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### **JULY LUNCHEON PROGRAM: PCRTA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS HONORED**

Please join us at NEOMED for our July luncheon meeting at noon. The program will honor four of the six PCRTA scholarship winners. Due to conflicting schedules in July, Maddie Oslejsek and Natasha Flesher were already honored at the May meeting.

We would like to thank Jim Montaquila, Kay Wise, Jan Fencl, Dave Gynn, Lowell Myers and Darlene Fetterhoff for working so diligently on the Scholarship Committee to select our six scholarship winners. This year we were able to award each recipient \$1,500.00.

### **2014 PCRTA Scholarship Winners**

Four of the six exceptional future teachers will be introduced at our July 17 luncheon. Seniors from Field, Kent Roosevelt, Garfield, Ravenna, Rootstown, Southeast, Streetsboro and Waterloo applied for one-year \$1,500 scholarships. The selection committee considered their professional recommendations, essays, extracurricular activities, community service, leadership positions, test and grades. When you learn more about these outstanding young people, you will feel confident that your former classrooms will be in good hands.

**Colin Abel** comes from a family of educators. His dad is a teacher in Stow, and his grandparents retired from Kent City Schools. He will attend Kent State University and major in middle childhood education. He hopes to coach lacrosse. He played lacrosse for Kent Roosevelt, where he also ran cross country. Colin participated in the school's Expedition Academy, Career Tech Ambassador Program, leadership retreats, connection mentorship program, and morning Bible study. His teachers acknowledge his positive demeanor, teamwork mentality, and leadership.



*Colin Able*

Field High School's valedictorian, **Natasha Flesher**, will attend Bowling Green State University's Honors College. She will double major in early childhood inclusive with a reading endorsement and middle childhood education with a focus in math. She is the student representative to the Board of Education, president of National Honor Society, senior class treasurer, Spanish Club president and participated on Field's winning Academic Challenge team. Natasha contributes to her community through nature centers' projects and historical societies' internships.



*Natasha Flesher*

**PRCTA Scholarship Winners Continued**

The principal of James S. Garfield believes **Whitney Miller** will work hard to become an inspirational teacher. Her pep club advisor states that Whitney displays “a high degree of integrity, responsibility and ambition.” She participates in a newly formed superintendent’s student advisory group, serves as class president and captain of varsity softball, and is active in a number of community service activities. She mentors freshmen, is active in many clubs and activities, and is always the “go to student” when something needs to be done.

*Whitney Miller**Maddie Oslejsek*

The recipient of the Gene Newton Scholarship is Streetsboro High school student **Maddie Oslejsek**. She plans to become a university professor of theater after earning her M.A. and Ph.D. at Lehigh. Her immediate plans are to attend Ohio Wesleyan majoring in social psychology and theatre. She has taken post-secondary classes at KSU and interned there. Maddie served as class president, held major roles in theatre productions, and is involved in many community service projects. Her English teacher calls her, “caring, compassionate, motivated and selfless.”

*Kristen Reihl*

**Kristen Reihl** from Southeast High School will double major in French language and Education at the University of Mount Union where she has earned the Founders Scholarship. Believing that education is a privilege and should not be squandered, she joined many clubs to make a difference. Kristen is a class officer, tutors math students, cheerleads, and was chosen as a link crew leader to help freshmen transition to high school. Her counselor calls her a shining star; and her principal appreciates her intelligence, dedication, and participation.

**Ellen Shipley** knew she wanted to become a teacher when she saw the love her mom had for education. Karin Shipley taught 25 years in Kent City Schools, had to retire due to her ALS diagnosis, and was an active PCRTA member. Ellen excelled in the Teaching Professions program at Kent Roosevelt High School and served as an intern at Davey Elementary School. She was the captain of her field hockey team and a member of National Honor Society. Her English teacher praises her “ability to think outside the box and generate creative ideas.” Her mentor teacher says, “Ellen’s patient, caring manner endears her to students immediately.”

*Ellen Shipley*

Thanks to our **Scholarship Committee Members** pictured below for selecting the six \$1,500.00 scholarships recipients.



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We are pleased that **Robinson Memorial Hospital Foundation** asked members of PCRTA to judge their scholarships given to family members of employees. The judges were: left to right, Pat Gynn, Dave Gynn, Helena Parry, Judy Hendershot, and Jim Montaquila. A letter of gratitude was written by Sandra Haskel, Acting Robinson Memorial Foundation Director, to the association with hopes that our help to select scholarship winners would be available in the future.

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Pictured below are several of the PCRTA Proctors who work hard to provide the money given by NEOMED for our scholarship fund. Thanks to Edith Scott for leading the pack. This photo was taken on May 15, 2014 after the morning reception given to our proctors by NEOMED. The program speaker included remarks by Suzanne Hrico Testing Coordinator; Richard Kasmer Associate Dean, College of Pharmacy; Penny Smith Executive Director, Office of Academic Services; and Dave Gynn PCRTA Treasurer. The main speaker, **Mike Kerrigan**, Community Relations



and Special Initiative Manager at NEOMED explained the new and existing programs available at NEOMED.

L to R: front to back: Bill Conroy, Darlene Fetterhoff, Marge Conroy, Kathy Wilen, Helena Parry, Mary

Reith, Sue Hrico (NEOMED), Dottie Emerick, Kay Wise, Edith Scott, David Reith, Carol Stokes, Dave Gynn, Denise Craig, Len Suzelis, Mary Evelyn Shabino, Gay Shope, Fran Pruchenski, Saroj Sutaria, Lisa Morris (NEOMED), Pat Gynn, Rosemary Hostler

NEOMED is in the final stages of a \$166 million dollar expansion which includes off on campus housing for students, a research and graduate education building, an integrated fitness and wellness center which also includes physical therapy and rehabilitation. The NEOMED Education and Wellness (NEW) Center will have a primary care area, a pharmacy, 350-seat lecture hall, conference center, small meeting spaces, garden café, coffee bar and student lounge. An athletic complex with tennis and

**NEOMED PROCTOR RECEPTION Continued**

basketball courts will be added where the former ODOT facility stands today. Medical offices and some small retails will also be available. You can contact Mike Kerrigan at [mkerrigan@neomed.edu](mailto:mkerrigan@neomed.edu) or 330-325-6264 for further information.

**News About Former Scholarship Recipient and Kay Wise**



For over thirty years, I have participated in the Virginia Hamilton Conference at Kent State University.

Last fall, as part of Kent State’s Mentor/Mentee program, the mentee assigned to me was Katelyn Alesci. Katelyn is a former PCRTA scholarship recipient.

Katelyn and I attended the Virginia Hamilton Conference together. We sat in the back of the ballroom where we could quickly get in line for autographing. After hearing the speaker, Christopher Paul Curtis, Katelyn had her picture taken with him.

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**In Loving Memory:**

**James A. Rinier** died on November 1, 2013, at the Trinity Grove Rehabilitation Center in Wilmington, North Carolina. Jim framed his view of the world through the lens of geography, and that led him to a very successful career in the Kent State University Geography Department, where he taught for 51 years. He was inducted into the ODNR Hall of Fame in 2009. His wife, Mary, continues as a PCRTA member.

**Milton Manes**, Ph.D. died on February 27, 2014. He was a life member of ORTA and joined PCRTA in 2009. He was a physical chemist with the U.S. Bureau of Mines. In 1967, he came to Kent State University as a professor in the Chemistry Department. He returned to Pittsburgh on his retirement in 1985.

**Richard M. Rufener** passed away at his home on April 20, 2014. His passion was education. teaching 7th grade social studies for 33 years in the Ravenna School District. He used field trips all over the state to bring Ohio history alive, including archaeological digs, NASA, COSI, astronomy and orienteering at Towner's Woods, fishing and canoeing. Richard led his own lawn care company for 33 years with help from his sons. He joined ORTA and PCRTA in 2008.

**Jane L. Reynolds** passed away April 12 after a brief illness. She taught at Dewitt School in Cuyahoga Falls and joined PCRTA/ORTA in 1991. She renovated her family’s historic homestead in Streetsboro. She was an officer in DAR. She was passionate about music; loved gardening, canning, and preserving; and sewed gowns and uniforms. She travelled extensively but also enjoyed a walk in her woods.

**Richard B. Dorr** passed peacefully at home on May 25. Rick was a principal and math teacher at Twinsburg Schools and joined PCRTA/ORTA in 2000. He served many roles in the United Church of Christ. He was very active in scouting where he achieved several leadership awards. He will be remembered for his prowess at gardening and for his love of singing.

**PCRTA PRE-RETIREMENT WORKSHOP:**



(Photos by Helena Parry)  
Top left to right are: John Buch, from State Teacher’s Retirement System; Ray Kline Investment Advisor and owner of Kline’s Investments; Judy Hendershot, PCRTA

Membership Chairperson; Attorney John Flynn; area attendees, PCRTA Vice President, Georgia Darrah.

**The Portage County Retired Teachers’ Association Hosted a Pre-Retirement Workshop:**

On April 17 the Portage County Retired Teachers PCRTA sponsored a Pre-Retirement Workshop at the Western Reserve Public Media site for Portage County educators who are thinking of retiring in the next few years.

John Flynn, prominent Kent attorney, explained the value and importance of living wills, power of attorney, trusts, and estate planning. Investment counselor Ray Kline talked to the group about strategies for investing their money. STRS representative John Buch gave a clear and comprehensive explanation of the regulations and requirements of the State’s Retirement System.

Attendees were engaged, asked numerous questions and stayed afterward to speak further to the presenters, especially John Buch.

PCRTA President Helena Parry, Vice-President Georgia Darrah and Membership Chairman Judith Hendershot enlightened the audience on the activities and vital function of their local organization, as well as ORTA in protecting the interests of retired educators in our area, thus the importance of joining even prior to retiring. The participants were treated to pizza and cookies to top off the evening. Pre-Retirement Workshop Co-Chairs Mary Ann and Richard Brockett were ably assisted by Barb Cribbs, Darlene Fetterhoff, Pat and Dave Gynn, Maria Mastromatteo, and Edith Scott.

Submitted by Mary Ann Brockett

-Thanks to Richard and Mary Ann Brockett, pictured on the right, for chairing the PCRTA Pre-Retirement Workshop Committee. Thanks to others who were involved in the success of this workshop.



**Scholarships Given in Loving Memory of PCRTA Members**

One way to express honor to a deceased person is through contributions to the PCRTA Future Teacher Scholarship Fund. The **Gene Newton** Scholarship was created as a memorial to a former PCRTA president by his friends and colleagues. Because Gene taught in Streetsboro, the winner of the scholarship is a Streetsboro student. The interest from a significant donation from **Mary and Wendell Stewart** has added to the scholarship fund for several years. Mary was a long-time Portage County teacher.

During the past year we lost several beloved members. Contributions were made to the scholarship fund to honor **Kenneth Cardinal**, former superintendent of Kent City Schools; **Barbara Geisy**, who volunteered many hours proctoring students at NEOMED; and Hilda **Rohlf**, a long-term member of the PCRTA Executive Board. Other donations are made to the scholarship fund by members when they renew their memberships, pay for luncheons, and support this important program through proctoring at NEOMED.

**Scholarship Donations Are Needed**

A long-term goal of PCRTA was reached recently when PCRTA Scholarship received a 501(c)3 designation from the IRS. This permits donors to the fund to claim their contributions when they file income tax returns.

- ☑ If you contribute an amount equal to a scholarship (currently \$1,500), it will be presented in your name or the name of someone you name. You may request that the scholarship be presented to a student from your school or someone who plans to major in your area of teaching.
- ☑ You will receive a year-end statement for your taxes for any amount that you contribute.
- ☑ If you contribute a larger amount, the donation will be invested and a scholarship will be presented in your name when the interest equals a scholarship amount.
- ☑ Plan ahead. Let your family know of your desire to leave an amount from your estate to the scholarship fund. Write your request into your will.
- ☑ Consider naming PCRTA as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy.

Any amount of contribution at any time will help this fund to grow. It would be nice to grow this fund to give even more substantial scholarships to future teachers

The STRS Board has approved changes to the Ohio Health Care Program for 2015 in May of this year. The subsidy multiplier will be reduced by 0.1% down to 2.2% per year of service.-This is a continuation of the yearly reduction that began in 2012. Other changes in in-network and out- of-network costs for Medical Mutual and Aetna Medicare plans will be listed in the next ORTA Quarterly. Express Scripts will increase the brand name deductible from \$150 up to \$200. Express Scripts will also increase the maximum annual expense per enrollee from \$4550 up to \$4700 to match the expected 2015 Medicare Part D maximum out-of-pocket limit.

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**Congratulations to Virginia Mills** who turned 100 on May 19, 2014. Virginia retired from the Ravenna School System is 1976 after teaching for twenty-eight years. She is an active member of PCRTA and ORTA. Frank, her husband for 71 years, and she traveled to fifty states, 12 Provinces in Canada, and 7 European countries. They spent many winters in Fr. Myers, Florida. She remains active in the First United Methodist Church Choir, and attends great-grandchildren’s baseball games, and other activities with her family. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, VIRGINIA.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO SAROJ SUTARIA** who was recently honored at the Coleman Foundation banquet held for its volunteers. Saroj was given an outstanding achievement award for her volunteer work at the administration office.

**Legislative News**

It comes as no surprise that GPO/WEP isn't going to see the light of day in the Federal Congress. It looks to be too expensive to implement. Many former co-sponsors didn't sign on this year. We are still hearing rumors that the Feds are still discussing putting all new education hires into Social Security. Stay alert on this issue and be ready to react with our representatives.



I know you get tired of hearing me say that we need to expand our membership, but for us to be a viable political force that can exert political pressure, we need to increase our paid up ranks. It is all of our responsibilities.

Thanks to all of you that take the time to communicate with our senators and representatives when I ask you to. I was pleased to see the response to having another meet the candidates meeting this fall. I hope you have a great summer. Dan

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**TREASURERS' REPORT:**

May 31, 2014

May 1 Checking Balance		5,997.77
Income:		
	PCRTA Dues	190.00
	ORTA Dues	540.00
	Scholarship	160.00
	Luncheon	
1,222 received/1,170 to NEOMED	52.00	
	50/50 Drawing	135.00
	Mamma Mia Trip	30.00
	Playhouse Bus Trip	600.00
Total Income		1,707.00
Expenses:		
	ORTA Dues	540.00
	Scholarship Deposits	160.00
	Membership Directories	90.00
	Newsletters	292.03
	Auditing	220.00
	Filing Fee	50.00
	Charter Bus	495.00
	Bus Trip Refunds + Tip	275.00
Total Expenses		2,122.03
May 31 Checking Balance		5,582.74
May 31 Stifel Balance		27,905.55



Dave Gynn



Darlene Fetterhoff

**PCRTA LUNCHEON JULY 17, 2014 at NOON at the RALPH RUGULA CENTER AT  
NEOMED 4209 State Route 44, Rootstown, Oh- Turn in next to the bank.  
Fill out the form below  
BRING SCHOOLS SUPPLIES TO OUR JULY LUNCHEON**

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**BUFFET MENU:** Plated House Salad with Ranch & Italian Dressings, Rolls & Butter, Green Beans, Roasted Redskins, BBQ Chicken Breasts, Stuffed Peppers, Assorted Desserts Station, Beverages - Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea.

Number of buffet reservations \_\_\_\_\_ and names (for name tags) Please print and mark clearly\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$13.00 for each luncheon reservation).

I have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the scholarship fund. \*\* Please indicate if any names listed are new members or guests. Write a V by those wanting a Vegetarian Entrée.

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR RESERVATIONS by July 10, 2014.** Mail your check made out to PCRTA and reservations to

**PAT FARLEY 5625 State Route 5, Ravenna, OH 44266 - 330-297-0980 patkgтч2@aol.com**

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MEMBERSHIP: By Judy Hendershot



*Judy Hendershot*

Thirteen years ago, it was my friend Al Henderson who introduced me to PCRTA and ORTA and encouraged me to choose life memberships in both as he had done before me. Al clearly understood the importance of the collective representative voice that PCRTA and ORTA held in 2001 as it worked to protect retired teachers' rights and benefits. We have witnessed many challenges to those rights and benefits in these past thirteen years and no doubt, there are more to come. Thanks to Al, I have never regretted my decision to commit to my memberships in PCRTA and ORTA.

More than fifty teachers who will be newly retired from Portage County Schools this year have been contacted by your PCRTA Membership Committee. Some of you may know them as fairly recent colleagues, and if that is so, consider introducing them to the organizations to

which you are also committed. Make it personal.

Thank you to all who have faithfully renewed your commitment to PCRTA and ORTA. For various reasons, about twenty of our colleagues have opted out of this year's membership. While we hope some of them will reconsider next year, we are eager to increase our membership, because numbers do count.

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**LOST MEMBERS:**

Do you know where our members are? Please notify Dave Gynn is you know the whereabouts of any of these members: Dorothy Beck, Theodore Harvey, Lloyd Mills, Barbara Ottinger, Gail Smith and Tim Warner.

Please let us know if you change your address, either permanently or temporarily. For a fee, the Post Office will notify us of a change of address on your newsletter. Members who receive their newsletter via email should also send an address change.





Playhouse Square



The world's largest outdoor chandelier on Euclid Ave. Cleveland at Playhouse Square

PCRTA members were treated to a tour of Playhouse Square in Cleveland recently. We toured several theaters, got a glimpse of the history of the area and enjoyed a preview of the upcoming events. All PCRTA members can participate in the Corporate Exclusive online ticketing program and receive show tickets at a special discount. Here's how:

1. Log on to [playhousesquare.org/ceo](http://playhousesquare.org/ceo).
2. Enter the promo code – PHS.
3. Buy your tickets.
4. Enjoy the shows.

For more information, call 216-771-8403.

Some of PCRTA members on the Playhouse Square Tour.



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**A SUMMARY OF THE PCRTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MAY 8, 2014- Ruth Weigand, Secretary**

Members present: Darlene Fetterhoff, Pat Gynn, Jim Montaquila, Kay Wise, Ruth Weigand, Helena Parry, Georgia Darrah, Jan Fencl, Judy Hendershot, Dan McCombs, Dave Gynn, Ron Snowberger, Edith Scott, Judy Morgan, and Connie Evans.

Kay Wise moved to accept the minutes from the March board meeting and Darlene Fetterhoff seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**TREASURERS' REPORTS:**

The PCRTA will look into bonding both treasurers. Dave Gynn mailed 82 reminder cards to members who needed to renew their dues. Several renewed but he is still working on phone calls to those who still need to renew. He reported that there were 27 paid reservations to the trip to the Playhouse Square.

Darlene Fetterhoff reported that scholarship checks will not be given to the winners until there is a receipt from the bursar's office.

**VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** At request of Georgia Darrah, Amy Adams will be permitted 15 minutes at our July Executive Board Meeting to explain a grant awarded to the Community Action Council of Portage County.



Ruth Weigand

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT:** Ron Snowberger, Dave Gynn and Helena Parry attended the ORTA Spring Conference in Columbus on April 23. Ron announced that the ORTA secretary is retiring in June.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** Judy Morgan thanked everyone for the children's clothing and the stuffed Animals for Akron Children's Hospital. **School supplies will be collected at the July luncheon.** Volunteer hours need to be turned in to Judy.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:** continued

She will have a sign-up sheet at the May luncheon for members to help with baking cookies and serving at the GED graduates' ceremony held at Maple Wood Career Center in June. Pat Gynn will have note cards for members to sign at the May luncheon to give to the graduates.

**LEGISLATIVE:** The STRS Board voted to discontinue the irrevocable waiver for health care and members can now re-enroll in STRS health care. A decision was made to not try again to get the GPO/WEP bill passed. This is discrimination against teacher in the state of Ohio. STRS updates were on the website on April 25.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Judy Hendershot thanked Dave and Pat Gynn for the help in making the new membership form. Judy prepared materials for disbursement to teacher retirees.

The board approved, at the request of Edith Scott, to honor at the May PCRTA luncheon member Virginia Mills who was 100 years old this May.

**MEMORIAL & SUNSHINE:** Pat Mazzer and Dee Smith will continue to send out cards to members until a chairperson is found.

**PROCTORING:** Edith Scott reported that many proctors have called in and volunteered many times. She encouraged volunteers to sign up for the recognition event given by NEOMED.

**NEWSLETTER:** Helena Parry requested that articles for the newsletter be turned in as soon as possible before the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month deadline.

**NOMINATIONS:** Jan Fencil stated that elections for president, corresponding secretary, and assistant treasurer occur in even-numbered years for PCRTA. Officers take office on January, 1, 2015. Elections take place in November, 2014.

**PRE-RETIREMENT:** Everyone was thanked who helped with the event. The seminar is held every other year. Mary Ann and Richard Brocket are the chairpeople of this event.

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES:** Kay Wise attended the Virginia Hamilton Conference with a former scholarship recipient, Katelyn Alesci with the Kent State University Mentor/ Mentee Program. Kay has been asked by Community Action Council of Portage County to represent the PCRTA on a new council of local leaders.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** An article about the March luncheon was submitted and published in the Record Courier. The photo included George Sleight and Georgia Darrah.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Jim Montaquila thanked his committee members for their effort and dedication. There were twelve candidates representing 8 area high schools. Letters of congratulations went out to scholarship winners, to their High School principals and to the guidance counselors.

Jim attended and presented the scholarship certificate at the award ceremony to the winner from James A. Garfield on Wed. May 28 to **Whitney Miller** and at Southeast on May 29 to **Kristen Reihl**. Helena Parry attended and presented the award certificates at Roosevelt High School on May 20 to **Colin Able** and **Ellen Shipley**. Lowell Myers attended and presented the scholarship certificate at Streetsboro High School on May 15 to **Maddie Oslejsek**.

Student scholarship winners will be notified, after verification of college enrollment, as to how to access their funds from PCRTA.

**WEBMASTER:** Connie Evans reported that she had to purchase a new web program to be able to continue our website.

**PHOTOGRAPER:** Pat Gynn will take pictures of events for PCRTA to use in the newsletter and to place in her scrapbook.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY LUNCHEON MEETING**

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President Parry. Upon arrival to the luncheon the members and guests were greeted by Bill and Adele Fussner. Coleen Janka, Leslie Geer, and Judy Soldorphen from the Kent Garden Club were guests of the President. Gloria Hatfield was a first- time attendee.

Dan McCombs asked for a vote of the membership for permission to organize a "Meet the Candidate" before the November election.

Membership chair Judy Hendershot asked members to contact her if they knew any teachers who were retiring this year.

Georgia Darrah, who won the 50/50 raffle, donated her portion back to PCRTA. Jim Montequila introduced two of our scholarship winners since they were unable to attend the July luncheon. Natasha Fletcher, a Field High School graduate and Mattie Oslejsek, a Streetsboro High School graduate, were honored.

Helena Parry thanked NEOMED for the reception held that morning for the proctors. Pat Gynn asked people to sign up to help with the refreshments for the GED graduation held at Maplewood Career Center.

Edith Scott honored PCRTA member Virginia Mills who was unable to attend the luncheon. Virginia was a retired Ravenna High School teacher, who celebrated her 100 birthday in May. Virginia has two daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 15 great grandchildren. Virginia's recipe for a long life is regular eating and sleeping. Virginia was also honored at the Ravenna First Methodist Church.

Connie Evans gave the meditation, "The Greatest Teacher."

PCRTA member, Ron Snowberger, presented his power point program about China since he had been on the trip for educators. This trip costs \$4500. He stayed in a five star hotel with five others on the trip for the three days in Beijing. He attended a traditional dumpling dinner, National Performing Arts, an inner city park which honored the French Revolution that had ruins from 1750. The group went to the Great Wall of China, which had been built to prevent invading forces. They toured a jade factory and the Olympic facilities.

When Ron went to the English-speaking school, Rise Elementary, he taught a lesson to a class of fifteen enthusiastic fourth graders.

He walked in Tiananmen Square which includes Chairman Mao Royal Hall and the peace monument, and visited the Forbidden City including the Summer Place and the Temple of Heaven.



While in Shanghai, the Paris of the East, he took a picture of a Chinese Dragon Boat which cost \$20,000.00 for half a day.

Among Ron's many other pictures he showed an herbal pharmacy, a Tea Village with terraced hills and jasmine tea, a silk factory, the English speaking school while he was presenting his lesson, pictures of high school students who were dressed in athletic wear, the Great Wall of China, and many other interesting scenes.

PCRTA-Portage County Retired  
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Please notify PCRTA of any address change

Address Codes  
S=State (ORTA) P=Portage(PCRTA)  
Life memberships are indicated by (life)  
and annual memberships are indicated  
by (ann) + the year.  
Example: S(life) P(ann) 2013 means  
that local dues are paid through 2013  
and would be due at this time in 2014.

[WWW.pcrta.net](http://WWW.pcrta.net)

Connie Evans Webmaster



Karen Balog Assistant Webmaster

Newsletter photos by Pat Gynn or Helena Parry

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### 2014 PCRTA and ORTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Retirement District & Year \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Last four digits of your Social Security Number ( Requested by ORTA for a new member) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**PCRTA \$10.00- ORTA \$30.00 = \$40.00** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship donation** \_\_\_\_\_

PCRTA Life Membership = \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_

ORTA Life Membership = \$500.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Total of check \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to PCRTA. Complete the form and mail both to:

**Dave Gynn 4210 Lancaster Ln., Kent, OH 44240**

Email address for newsletter \_\_\_\_\_

