

# Teacher Talk

NEWSLETTER OF THE MORROW COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

## OUR FIFTY-third YEAR

1966-2019

Affiliate of ORTA

*Living Is Learning---Learning is Living*

### Officers

President: Pat Maxwell

Asst.President: Bonnie Hildebrand

Secretaries: Judy Keil & Hazel Miller

Treasurer: Diana Gottfried

### UPCOMING MEETING

December 2, 2019

Trinity UMC, Mt. Gilead

12:00 noon

Music by Highland High School, remembrance moments, auction

Reservations must be sent by **Friday, November 22, 2019.**

The cost of the meal is \$10.00 and checks should be made out to MCRTA.

The meal is free for retirees attending the first time, but a reservation is needed.

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Clip form and send by Nov. 22 to:

Mary Kay Myers

460 Willow Lane

Mt. Gilead, OH 43338

Reservation(s) for the December 2nd meeting

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member \_\_\_\_\_ guest of member \_\_\_\_\_ first time retiree (free) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ (Checks only, made to **MCRTA**)

Phone (if changed) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (if changed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(to receive notices about events in between meetings , etc.)

## CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

### From MCRTA President Pat:

As we approach the special holiday of thanksgiving and praise, I think it would be very appropriate to say a prayer for our teachers. Being a member of the MCRTA indicates that we are **retired** teachers and yet, many of us are given a chance to “fill in” as a teacher one time or another. Often we readily agree to help our grandchildren with their homework, 4-H project, Sunday School memory verse, etc. A neighbor or friend might ask you for some guidance with a discipline matter or a motivational kick-start for a new program at your church, club, or whatever. As the old saying goes, “Once a teacher: always a teacher.” So, this prayer is also for YOU. I encourage you to share it with one of our teachers in the Morrow County schools.

(from the PTO newsletter)

**“Lord bless the teachers who give their heart to teaching. Thank you for the special gift that You have given them and for giving them a spirit of grace and compassion. May they have strength and endurance to perform their many tasks and may they know and feel the deep gratitude of those whom they teach. Amen”**



**Legislative Report from Lindsey:**  
The Center Square.com is a website designed to inform about legislative

happenings. A recent report tells about the OH Finance Committee hearing on how a base cost of a new school funding formula would work in House Bill 305.

Tom Hosler of Perrysburg Schools helped produce this formula which he states will be transparent, objective, stable and take into account the needs of students.

The bill is well supported, but specifics are yet to be hashed out.

### Information and Services

#### Report from Angie:

The Humane Society of Morrow County needs volunteers to socialize the cats at their center at 16 S. Main St. in Mt. Gilead. The times are Mondays 9-12, Wednesdays 4-7, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 10-12. Your mission would be to pet the adult cats and kittens to get them used to being around all sorts of people. If you need more volunteer hours (or like cats, but not litter boxes), this may be the job for you.

### Teacher Grants

MCRTA Teacher Grant applications are being received for some varied and innovative projects. We look forward to hearing about these activities next June. Thanks to Bonnie Hildebrand and Pat Rinehart for refining and distributing this information.

**10,000 Volunteer Hours In 2019?**

**Help us make it!**

As December approaches, we think back to what we've done this year. Please give MCRTA the number of your volunteer hours even though you don't regularly attend meetings. Going back through your personal calendar is one way to count them, if you don't keep a running tally. (You may estimate for December.)

Bring your number to the meeting or report hours to Sheila Beck, 20679 Waterford Rd., Fredericktown, OH 43019, phone 740 694 0899 or 740 504 6240.

### **Are you one of our missing members?**

Check with Diana Gottfried or Sharon Kincade to see if your membership is up to date. We have a list of several who haven't paid current dues. Also let us know if you are not interested in getting this newsletter.



### **Final 2019 Meeting, Dec. 2**

Make a reservation with May Kay by November 22 for this festive meeting.

Bring:

Six-seven cards for shut-ins

Items and/or cash for auction

Volunteer hours

2020 dues, if not a Life Member

## **Looking Ahead for MCRTA**

Spring: Retirement seminar

April 6: 9noon meeting

June 1: evening meeting with grant recipients

October 5: noon meeting

December 7: noon meeting

### **COMMUNICATION**

ORTA is at: [WWW.Orta.org](http://WWW.Orta.org) and is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Send MCRTA happenings and newsletter items to Marilyn Weiler [mapleurn@centurylink.net](mailto:mapleurn@centurylink.net) and member care items to Shirley Dunahugh at [tldunahugh@embarqmail.com](mailto:tldunahugh@embarqmail.com). Find a variety of information and this newsletter at [www.mcrt67.weebly.com](http://www.mcrt67.weebly.com). Email Jan Riddlebaugh if you have items to post on the web site at [riddlebaugh.mj@gmail.com](mailto:riddlebaugh.mj@gmail.com). You still need to send in reservations for the meetings by "snail" mail.

### **Out and About**

Nov. 25-Jan. 5: OSU Extension email wellness program, Candace at

[heer.7@osu.edu](mailto:heer.7@osu.edu)

Mon, Wed, Thurs: Capital theatre and MGP Library offer free movies

December: Get a Seniors on Center membership packet when you pay for your 2020 membership

December 6: Christmas in Mt. Gilead, Parade, activities.

December 7: Christmas in Marengo, parade, activities

