

Highland County Retired Teachers Association
Newsletter
7-1-19

From President Robert Hottle:

Greetings on behalf of the HCRTA Executive Committee!

For those of us that farm, garden, work in the yard, or enjoy any type of outdoor recreation it has been a challenging spring and early Summer! At the time of this writing, having met as an Executive Committee earlier today, both Jim and I are now off to "make hay while the sun shines," and I mean that in the most literal sense. Seems like we stayed in the "April showers" mode through the end of June and have now been enjoying our one week of warm dry summer before the daily rain threatens to move in again.

Despite the difficulties that the weather (and life in general) sometimes sends us, we don't have to look far to find those that weather and life's circumstances have dealt a much harder blow. It helps keep me grounded, focused, and able to "... give thanks in all circumstances..." (I Thessalonians 5:18).

In that thankfulness, I am looking forward to the next Retired Teacher's Noon meeting for Highland County. We plan to begin at Noon on Monday, August 5th, with song, prayer, and a wonderful meal of pork loin with all the trimmings.

Mr. Dave Bushelman, Highland County Emergency Management Coordinator will speak to about the opioid epidemic and other related topics. The session should be informative and well worth attending.

From the Newsletter Editor:

Thoughts on Summer:

"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow." - Audrey Hepburn

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time." -John Lubbock

"Life is meant for good friends and great adventures" – Anonymous

What is summer to you these days? I'm not sure about global warming, but I know for me summer looks and feels different than it used to. As a child summer involved lots of hoeing, some haying, and a little playing. As a working adult it seemed that summer was a short reprieve from school, a hiking trip, and then when July rolled around time to start getting ready for next school year. Now, in retirement, summer is a time for yard work sandwiched between afternoon naps, a trip with the kids and grandkids, cookouts, campfires, and evenings on the patio or deck.

How about for you? I'm hoping at least five people will come up to me August 5th and tell me how their summers have changed.... without me asking (that is your invitation). Come prepared with summer pictures and stories, to share with each other. Remember 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM is social time.

Also remember, with regard to our meetings at Ponderosa, we need forty attendees to break even. If you took an invite card last time, now would be the time to add a note and put it in the mail. No contact card? No problem. This is a perfect time to pick up a phone and call someone you used to work with. Tell them how you miss them and invite them to share their summer stories with friends at the HCRTA general meeting!

Remember to send in your reservations, however, don't be surprised if you receive a reminder call. This month we will be reimplementing the call chain.

Other News from the Executive Committee:

Enclosed you will find the meeting minutes from the May meeting as well as the Treasurer's Report.

The August meeting should be an interesting one. The meal promises to be tasty and Dave Bushelman's discussion of the opioid epidemic should be very thought provoking. Our community service project will be Redi-Fest (Lynchburg) and similar school supply readiness programs for the other Highland County districts.

At the *November* meeting we will be electing officers. All current officers are willing to continue, but any member is welcome to nominate themselves or others for consideration as an officer. We all so have several committee chair and member positions that need filled including Membership, Pre-Retirement, Calling Chain, and Community Service. Please consider helping in one of these areas!

August General Meeting:

Date: August 5th
Location: Ponderosa Banquet Center
Times:
 Social: 11:00 am
 Buffet Meal: 12:00 pm
 Program: 12:45 pm
 Business Meeting: 1:15 pm

Response Coordinator, who will speak about the opioid epidemic and other public safety issues

Community Service Project: As an organization for those who have spent their careers dedicated to educating students, we believe it is important to show our continued support for the local public schools. Therefore, we will again be collecting monetary donations for the Lynchburg-Clay Readiness Fest and similar school supply readiness efforts in each of the other 4 districts in the county.

Cost: \$12.00

Reservations: Due: June 29th

Menu: Roast Pork Loin, cheesy potatoes, corn, green beans, tossed salad with assorted dressings and toppings, rolls, assorted desserts, and drinks.

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.

Program: The program will include a presentation by Dave Bushelman, Highland County Emergency

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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:

_____ HCRTA Dues	\$ _____
_____ ORTA Dues	\$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Additional comments:

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