

Highland County Retired Teachers Association  
Newsletter  
4-5-19

**From President Robert Hottle:**

Greetings on behalf of the HCRTA! We are encouraged that you have an interest in our events and hope that you are planning to attend the upcoming General Meeting of the HCRTA. Meeting together is a great way to stay connected to those with whom we spent years working along-side, as well as meeting other former educators from various areas of the county that have career and retirement experiences similar to our own.

Having met with the Executive Committee on Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, I can assure you that we have an informative and engaging meeting planned for you. Andrea Holt, and her wonderful staff at the Hillsboro Ponderosa Banquet Center, will have a delicious meal prepared for us. There will be ample time to visit in the comfortable banquet center and the program and business meeting will be entertaining and informative.

I can think of no better way to shake off the seemingly long, cold, wet winter than to reinvigorate old friendships, cultivate new acquaintances, plant the seeds of hope with our service projects and scholarship contributions, and grow in new knowledge!

I am looking forward to seeing each one of you on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

(Oh, by-the-way, one lucky person will be taking home a nice Door Prize!)

**From the Newsletter Editor:**

Spring is here.  
I can tell it.  
Best of all  
I can smell it!

by Johnny Mike Turner  
Miss Wood's Fifth Grade 1959

Spring! It may finally be here! Bit by bit the weather is beginning to warm the grass is beginning to green, the flowers are beginning to bloom, and the early trees are beginning to bud. The renewal cycle begins again, and what a blessing it is. We hope that you have fared well over the winter and that for each of you that renewal cycle is beginning to feel hopeful.

Speaking of renewal, this would be a wonderful time to reach out to some of your former teaching colleagues and let them know how much you have missed them. Many of you took post cards from the February meeting. This would be the time to add the meeting date, a stamp and perhaps a short personal note and put it in the mail. If you didn't take a card, what a heartwarming gesture it would be for you to make a call, send a text, or write a note to someone you miss from your teaching days and and invite them to join you at the May HCRTA Meeting!

**Other News from the Executive Committee:**

You will find attached the meeting minutes from the February meeting as well as the Treasurer's Report. Please keep in mind that as of the April 1<sup>st</sup> Treasurer's Report the check to ORTA for our members' state dues had not yet cleared the bank, so our actual balance will be a few hundred dollars less than is reflected here. Doris Pulse reports that to date members have done a great job of getting the dues paid and most members are current with dues.

Vice President Jim Faust reported that he has submitted our chapter's annual report to ORTA, which included statics regarding membership, meeting dates, program topics, service projects and estimates of community volunteerism provided by our members.

Scholarship Chair Mary Black reported that all Highland County High School Counselors have been reminded that HCRTA Scholarship Applications are due June 1, and that so far, we have one new applicant and will likely have reapplication from several of our current recipients. You as an organization have done a magnificent job or

supporting our aspiring educators with scholarship awards made possible by your generous donations over the last year. You are applauded for your generosity and encouraged to keep up the good work!

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**May General Meeting:**  
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**Date:** May 6th

**Location:** Ponderosa Banquet Center

**Times:**

Social: 11:00 am

Buffet Meal: 12:00 pm

Program: 12:45 pm

Business Meeting: 1:30 pm

**Cost:** \$12.00

**Reservations:** Due: April 29<sup>th</sup>

**Menu:** grilled chicken breast, cheesy potatoes, green beans, tossed salad/dressings/toppings, rolls, butter, drinks, and assorted desserts.

**Program:** The program will include short presentations by Highland County high school students who achieved State Championships status in some a given sport, art, skill or area of expertise.

We will also welcome Highland County Health Commissioner Jarod Warner, MEM, RS. Mr. Warner, who lives in Leesburg with his wife Bridgette and three daughters, has a background in environmental science, public health emergency planning, and healthcare emergency planning. He will speak to us regarding the Medical Marijuana issue and other Health Department related issues.

**Community Service Project:** Given the informative and moving presentation by Hospice of Hope representatives at our February meeting, we have decided to collect monetary donations for the Hospice of Hope as our May community service giving.

**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.

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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:  
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\_\_\_\_\_ HCRTA Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ ORTA Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Additional comments:

Place this portion and your check in the addressed enclosed envelope & return to Doris Pulse by \*\*/20\*\*. 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.