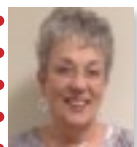




Licking County Retired
Teachers Association

NEWSLETTER

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*From the
Desk of the
President*

Hello everyone,

It is this time of year that we reflect on family and friends. As I look back over my first year as president of Licking County Retired Teachers, I am comforted by the wonderful group of teachers in our organization. I hope you felt it was a productive year. We accomplished a lot. Our donations to the food pantry, the baby pantry, and the county animal rescue was heart warming. That does not even speak to our scholarship collections. Your generosity is overwhelming. You are truly a wonderful group.

I hope to see many of you at the December 9th meeting. It is not too late to reserve a spot. We are meeting at Central Christian Church on Mt. Vernon Rd. The Utica Swing Choir will present music for the season. Call Jean McCallin 740-973-7431 no later than Friday December 4th.

Your LCRTA Chapter Book with all the information for 2016 was sent via the post office. Keep it handy for the telephone numbers of our officers and the 2016 meeting dates. It has a bright yellow cover so that you can find it easily. Mark the meeting dates on your calendar. We would love to see you at as many meeting as possible.

If I don't see you at the December meeting, have a wonderful Christmas. Enjoy your family and friends.

Good wishes always,

Eileen



*Have a Blessed
Christmas and a
Happy New Year*



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LCRTA Luncheon Meeting June 10, 2015 Christ United Methodist Church



Welcome/Call to Order/Invocation:

President Eileen McNally welcomed everyone, gave the invocation and read from a Guidepost article on Friendship, for her theme of this month's meeting..."See the beauty". **Luncheon:** Delicious lunch served by members of the church.

Program/ Introduction: Eileen thanked Janet Simross for all her efforts in obtaining speakers/programs for this year.

One of our speakers for today, a representative from the sheriff's office talking about Senior Safety unfortunately did not show up for today's meeting. She introduced our other speaker, Sandra Benson, from "Home Instead Senior Care", who shared about all of the services their company has available to area senior citizens, and told us how we can be involved as paid care-givers if we are interested. Sandra is also on the board of the Red Cross, and discussed getting the right items for "disaster kits" in case of emergencies.

Welcome Visitors/Guests: Our two scholarship recipients from Lakewood HS along with one parent joined us today.

Business Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance: David led us in the Pledge.

Secretary's Report: Members were reminded to look over last meeting's minutes, found on the tables; minutes are also placed on our website each month. Let Eileen or Linda know of any mistakes found.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Debra Shelly reports as of May 2015: Checking: \$1,550.41; Savings: \$1,644.21; Scholarship: \$2,512.92; S. Stauch Scholarship: \$10,000; CD: \$4,675.94.

*Besides supplies, \$63 was donated to the Licking County Animal shelter at our last meeting.

*In April & May, we deposited \$163 in the scholarship account. This money came from our April meeting and from donations made with membership renewals. Members have been very generous! Thank you!

Committees

Community Affairs: David Greene reminded us that he is our representative to the Senior Labor council. Today he gave everyone paper to register our volunteer hours from January through June. Please continue to collect your

Information / Protective Services: Judy Pflaumer shared that at the spring conference, it was announced that Medical Mutual Plus will not be offered this next year due to Obama-care-as it is now considered a "Cadillac" plan-too expensive.

Legislative: Sandy Holcombe discussed the importance of knowing what is going on with the legislature, and who to support for our interests, by being a member of ORTA. She also shared ORTA report about "lump sum" verses "defined payment"; we need to keep the defined payment for teachers. In improving services and PR, ORTA would like local chapters to get involved with "Habitat for Humanity". Through supply donations, food for workers, etc., there are many ways LCRTA could get involved and help our community.

Membership: Mary Ellinger shared that 34 members do NOT belong to ORTA, only local. You are encouraged to join both. Also-ask those new retirees to join us...your executive board all agreed that we should advertise to new retirees that their first lunch will be on us!

Public Relations: Look for notes from today and our upcoming meeting in the Newark Advocate, and look for our minutes on our website.

Scholarship: Carolyn Myers shared information about Fran Aspach, and the Fran Aspach Award Scholarship, presented this year to 2 Lakewood students, who were present and spoke to the group today. Kayann Hoffman, will attend will attend OSU Main Campus in early education, and Lauren Samsal, will attend OSU Newark, in early education also. The S. Stauch Award will award 2-\$1,000 Scholarships a year for 5 years, beginning next year. *Money collected TODAY towards next year's scholarship was \$83!

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Courtesy: Please remember to let us know the names of any members needing get-well card or uplifting in any way; Thanks to Elizabeth Troyer who will continue to send out the cards.

Old Business: Eileen reminded us that we will be giving a \$200 grant for new, first year teachers for help in setting up their room, beginning next year.

New Business: Eileen reported we have had some email problems with disputing email companies blocking some mail-- may not have been able to get their reservations through-fewer post cards were sent out this month. Remember that Jean McCallin is our new reservation person. After you receive the email and you reply your reservation to Jean, If you do not receive

a reply from Jean YOU DO NOT HAVE A RESERVATION.

Other Announcements: Eileen and Treasurer Debra Shelly are currently working on a basic budget for us to soon have in place--will share at our next meeting.

Closing thoughts: Eileen closed today's meeting with another short reading.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda A. Leffel
Secretary, LCRTA

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Grants Awarded

Three grants were awarded to area teachers.

Three teachers who are in their first or second year of teaching, were each given \$200 to help with materials as they set up their rooms.



Caitlin Skeese, who teaches third grade in Utica Elementary, wanted the money to buy more books for her room. Her students helped her with the grant and the selection of books to be purchased.



Jessica Jensen, a kindergarten teacher from Garfield Elementary, requested the money for materials that would be used in the organization and implementation of the Daily 5 literacy centers. A "Thank You" from her class is below.

Joanna Villinger, first grade teacher from McGuffey Elementary, wanted a listening center to use during literacy centers. It will help students access books that they would not be able to read on their own.



LCRTA Meeting Minutes**Wednesday, August 12th, 2015, Heath**

Welcome/Call to Order: President Eileen McNally welcomed all and shared her theme for this month's meeting... "Love and Gratitude" ...followed by reading story about a "new lease on life". Be thankful for something each new day!

Invocation: Led by Eileen also. Delicious lunch served by the church.

Program Introduction: Following lunch, we were directed to the sanctuary to hear the fabulous music of the talented Granville High School Steel Drum Band, under the direction of Andrew Krumm.

**Business Meeting**

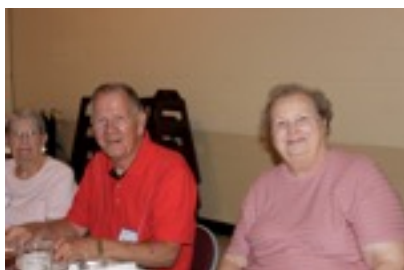
Pledge of Allegiance: David Greene led us in the Pledge.

Welcome Visitors/Guests: There were none today.

Secretary's Report: Members were instructed to take over the minutes from our June Meeting at the tables and make corrections if necessary. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Debra Shelly reports as of end of June 2015:

Checking: \$1,224.57; Savings: \$1,644.25, Scholarship: \$10,596 (which included the \$10,000 Stauch scholarship money); CD: \$4,695.20. At our June meeting we collected \$33 for St. Vincent de Paul, and \$83 towards scholarship.

**Committees**

Community Affairs: David Greene announced that City council has voted against hiring of part time emergency employees. He also shared that there will be a 12 month series of films about labor issues being offered at the GPPA Hall at 350 Hudson Ave. The first movie shown will be Norma Rae, on August 20th. .

Legislative: Sandy Holcombe shared that we should be looking at our ORTA newsletter for updates to current legislation on senate Bill 64.



Sandy also announced that our LCRTA executive board has voted they we should get involved with the local "Habitat for Humanity" program; we will find out in what capacity we can be of service.

Scholarship: We added an additional \$77 towards scholarship funds today!

Courtesy: Please add names of any members needing get-well card or uplifting in any way. Many thanks to Elizabeth Troyer for continuing to send out cards to those in need!

Old Business: None

New Business: Two items of importance were discussed.

Eileen presented a proposed budget for our 2016 year. She also announced that our current dues of \$6 has been in place for a long time, and proposed that we consider an increase of our local dues. Following discussion, first a motion was made by Sandy Holcombe, and seconded by Jackie Cousins to increase our local dues from \$6 to \$10 for 2016 -all were in favor. Next motion was made by David Greene, seconded by Judy Patterson, to accept the proposed budget, which includes the dues increase to \$10, and allows for monies to be redistributed by the Executive Board as deemed necessary. The motion carried.

Other Announcements: We raised \$100 for the food pantry today.

Respectfully submitted.

Linda A. Leffel

LCRTA October 15, 2015 Meeting Utica United Methodist Church

President Eileen McNally called the meeting to order. Her theme for this meeting was "Look for the Light". After reading a short story related to the theme, she gave the invocation.

A wonderful buffet style dinner was provided by Jane Simmons and church volunteers. A round of applause was given for the kitchen workers.



Eileen introduced the speaker, the Reverend Jeff Gill. His topic "Memories of Harvest" was warmly received.

After the Pledge of Allegiance,

Eileen welcomed a number of guests and new member Tracy Kerr-Mount.

A copy of the minutes from the August meeting and a current treasurer's report were at each place setting. Those in attendance were asked to look them over. No questions were flooded, so both documents were accepted.

Committee Reports:

Informative and Protective Services - Judy Pflaumer provided printed ideas to handle annoying telemarketers and several other helpful hints.

Legislative - Both Karen Butt and Sandy Holcombe (District VI Co-Directors) spoke. Karen spoke about the ORTA survey which addressed the needs of both current and potential members. Sandy spoke to the probable dramatic rise in the cost of Medicare Part B. This increase will only be felt by members who DO NOT get Social Security. The cost will probably go from \$104 a month to \$159. There doesn't appear to be anything we can do about it. Eileen Promised to keep the membership posted on it.

Luncheon Committee - Jean McCallin reported that the reservations went more smoothly this month. Setting a slightly earlier due date helped. 64 were in attendance!!

Membership - Members were reminded that the 2016 dues were being collected. Those who paid

before January 31st would have their names entered in a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate for a restaurant of their choice. Anyone who paid ahead were automatically entered. Mary Ellinger and Mary Kaschak reported that we only have a few who haven't paid.

Courtesy - Elizabeth Troyer was welcomed back after her current illness. Elizabeth sends cards to members who might need a little lift. Members were encouraged to give names to Elizabeth.

Old Business - Eileen reported on the Grant Program that she is sponsoring. Eleven new (first or second year) teachers submitted grant proposals. The grants were each worth \$200 and could be used for something needed for the



students/room. Three were chosen. They are Joanna Villinger from McGuffey Elementary

(1st grade), Caitlin Skeese from Utica Elementary (3rd grade), and Jessica Jensen from Garfield Elementary (Kindergarten). Each teacher must attend either the June or August meeting to share how they used the money and how it helped. In addition, each one was encouraged to bring a teacher with them who recently retired or is about to retire. All of these attendees will have their lunches paid for by LCRTA. Eileen personally presented the checks and took photos of the occasion.



Pantry Collection - \$53
Scholarship Collection \$87

Submitted by Eileen McNally for Linda Leffel

LCRTA LEADERSHIP TEAM

JOIN US! We meet the Monday before each luncheon, 2 pm at the main library in Newark.



President - Eileen McNally
 Vice-president - Janet Simross
 Secretary - Linda Leffel
 Treasurer - Debra Shelly

Ad Hoc Committees

Auditing - Karen Birtcher & Sandy Stoker
 In Memoriam - Karen Wolford
 Luncheon Reservations & Data - Jean McCallin
 Luncheon Desk - Sandy Turco & Jean McCallin
 Scholarship - Carolyn Myers, Sharon Koppert, & Mary Ellinger
 Web Master & Newsletter Editor - Eileen McNally

Standing Committees Chairs

Community Services - David Green
 Informative & Protective - Judy Pflaumer
 Legislative -
 Membership - Mary Ellinger & Mary Kaschak
 Public Relations - Linda Leffel
 vPre-retirement Planning - Eileen McNally

Contact anyone on the leadership team.

Email them at webmaster2535@twc.com

Calendar

February 3, 2016

NOTE: This is a week earlier than usual.

Lunch at 12 noon
 \$10.00 (this could change)

Program: "Got Stress?"

Amy Coble D.C. is the speaker

Stacey's Hometown Buffet

833 S. 30th Heath

Food Pantry item:
 Toilet paper, tissues,
 Q-tips, etc.

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