

The PCRTA Newsletter

Affiliated with the Ohio Retired Teachers Association, 2017

PCRTA MEMBER MEETING INFORMATION – NEXT MEETING: JUNE 13TH

Meetings begin at 12 Noon at the St. John's Lutheran Church, Enterprise Road in Ingomar

Menu – Creamed chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, peas, perfection salad, pies, dinner rolls, etc.

Program – Jim Cain and Bonnie Norris, ORTA member benefits **Greeters**-Judy Looker/Sheryl Mabry

Blessing – Donna Mowry

Door Prizes – Phyllis Marling

PCRTA OFFICERS & EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

<u>President</u>	Harold Niehaus	<u>Vice President</u>	Bob Fox
<u>Treasurer</u>	Darrell Meeks	<u>Recording Secretary</u>	Janet Crelin
<u>Corresponding Sec.</u>	Sharon Norman	<u>Legislative Rep.</u>	George Henry
<u>Retirement Planning</u>	Nancy Wright	<u>Community Service</u>	Judith Looker
<u>Membership & Website/Webmaster</u>	Paul Ellison	<u>Member Newsletter</u>	Open
<u>Information & Protective Services</u>	Phyllis Marling	<u>Public Relations</u>	Sharon Norman
<u>Tools for Schools</u>	Rosalie Doran & Jean House	<u>Past President</u>	Janet Crelin

PCRTA SECRETARY'S REPORT

The April 11 meeting of the Preble County Retired Teachers Association was the first meeting of 2017 and featured students from Eaton and West Elkton sharing their knowledge of technology and music. President Harold Niehaus called the meeting to order and welcomed 39 members and guests, and all shared a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of St. John's Lutheran Church. Members were greeted by Nancy Wright and Pat Deeter. The secretary's report had been included in the newsletter as had the treasurer's report. Darrell Meeks did report that the treasury is about the same as last year. Reports were approved as written in the newsletter. Corresponding secretary, Sharon Norman, has sent several cards to members. Paul Ellison, membership chair, informed the group that we have 195 active members. He suggested that members may access STRS information through the pcrtaweb page by clicking on the news page. Judy Looker, community service coordinator, reported that 4793 volunteer hours were completed by PCRTA in 2016, with 25 members participating. Of those, five had more than 300 hours each, and will be awarded a free meal from PCRTA. They are: JoAnn Hoffman, Harold Niehaus, Brenda Wright, Betty Brenner, and Marilyn Eyer. Phyllis Marling again reminded members to be aware of scams via the phone or via computer. She shared a personal story of "her grandson" calling for money. It wasn't her grandson. She suggested we all set up questions with relatives that could be asked to verify identity. Liz VanTine, ORTA west regional representative, congratulated the group on dedicated volunteering as those numbers are reported to legislators to let them know how important retired teachers are to their communities. She shared news of STRS

funding challenges. Door prizes donated by President Niehaus and baked by his wife were won by 6 members and Betty Brenner donated back her free meal as a door prize. The business meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be June 13 with the representative from ORTA insurance providing the program.

Spencer Hunt, 8th grader at Eaton and student in Harold Niehaus' class explained the new class that is hands-on and helps students move from concrete tools to 3-D printing - from a picture in their minds, to the actual device. The group moved to the sanctuary and enjoyed the music of 4,5, 6th graders from West Elkton, Preble Shawnee Schools. Their use of percussive instruments was beautiful and entertaining.

Respectfully submitted: Janet Crelin, recording secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Checking 10/1/16	\$2510.16	
Receipts 3/1/17 to 5/1/17	939.40	
Total	3449.56	Savings Certificates (2) \$5513.59
Expenditures 3/1/17 to 5/1/17	962.73	
Balance in Checking 5/1/17	\$2486.83*	

*Includes \$517.00 in Tools for Schools Fund

Submitted by Darrell J Meeks, Treasurer

Are Your PCRTA & ORTA Dues Current?

PCRTA Annual Dues=\$10; Lifetime Dues=\$100.00

Make checks payable to PCRTA and mail the form below to

Darrell Meeks, 5091 Monroe Central Road, Eaton, OH 45320

____ PCRTA Annual Dues (Teacher) \$10.00 ____ PCRTA Annual Associate (Spouse) \$10.00
____ PCRTA Lifetime Dues (\$100.00) ____ Annual ORTA (\$30.00) ____ Life ORTA (\$500.00)
Name(s) _____ E-Mail _____
Address _____ Phone (____) _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Important Information

- DONATE \$ To "TOOLS FOR SCHOOLS" - Basket will be passed at each meeting.
- Check out the Website - pcrta.org
- Recording Secretary Cards sent since last meeting: - Sharon Norman sent thank you notes to the Preble Shawnee elementary music students and to Eaton Middle School student, S. Hunt for presentations at the April meeting; also a sympathy card to Betty Sheets.
- Are you continuing to track your volunteer hours in the community? You will be asked to provide totals at the November meeting so add them up today! ☺ You do not have to prove your hours or say what you did or where you worked. We will just need a total at the November meeting plus an estimate for the remainder of the year. We provide these numbers to the ORTA. (Remember WE had 4793 volunteer hours by 25 people in 2016!)

PCRTA Member Meeting Reservation Form

Cost: \$10.00 per person

*****Reservations deadline Friday, June 9th. Checks payable to PCRTA and mail to: Darrell Meeks, 5091 Monroe Central Road, Eaton, OH 45320. Call 456-5340 with questions.**

Enclosed find \$ _____ for ____ reservation(s)
Name(s) _____ Telephone (____) ____ - _____
Address _____ E-Mail: _____

(I/We) are willing to be a "Greeter(s)" at the next Member Meeting (Arrive by 11:30 A.M.)

PLEASE SEND RESERVATIONS IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO WE CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT FOR THOSE WHO PREPARE OUR MEAL.