

Highland County Retired Teachers Association

April 2018

May 7th Meeting at Highland Co. Senior Citizen Center

Social @ 11:00am Meal @ 12:00pm Program @ 12:45pm Meeting@1:30

Toss Salad

Baked Steak

Mashed Potatoes with Gravy and Green Beans

Rolls, Assorted Desserts and Beverages

Reservations are due Saturday April 28th. Since the February meeting was cancelled due the Senior Center being closed because of bad weather, meal deposits from February will roll over for the May luncheon. If you made a reservation for February and plan on attending in May, you do not need to re-reserve. However if you can't attend and wish a refund, please contact Doris Pulse (937-981-4149).

In the past we have often showcased local schools' musical groups in May. This year we decided to showcase another unique group of outstanding youth –winners of public speaking events. As teachers, we all understand the importance of being effective speakers.

Our speakers who will be sharing their 5-7 minute prepared speech are:

Hillsboro Rotary 4 Way Speech Winner: Rachel Tracy, Junior at Hillsboro Christian Academy, Topic "The Effect of Drugs"

FFA Advanced Prepared Speech Winner: Alora Brown, Sophomore at Hillsboro HS
Topic: "Education in Animal Science"

FFA Beginning Prepared Speech Winner: Loreleigh Mayhan, Sophomore at Hillsboro HS
Topic: "The Dispute About Using GMOs"

Greenfield Rotary 4 Way Speech Winner: Emily Jones, Junior at Greenfield McClain HS,

February's Community Service Project was adult Valentine Day cards. Doris took the \$59 that individuals had sent in and purchased assorted Valentine Day cards. Several of the officers got together and signed them. Doris saw that they were distributed to adults receiving Meals On Wheels. Thanks to all who supported this project and made someone smile. Unfortunately for many, this may be the only reminder they receive that someone cares about them.

Since the May meeting is close to Mother's Day, the Hillsboro Retired Teachers Association decided to honor our Highland County Mothers by choosing for our Community Service Project the Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center's Moses Basket. Moses Basket is a program where every new mother receives a basket of items needed for newborns. Items needed include newborn diapers, swaddling blankets, outlet plugs, crib sheets, baby towels, baby

lotion, baby wash and blanket sleepers. People can bring these items or give money as usual. All donated money will be used for the purchase of these items.

Mary Black, our Scholarship Chair, shared a thank you she had recently received. We thought it worthy of sharing with all our members not just those who attend the meetings. After all many of you, who don't attend often contribute to our scholarship fund.

Mary,

I just wanted to thank you for your support during my first years of college. The help I have received from both you and the HCRTA has assisted me greatly in the past two years. Again thank you so much.

Sincerely, Madison Ratcliff

Business Meeting Topics: We discussed many topics at our April Executive Board Meeting. We will be sharing some of our ideas with you concerning the August meeting: the Community Service Project, the program and the possible change of location for that meeting as well as exploring periodically having our meetings in different sections of the county. Those who attended the two Greenfield based meetings seemed to enjoy the change. Could we do something in the Bright Local area, Lynchburg or Leesburg? We're open to ideas. If you can't attend the May meeting but would like to offer input on visiting different parts of the county or possible programs or community service projects, you can contact Bob Hottle (937-393-2209), Jim Faust (937-288-2235) or send a note to Doris in the enclosed envelope.

Name _____ Meals Reserved _____

Guest(s) _____

___ Meals @ \$10.00 per person \$ _____

___ Contribute to: Moses Basket \$ _____

___ Scholarship Fund - In memory of _____ \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Place this portion and your check in the addressed enclosed envelope & return by 4/28/2018. If you feel it will be late, please call Doris Pulse (937-981-4149). Remember you are financial responsible for any reservations made. Thank you.