey Beans Giving Closet is a 501 (c) 3 group, therefore, any money donated can be a legal tax deduction. (If you want your donation to be tax deductible, please write a separate check for your donation amount, made out to Monkey Beans Giving Closet, which Doris can then forward.)

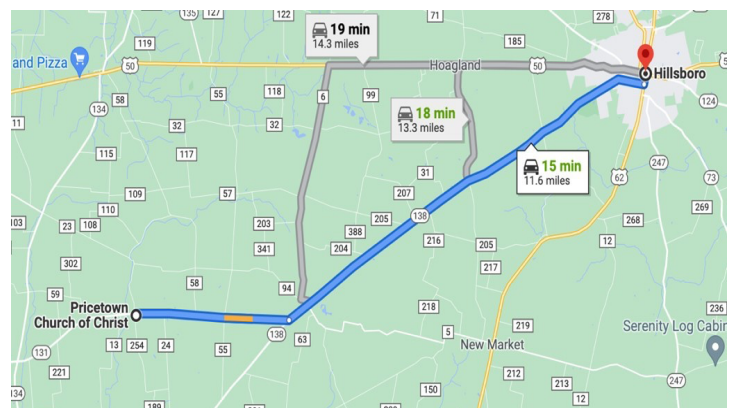
Included in the business meeting agenda will be election of 2022 officers. Apparently, most of you stop reading before you get to this point in the newsletter, because we have had only a couple of individuals volunteer (kudos Pat Gall and Leone Bihl) to fill any committee positions. In the next few weeks please search your heart and identify which of the following roles you could fill. Individuals are needed for: Vice-President, Treasurer, Membership and Pre-Retirement Committee Members (Pat Gall will chair this group), Legislative Liaison, Community Service Committee, and Phone Chain Callers.

Two other reminders:

(1) The theme for the annual Highland County Historical Society Christmas display is “Color My Christmas”. HCRTA member Joyce Baker is suggesting that school or “school colors” related decorations would fit this theme perfectly. Joyce needs decorations by October 22nd. To connect with Joyce please call her at (937) 288-0126, (937) 509-8569, or via email at jgbaker7126@att.net.

(2) The HCRTA 2022 dues will be collected in November. Please forward your dues to Doris Pulse, along with the enclosed meeting reservation form. We will be discussing an increase in the cost of dues at the November meeting.

Looking forward to seeing each of you on November 1st! Pricetown Church of Christ, 2070 SR 131, Hillsboro, OH 45133



PS: Be sure to share this newsletter and invite to the meeting, any of your former colleagues, or retired friends who may have an interest in the latest news regarding STRS Ohio.

(Please Return This Portion **BY October 22, 2021**)
Doris Pulse, HCRTA Treasurer, 11740 State Route 753, Greenfield, OH 45123

Name: _____

____ I plan to attend the November 1, 2021, meeting.

• Number attending _____ X \$15.00 = \$ _____

____ I do not plan to attend the November 1, 2021, meeting.

____ HCRTA 2022 Dues (\$5.00) \$ _____

____ ORTA 2022 Dues (\$30.00) \$ _____

____ Service Project (Monkey Beans Giving Closet) \$ _____

____ HCRTA Scholarship Fund \$ _____

• In memory of _____

• In honor of _____

Name & Address of family to be notified:

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Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Additional comments:

*** If you have not recently done so, please help us update our records by providing us with the following information:**

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