

# 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

October 7, 2019

Trinity UMC, Mt. Gilead

12:00 noon

Miss Pat's Backyard Bandits Mountain Band will perform for us

Reservations must be sent by September 24, 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 September 24 to:

Mary Kay Myers

460 Willow Lane

Mt. Gilead, OH 43338

Reservation(s) for the October 7 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:**

Jan Riddlebaugh and Pat Maxwell attended the Central Region Leadership Conference of ORTA on August 21, 2019. We met the President, Gale Adkins; President-elect, Kara Mendenhall; ORTA Webmaster, Alissa Burton; Executive Director, Robin Mayfield; Central Region liaison, Karen Butt; and Membership coordinator, Mia McLean.

Working with McLean and our Membership Chair, Sharon Kincade, we hope to get a current list of newly retired teachers in our area.

In the session on recruiting new members and retaining current leaders, it was suggested by ORTA that a new approach to leadership might be an "executive council" rather than a hierarchy of officers. This might encourage other members to participate with less pressure and obligation/commitment. It would involve some restructuring, but is something to think about.

Having an active relationship with the schools has proved beneficial to chapters in several ways. Other ideas were to give free membership for the first year and to keep meetings interesting for all ages and genders. Contact Pat or any board member with your ideas for MCRTA meetings

### **From ORTA Pres., Gale Adkins:**

My goals for the administrative year include:

- To support the continuation of ORTA's Strategic Plan implemented in 2018.
- To attend as many Regional and Chapter meetings as possible in order become more familiar with our chapters within all five regions of this great state of Ohio.
- To encourage

support of ORTA's efforts to build and support membership growth. •To work with Chapters and ORTA liaisons to ensure that ORTA meets the needs of its membership. Our strength is dependent upon numbers of members who are willing to advocate for change. •To keep insisting that STRS bring back the COLA! Sooner, better than later!!

### **Congratulations to Pat Maxwell on being named Morrow County's Outstanding Senior for 2019.**

If you have leftover yarn, bring it to the meeting. It can be used several places.

### **Teacher Grants**

The teacher grant program that was initiated by MCRTA during the last school year was deemed a success and was so popular that an application has been received all ready for this year. Pat Rinehart and Bonnie Hildebrand are working to refine the program and information and will be distributed schools in October.

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

As fall approaches, we think back to what we've done for the year. Please give MCRTA a number for 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. Report hours to Sheila Beck, 20679 Waterford Rd., Fredericktown, OH 43019, phone 740 694 0899 or 740 504 6240.

**Thank You**

The log cabin at the Morrow County Fairgrounds was a special attraction this year with the centennial story of the Morrow County Victory Shaft. Thank you Phylis Miller for all the hours you have spent researching and sharing was about this event. The information will also be taken to the schools this fall by History Center members.

Highland Schools  
Volunteer Hours  
Talent Auction

## COMMUNICATION

ORTA is at: [WWW.Orta.org](http://WWW.Orta.org). and is on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Send

MCRTA members who helped out at the cabin MCRTA happenings and newsletter items to during the fair were: Sheila Beck, Angie Marilyn Weiler [mapleurn@centurylink.net](mailto:mapleurn@centurylink.net), Hamilton, Pat Rinehart, Martha Jividen, member care items to Shirley Dunahugh at Sharon Kincade, Pat Ebersole, and Pat [tdunahugh@embargo.com](mailto:tdunahugh@embargo.com). Find a variety Maxwell.

### Out and About

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

Sep. 22, Oct. 19 and Nov. 3, web site at [riddlebaugh.mj@gmail.com](mailto:riddlebaugh.mj@gmail.com). You Headwaters outdoor Education still need to send in reservations for the Programs meetings by "snail" mail.

September 28, Victory Shaft Centennial Celebration

Oct 5-6, Chesterville Heritage Days

November 7, Vote for OSU Extension

## VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2019

### Next Meeting

October 28, Exec. Bd.

December 2, General Meeting

Remembrance

JAN.\_\_\_\_ FEB.\_\_\_\_ MARCH\_\_\_\_

APRIL \_\_\_\_ MAY \_\_\_\_ JUNE \_\_\_\_

JULY \_\_\_\_ AUG. \_\_\_\_ SEPT. \_\_\_\_

OCT. \_\_\_\_ NOV. \_\_\_\_ DEC. \_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_