



Licking County Retired
Teachers Association

NEWSLETTER

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*From the Desk
of the President*

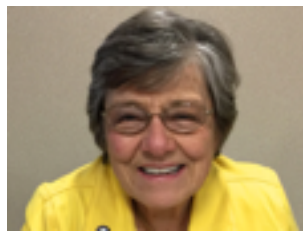
I want to thank everyone for the support and patience with me for the last two years. I hope to see you at the meetings. I'll be able to talk and chat more since I will be in the back with the Luncheon Committee members. Give Eileen as much support as you've offered me. Ask your friends to join and bring them with you. Thanks especially to all the members of the executive committee.



God gave His greatest gift to us
on that first Christmas Day
and may the wonder of it
always guide and light your way...

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sandy



Sandy Holcombe and Karen Butt are the 2015 - 2017 District VI Co-Directors. Both are LCRTA members.

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LCRTA LEADERSHIP TEAM

JOIN US! We meet the Monday before each luncheon, 2 pm at Wright Memorial Church on Mt. Vernon Rd..

President - Sandy Holcombe

Vice-president - Janet Simross

Secretary - Linda Leffel

Treasurer - Sharon Koppert

Ad Hoc Committees

Auditing - Karen Birtcher & Sandy Stoker

In Memorium - Karen Wolford

Luncheon Reservations & Data - Judy Patterson

Luncheon Desk - Sandy Turco & Jean McCallin

Scholarship - Carolyn Myers & Mary Ellinger

Standing Committees Chairs

Community Services - David Green

Informative & Protective - Judy Pflaumer

Legislative -

Membership - Mary Ellinger & Mary Kaschak

Public Relations - Linda Leffel

Pre-retirement Planning - Eileen McNally



Contact anyone on the leadership team.

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STATE TEACHERS
RETIREMENT SYSTEM
OF OHIO

Be Alert for Sales and Email Scams

From time to time, STRS Ohio likes to remind its members to be wary when approached by any company implying or stating that it is endorsed by the retirement system or claiming to have information regarding STRS Ohio retirement benefits.

Please remember that:

- STRS Ohio does not authorize the use of the system's name in any sales solicitations by outside groups.
- STRS Ohio associates do not come to individual's homes to discuss business. All seminars, counseling conferences, etc., are conducted at STRS Ohio's offices or at public meeting facilities such as hotel conference rooms.
- STRS Ohio does not share personal account information with any group; be cautious if you are contacted by a company claiming to have access to your personal account information or offering a deal on financial services that sounds too good to be true. Remember, your account information is confidential and can be obtained only by you or through your written authorization, so a salesperson claiming to have this information simply isn't telling the truth.

Members should also be aware of email scams. STRS Ohio never sends emails to its members asking for confirmation of account information. If you receive a suspicious email that portrays itself as being from STRS Ohio, please contact the STRS Ohio Member Services Center toll-free at 1-888-227-7877.



MEMBERSHIP

Mary Ellinger

Our membership stands at 224 for 2014. Thanks to everyone who paid dues at the October meeting....it will make December easier! If you did not attend either meeting, please remit your 2015 dues as soon as possible. Use the form on the last page. Please notify me of any changes of address, phone number or email address.

I think we've found all of you who are 85 or older but if not, PLEASE speak up. You will no longer need to pay **local** dues upon reaching that age! However that does not apply to ORTA.

New members are still best acquired when someone invites them to a meeting....the personal contact is very important. If you have an idea of how we can increase our numbers, please let me know. Merry Christmas to all.....

Mary



LCRTA Luncheon Meeting Minutes June 2014**Welcome/Introductions/Lunch:**

President Sandy Holcombe welcomed everyone—including our Scholarship Recipient, Cailyn Sutliff and her mother. Lunch was served by the Church committee.

Program:

VP Janet Simross introduced or speaker for today, retired educator & administrator, Randy Overbeck. He shared his views on teachers being the real American Heroes, and often not upheld as such by our society. He works with Heroic Teachers Press, only dealing with books by and about teachers

in society...they want to hold teachers in higher esteem—raise the status of our teachers in society. He cited a few examples of teachers who have made such a difference and showed real heroism. Teachers often ask



“what difference do I make?” –we have no idea what impact we make on the lives of our students. He has written a fiction novel...“Leave No Child Behind” which he had available for purchase. You can find the book at Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com, etc.

Business Meeting:

Meeting called to order by President Sandy Holcombe, who welcomed several new and newly-returning members.



Mary Ellinger then introduced our Scholarship recipient for the 2014 year, this year from Granville High School, Cailyn Sutliff, who spoke briefly about her goals for the future as she

attends Kent State University this fall. She said “it is such a gift to be able to teach others”.

Treasurer’s Report was given by Treasurer Sharon Koppert.

Treasury Balances as of:

Checking:	\$ 1002.86
Scholarship:	\$12,277.79
Savings:	\$4643.74
CD:	\$1655.98

ORTA Standing Committee Reports**Community Services:**

Remember to continue getting your volunteer hours to David Greene.

Legislative: Eileen reported that for those of us having permanent certificates, and thinking of going back in any capacity to education, we need to have an up-to-date background check or you cannot work in the schools as of July 1 of this year.

Membership:

Many letters and phone calls have gone out to those members needing to pay their dues—we are down to about 20 members who are delinquent at this time.

LCRTA Local Committees**Luncheon Committee:**

Remember to get your reservations / cancellations to Sandy Holcombe each month.

New Business:

Sandy announced that we are indeed very appreciative to member Sherrian Lookenott, who graciously gave \$10,000 for our Scholarship fund recently.

Sandy also reported on our preliminary slate of officers for next year, who will be presented at our August meeting, where motions from the floor can also be made. Officers will be voted upon in October. Sandy will be luncheon reservations chairman.

President: Eileen McNally
Vice President: Janet Simross
Secretary: Linda Leffel
Treasurer: Debby Shelly

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Leffel, Secretary, LCRTA



LCRTA Luncheon Meeting Secretary Minutes

Cox United Methodist Church - August 13, 2014

Welcome/Introductions/Lunch:

Pres. Sandy Holcombe welcomed everyone, followed by invocation given by Louise Whitis; lunch was served by church staff.

Program:



*Deb Tingus of United Way shared a video and information about the many services offered to our local community-for 80 years!
Caring for those in need in many areas-the elderly, to children & teens, Luellen Deeds

handed out a packet of information and donation forms for contributing to United Way programs. Coming soon is a "Week of Caring", where volunteers are focusing on giving support to organizations with projects in various areas all week.



*The Program then switched gears to Gary and Cara Noyes, who presented an entertaining program from what they call as "Joyful Noyes". Their music included show tunes to patriotic songs.

Business Meeting President's Notes:

*Meeting called to order by President Sandy Holcombe with the Pledge of Allegiance.

*Sandy shared that we are still in need of a Legislative Chairman. For this position you receive info from COTA, as well as checking updates on the computer--you report this info to the membership-keeping us updated with current legislative changes. We need to have this position filled by next meeting (OCT.). Remember that our slate of other officers is set for next year: Eileen McNally-President, Janet Simross, Vice President; Debby Shelly, treasurer; Linda Leffel, Secretary. Committee chairs are also in place.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Sharon Koppert.

Treasury Balances as of end of July:

Savings: \$4,643.86

Scholarship: \$11,386.93

Checking: \$1,071.

ORTA Standing Committee Reports

Community Services:

David Greene shared and gave out fliers about an upcoming movie "Burn", about dying cities in America, such as Detroit. Movie will be shown on Thursday, Oct. 28, 6-9 PM, at Glassworkers Union Hall, 350 Hudson Ave. Eileen also shared that Dawes is in need of docents for giving tours, etc.

Membership: We are down to 4 members not paid for the year! We will start collecting 2015 dues at our October meeting.

Public Relations: Look for updates on our website and items sent out by Eileen.

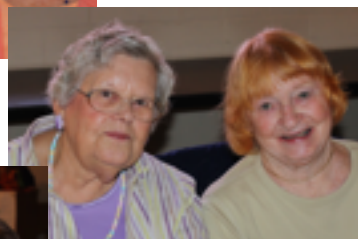
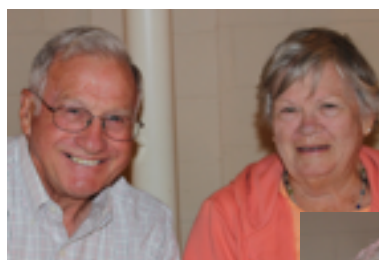
LCRTA Local Committees

Luncheon Committee: Sandy Holcombe will be new luncheon coordinator-please see that she receives your reservation for lunch meetings.

Old/Unfinished Business:

We still need that person to be Legislative Chairman for next year!

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Leffel, Secretary, LCRTA



LCRTA Luncheon Meeting Secretary Minutes

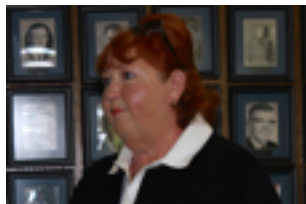
Wednesday, October 8, Utica United Methodist Church

Welcome/Introductions/Lunch:

President Sandy Holcombe welcomed all, and gave the invocation; followed by a buffet lunch.

Program:

Kay Hartman from the Salvation Army shared about all the programs currently offered at their organization. They serve all of Licking County, not just Newark. One problem is, due to the lack of public transportation, not



Everyone can get to their headquarters for services. Their facility can house up to 60 people-for no longer than 90 days. They currently have 9 children under 12 years of age. The Soup Kitchen serves 2 hot meals daily. Food Pantry is open from 1-3 PM on M-W-F. Last month about 185 households were serviced and 9,282 meals were served. There are many opportunities for Christmas giving to area families coming soon. Kay welcomed us to come tour the facilities.

Business Meeting: Meeting called to order by President Sandy Holcombe.

Secretary's Report Secretary Linda Leffel reminded members to look at our website for complete current minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sharon Koppert shared the Treasury Balances as of:

Checking: \$982.57	Scholarship:
\$11,383.93 (includes a \$10,000 gift)	
Savings: \$4,643.86	CD: \$1655.98

ORTA Standing Committee Reports

Community Services: David Greene reminded us of how important it is for us to show how much we give back with our volunteer hours. Please continue to add your hours!

Informative & Protective Services: Handouts were given for Signs of Heart Attack and Stroke, as well as many uses for dryer sheets!

Membership: We currently have 180 paid members and with honorees equal 219.

LCRTA Local Committees

Luncheon Committee: Today we had 53 people in attendance. Remember that you are required to make a reservation for lunch, and to pay for your lunch if you cannot come and have not informed us ahead of time. This has still been a slight problem, with LCRTA needing to pay out of our treasury if you do not.

Old/Unfinished Business:

Sandy reviewed our current slate of officers and asked for other nominations from the floor. None being given, Sandy Turco made the motion to accept the full slate, David Greene second, and the following officers for 2015 are: Eileen McNally, President; Janet Simross, Vice President; Linda Leffel, Secretary; and Debby Shelly, Treasurer.

New Business:

*Eileen announced that everyone needs to be aware of emails that are virus scams out there. Be very careful with what you open up-even if from a familiar name-if the message title doesn't sound like them, beware!

*Dues for next year can be given at any time.

*PLEASE NOTE: As we heard from Kay Hartman, there is a big need for the many toiletries and household necessities which people are NOT allowed to buy with their Food Stamps Card. Beginning next year, our "Food Pantry" collections at meetings will include these items (as well as one month for baby items, and one for pets).

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Leffel, Secretary, LCRTA





February - Fun Auction with Ric Lahmers

April - Rick Black - The Might Organ

June - Senior Safety

August - John Crum - Steel Band Concert

October - Rev. Jeff Gill looks at history

December - Christmas Music by Utica Swing Choir

2015 Programs

JOIN US!

Calendar

February 11, 2015
Lunch at 12 noon \$8.00
Program Fun Auction
with Ric Lahmers
Stacey's Hometown
Buffet
Food Pantry Items: Toilet
Paper, Tissues, Q-Tips

April 8, 2015
Lunch at 12 noon \$10.00
Program: Rick Black: The
Mighty Organ
Second Presbyterian
Church
42 East Church St.
Donation Items for
county animal rescue:
Pet food (no toys)

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