

The PCRTA Newsletter

Affiliated with the Ohio Retired Teachers Association, 2018

PCRTA MEMBER MEETING INFORMATION – NEXT MEETING: JUNE 12TH

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, dinner rolls, etc.

Program – Ohio Humanities Council. American Civil War historian John C. Fazio will discuss how the war affected Ohio, and will introduce his new book, *Decapitating the Union: Jefferson Davis, Judah Benjamin and the Plot to Assassinate Lincoln*. Copies will be available for purchase (\$24.95 or \$14.95 Kindle).

Greeter – Judy Looker / Nancy Wright

Blessing – Bob Fox

Door Prizes – Darrell Meeks

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 10, 2018 meeting of the Preble County Retired Teachers Association was held at St. John Lutheran Church in Ingomar. President Harold Niehaus called the meeting to order and welcomed 24 members and guests, and all shared a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of the Church. Members were greeted by Judy Looker. Vice President Bob Fox offered the prayer. Nancy Wright reported 2 Eaton teachers plan to retire and they will be invited to join the group. She had not heard of any other teachers retiring in 2018. Paul Ellison, membership chair, updated the group on items on the PCRTA webpage. Judy Looker, community service coordinator, reported that 4580 volunteer hours were completed by PCRTA in 2017, with 24 members reporting their hours volunteered. Of those, five had more than 300 hours each and were awarded a free meal from PCRTA. Those members are: JoAnn Hoffman, Brenda Wright, Phyllis, Betty Brenner, and Gleneeda Hoy. Phyllis Marling, Information and Protective Services chair, reminded the group of the many scams that are currently being used by phone or email. "If your grandkids call for money, tell them to call their parents; because there is a scam where someone calls and says, it's your grandchild and they need money. Harold noted that there was a legitimate letter sent by ORTA, Ohio Retired Teachers' Association. The basket was passed for Tools for Schools and netted \$84. A nominating committee will be appointed at the next meeting. A drawing was held for door prizes of homemade cookies and flowers provided by Suzanne Niehaus.

Following the meal, the group moved up to the sanctuary to be entertained by a musical performance on xylophones and drums by Arrow Ensemble, fourth through sixth graders from the West Elkton Intermediate School directed by Cody McPherson. He thanked the PCRTA for their financial support and reported his students had performed this year for the Ohio Music Educators Association.

Two students from Eaton Middle School Automation and Robotics Program, Andy Turpin and Ben Woxman, interacted with robots they had created and programmed in the class taught by Harold Niehaus. Yes, the President of the PCRTA is back teaching.

JoAnn Hoffman introduced local author and retired teacher, Brenda Baumhart Mezz and talked about her newly published memoir. The Place Just Right. The place is Preble County and many of the characters are people that are familiar to those who have lived in Preble County for years.

Janet Crelin urged members to read and think about the Register-Herald article about Lisa Watson's recent speech in Preble County. Members were asked to reflect on what impact those ideas would have on public education.

The next meeting is June 12 at noon in Ingomar. More information and photos of the meeting are available at www.pcrta.org.

Respectfully submitted: Janet Crelin, recording secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Checking 3/1/17	\$1861.20	
Receipts 3/1/17 to 5/1/18	444.25	
Total	2305.45	Savings Certificates (2) \$5533.09
Expenditures 3/1/17 to 5/1/17	731.35	
Balance in Checking 5/1/18	\$1574.10*	

*Includes \$457.62 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
- Corresponding Secretary items sent since last meeting: - Sharon Norman sent meeting notices and information to several local papers since the last meeting.
- **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 4580 volunteer hours in 2017!)

PCRTA Member Meeting Reservation Form

Cost: \$10.00 per person

*****Reservations deadline Friday, June 8th. 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.