

April 2016

Highland County Retired Teachers Association

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Meeting Information

Executive Meetings: July 5, October 3rd at 9:30 am
at Bell Garden Place, Hillsboro
Meetings: May 2nd, August 1st, November 7, 2016

Meet our Vice President

As a child Jim Faust grew up on a hog and dairy farm, attended Lynchburg Clay (Class of '66) and received his B.S. and M.S. Degrees from Ohio State University. He began teaching Agricultural Education at Peebles H.S. in 1970 and remained there for 21 years before returning to his alma mater for another 10 years. He returned to the classroom as a US History and Environmental Science teacher for 8 more years. He lives with his wife Karen on the home farm near Pricetown. Their two sons are both full time teachers. Retired, he does some substitute teaching, and raises cattle, soybeans, wheat, hay and meat rabbits.

Over the years Jim has served in leadership roles with a wide variety of organizations both locally and at the state level. The diverse groups include the Lynchburg Area Joint Fire and Ambulance District, Pricetown Church of Christ, Lions, 4-H, Farm Bureau, County Fair, Extension, FFA, and Southern State C.C.. As an Agriculture Education teacher, Jim served as a State or District officer for at least 25 years. He has received numerous awards for his excellence in teaching and his community service. Notable are the Ohio Ag. Ed. Teacher of the Year, National Region IV Young Ag. Ed. Teacher of the Year, Ohio Vocational Assoc. Educator of the Year and Ohio Young Farmers Assoc. Advisor of the Year. He has been selected as one of six professional educators to receive the National Achievement Award.

Help Wanted

Opal Armstrong has kept us informed as to the passing of our former colleagues in the teaching profession for quite a few years now. She is retiring from that job at the conclusion of the May meeting. We need someone who will check the obituaries of our local papers and present a brief recap of that individual's life to the membership at each meeting.

Spargur Scholarship Fund

One of our members who just recently passed away was Jane Spargur. Jane was not a teacher but had worked for numerous years in Hillsboro City Schools Board Office and was an associate member of HCRTA. The Harold W. Spargur Scholarship Fund was set up at the passing of her father-in-law. Jane had herself donated money in recent years to keep the fund going. She asked that memorials for her be made to that scholarship fund at US Bank. This scholarship is separate from the one that we donate to at each meeting. Over the last several years we have been able to present eligible students with scholarships from both funds. Donations in Jane's memory will help us continue to do so.

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May 2nd Meeting Information

Patience is a virtue. Unable to come earlier this school year, David White, HHS Choral Teacher is bringing 40 members of the Hillsboro Symphonic Choir for our May program. We know this is a program you won't want to miss as David brings out the best in his students. ORTA District 4 Co Directors Martha Henry and Mary K. Fischer will also be joining us. We'll be meeting May 2nd at the Highland Co Senior Citizens Center, Muntz St, Hillsboro Social hour from 11:00 am to noon. Meal will be followed by program and concludes with a business meeting. We're done by 2:00pm.

Menu: Baked Steak, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Beverages & Pie. Our community service project for May is the Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center in honor of Mother's Day. We'll do a money tree for this organization as needs are so varied.

Registration form for the meeting needs to be returned to Doris Pulse by April 20nd. Guests welcome!

Would you like to receive a phone call reminding you to make reservations? Let Doris Pulse know. We are looking whether or not to resume a calling tree. Input is appreciated.

Newsletter Information

The address label includes your HCRTA membership information. It should read A-16 or N-16 meaning you'll need to renew in either August or November of 2016. Information for newsletters can be sent to levoka@hotmail.com by the 5th 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 May 2nd HCRTA Meeting

Name(s) _____

of meals _____ Enclosed \$8.00 per meal _____

Return in enclosed envelope to Doris Pulse by April 20th 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.