

# HIGHLAND COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

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Greetings from your HCRTA Executive Committee! Hope you are having a happy and healthy Spring!

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*"It is only in our darkest hours that we may discover the true strength of the brilliant light within ourselves that can never, ever, be dimmed."* – **Doe Zantamata**

*"Tough times never last, but tough people do."* – **Robert H Schuller**

*"Things turn out the best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out."* – **John Wooden**

*"Man is fond of counting his troubles, but he does not count his joys. If he counted them up, as he ought to, he would see that every lot has enough happiness provided for it."* – **Fyodor Dostoevsky**

*And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.* – **1 Peter 10: 5**

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By the time you are reading this, Easter will have passed, and we will be speeding along toward summer! Hope your Easter experience was a blessed one, albeit different than anything any of us have ever experienced before. What a strange and trying time we are in! One for the history books! I keep encouraging folks to document their experiences through written, video, and recorded audio experiences and to save news articles. Future generations may well have an interest in your first-hand experiences of the Covid-19 Pandemic!

As you are likely guessing, the Executive Committee communicated through email and phone calls and made the decision to **CANCEL the April Executive Meeting AS WELL AS the May 4, 2020 General Meeting**. We feel strongly that even if stay at home orders have been lifted by then, that May 4<sup>th</sup> is too early to try to bring together a large group of people who are in or near the high-risk age group! We regret having to do this and will miss seeing everyone so much. However, at the same time we believe that the health and safety of everyone out-weighs the possibility of spreading any virus that may be lingering by that time!

Given that we are not able to be physically together, please know that you are all in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers. Please, if you or a loved one have a physical, emotional, or financial need, let one of us on the Executive Committee know so that we may include you in our prayers and perhaps help connect you to the assistance available.

At this time, we still plan to meet in August, but will continue to follow the situation and will make any needed adjustments as we get closer to that time.

Included in this letter you will find draft minutes from the February 2020 General Meeting as well as Doris Pulse's latest Treasurer's Report. Doris mentioned that she has had several inquiries as to the cost of local dues. The cost is \$5.00 for local dues and state dues are \$30. **HOWEVER**, Doris requests that **at this time you DO NOT SEND HER CASH OR CHECKS for dues**, as it requires her to make a trip to Hillsboro to make the deposit! Once stay at home orders have been lifted and as we get closer to the August meeting, we will again remind you of dues and solicit payment!

Until we can again meet in person, we hope you stay well: physically distanced, but emotionally connected!