

HCRTA Newsletter-April 2014

Dear Members,

I hope after this long, gloomy winter you are well and ready for a wonderful spring! Since our meeting in February was cancelled, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your president for 2014.

I was born and raised in Greenfield. My parents were George and Jo Ann Priest. I am the oldest of seven children, and for some strange reason, my parents gave us all names that began with the letter R ! It was always fun to watch people try to connect the right name to the right child in the right order!

I graduated from McClain High School in 1972. Then I attended Ohio University where I received my Bachelor's degree and later, I earned my Master's degree from Wright State University.

I am a third generation teacher. My grandmother, Ferne Benner, taught first grade and my mother taught fifth grade, both in the Greenfield Exempted School District. For thirty-three, I taught sixth grade in the Greenfield Exempted School District. For the majority of those years, I taught Language Arts. In those years, I taught in different types of class situations including self-contained, teams, and departmentalized. I really enjoyed working with sixth graders because of how diverse they are, and how they were a new challenge everyday!

I have been married for over thirty years and have two sons, Tyler and Joseph, and a daughter-in-law, Megan. But my pride and joy is my nine year old granddaughter, Adelyn! I spend a lot of my retirement days watching her while her parents work and going to her various activities!

Hopefully, I will get the chance to meet as many members as I can , and I would like to encourage you to attend our luncheon meetings. Feel free to contact me at anytime! I hope you have a safe and wonderful month! I will see you on May 5!

Sincerely,

Rhonda Simpson

Program

Cathy Griffith, Executive Director of the Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center, will present the program about the Baby Bottle Drive.

May Contribution

We will be collecting monetary donations or gift cards to donate to the Baby Bottle Drive.

ORTA Spring Conference

Kathy Levo and Rhonda Simpson attended the conference on April 8, 2014 at the Ohio History Center.

Luncheon

If you paid for your lunch in February, you are paid for May. I have marked on your newsletter if you paid . You still need to send in your reservation to Kathy.

Luncheon Menu

Baked steak red potatoes green beans tossed salad rolls dessert

Lynchburg-Clay Reading Program

They have a reading program that provides books to students through their summer lunch program. If you as an individual would like to send a monetary donation to support this program, make the checks payable to: Lynchburg-Clay Local School District.

Mail to: Lynchburg-Clay Elementary

Bridging the Summer Reading Gap

Attn. Mary Washburn

6760 St.Rt. 134

Lynchburg, Ohio 45142

Website

Kevin Black is our webmaster and has designed our new website. Please take the time to check it out!

Website for HCRTA is: hcrtawebly.com

Another website you should be interested in going to is the ORTA website. It is www.orta.org

This has information about what is going on and what ORTA is doing. There is also a place for members to go to for information.

Volunteer Hours

In 2012, the membership had a total of 4814 hours. In 2013, that total increased to 7093.

Reminder

Just a reminder of the importance of your vote in the May Primary !

Luncheon Reservations

The luncheon is May 5,2014, at the Senior Center,85 Muntz Street, Hillsboro, at 12:00 pm. Please send this form by April 24, to Kathy Levo, 21 Highland Dr. Hillsboro, Ohio 45133.

Name _____

Lunch: \$8 each _____