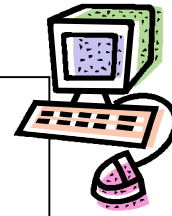


November, December 2009



The Desk Top



Portage County Retired Teachers

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR LAST TWO MEETINGS FOR 2009

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Lou Ann Rogers will be bringing Love on a Leash participants from the local chapter our November 19 luncheon meeting.

Liz Palika, an award winning author and dog obedience instructor, introduced the concept of pet-provided therapy to the residents of San Diego County in California. She saw a need for a larger organization due to the growing number of requests she received from assisted living facilities, memory-care facilities, schools and hospitals. Ms. Palika created Love on a Leash in 1984.

Currently, there are over 900 members in 28 states. The Portage County program has just celebrated its ninth year with twenty teams. Come to the luncheon to meet some of the teams of our local Love on a Leash chapter and learn more about them.

***We will vote on next year's officers—Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary. Anyone interested in any of these offices, please contact Jan Fencl at 330-678-1758 or at fencljanet@yahoo.com for more information.

***Our Community Service project for November is to collect non-perishable items for the Center of Hope in Ravenna. You may also donate money to purchase turkeys.



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Our luncheon on December 17 will be a Christmas Party. We will be entertained by the A.C.E.S. of Kent Roosevelt High School under the direction of Mrs. Donna Crews. What a holiday treat!

The A.C.E.S. perform both popular style music with accompanying choreography and advanced repertoire for choral ensembles. Members are selected by audition from the Roosevelt Choralworks. They sing for civic

groups, at school concerts, and in choral competition.

***The 2010 PCRTA officers will be installed at the December luncheon.

***We will play Bingo for marvelous white elephant prizes and home-baked goods.

Bring a wrapped prize if you can, something of value but just not to you...or some home-made goodies to be used as Bingo prizes.

***Remember to bring hats, gloves, and mittens to be donated to the County Clothing Center to keep little ones warm this winter.



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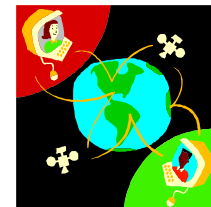
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Our Website www.pcrta.net Is Two Years Old!

Have you visited our website lately? It looks great! There are lots of new features. If you haven't visited lately...check it out.

Want to keep up on the latest with our pensions and healthcare? PCRTA.net has links to both ORTA and STRS. Looking for something to do this weekend? Follow the link to the Portage County Events calendar.



Do you have a Buckeye card? Link to the Golden Buckeye card to find businesses in your town that accept the card.

Looking for a job or volunteer opportunity? Check at our site under Announcements...you never know what will turn up. And remember our newsletter is on our website in full vibrant color!

Is there something you'd like to see on our website? Contact our webmaster Connie Evans at pcrta@pcrta.hostcentric.com.

PREZ SAYS: IT'S TIME TO BE ALERT by Ray Troxtell

In early September, STRS submitted their plan and recommendations to the ORSC (Ohio Retirement Study Council). All five Ohio public retirement systems provided plans to bring each system into financial compliance and solvency.

STRS has been diligent in keeping us informed about their recommendations and ideas to the ORSC. The legislature will make the final decisions regarding revisions to each retirement system. There is already resistance and criticism to the STRS proposed increase in contribution to the STRS by working educators and Boards of Education.



ORTA and each of us must plan and work hard to educate our political leaders that a new retirement system need not be created, but some changes will solve and meet federal solvency guidelines and provide needed retirement benefits to each working educator.

Each of us should be alert to recruit new members and assist in talking with and educating legislators as to the necessity in keeping our great pension system functioning to meet the retirement needs of present and future retirees.

November is the time to evaluate and make changes to your health care plan. STRS has made some changes and adjustments to reduce health care costs. It would be wise to check the STRS website to obtain information in order to select the best health care plan for yourself and your family.

STRS will welcome your phone calls and inquiries. They will be glad to assist you in making the best decision for you and your family. Good planning based upon sound information generally will help to prevent misunderstanding and unhappiness. The new health plans will start January 1, 2010. Please act now!
Ray



LEGISLATIVE UPDATE by Dan McCombs, ORTA Trustee

It looks as though events are starting to move forward in health care. Dave Gynn, former PCRTA President, now the Eastern Vice-President of ORTA and I will be attending a state ORTA legislative meeting in Columbus on October 21.

We will be looking at the 2010 Legislative Guidelines that will be presented for approval at the November 12 ORTA Board meeting. We will also be reviewing the results of STRS's report and recommendations to the legislature on their health care position, which we supported.

It becomes more evident with each passing day how important it is for our organization to recruit new members. Without a large membership, we can't have a positive impact on any legislation. I hope each and every one of you will do your best to bring in at least one new member by our next local meeting.

Let our local representatives know how strongly you feel about the future of health care for all of our retirees. Give them a call today!

State Representatives:

Kathleen Chandler 330-673-1872

Steve Dyer 330-899-9866

Senator:

Tom Sawyer 330-923-7699

I will keep you posted on events as they unfold either through reports at our meetings or articles in our newsletter or on our website. But in the meantime, stay ALERT!!

Remember TOGETHER WE CAN!!

Dan



2010 PCRTA and ORTA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____
 Retirement School/Year _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 E-mail Address _____
 Phone _____
 Last 4 digits of Social Security Number _____
 Associate Member's Name, if joining (non-teacher spouse or friend)

 Gift Membership from _____

2010 DUES PAYMENT	
PCRTA & ORTA ANNUAL DUES:	
(PCRTA \$10 +ORTA \$20) = \$30	_____
PCRTA Life Membership	\$150 _____
ORTA Life Membership	\$300 _____
PCRTA Associate Member	\$5 _____
Scholarship Fund Donation	_____
TOTAL	_____



Make one check payable to PCRTA. Mail completed form and check to
 Darlene J. Fetterhoff, Treasurer, 2417 Duck Pond Dr., Ravenna, OH 44266

INFORMATIVE & PROTECTIVE NOTE by Kay Wise

At the September board meeting, Ray mentioned that in November members usually receive flu shots. Some members thought we should have the flu shot in September so we could get the H1N1 flu shot later. So I contacted Robinson Working Partners and they agreed to provide the shots,

It was necessary to call everyone registered for lunch to alert them the flu shots would be available. Many thanks to those who volunteered to make the calls. Thirty-one people received the flu shot. Sorry about the late notice on the shots. Stay well!

Kay



REPORT VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

Retired teachers are a rich source of talent for volunteer and community service activities.

Use this form to report your service hours for January through December.

Clip or copy and mail this form to Judith Morgan, 265 Jade Boulevard, Streetsboro, OH 44241



Check the areas where you volunteer and estimate your total volunteer hours for each month.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal welfare | <input type="checkbox"/> Historical societies | <input type="checkbox"/> Patriotic organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Centers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civic groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitals | <input type="checkbox"/> Political organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Service organizations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Social services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crusades and Drives | <input type="checkbox"/> Museums | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutorial services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handicapped assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools | _____ |

Name _____ Jan-October Hours _____ November Hours _____ December Hours _____

SWINE FLU PREVENTION TIPS

Dr. Vinay Goyal is an intensivist and thyroid specialist with over 20 years of clinical experience. I thought these tips of his made a lot of sense. Hope they help you stay well.

1. **Frequent hand washing.**



2. **Hands off your face.**

Resist all temptations to touch any part of your face except for eating and bathing.



3. **Gargle twice a day with warm salt water.** You can use Listerine if you'd rather. H1N1 takes 2-3 days after initial infection in the throat and nasal cavity to proliferate and show characteristic symptoms. Simple gargling helps prevent proliferation. Don't underestimate this simple, inexpensive and powerful preventative method.



4. **Clean your nostrils at least once every day with warm salt water.** Blowing your nose hard once a day and swabbing both nostrils with Q-tips dipped in warm saltwater is very effective in bringing down the viral population.



5. **Boost your natural immunity with foods that are rich in Vitamin C.** If you have to supplement with Vitamin C tablets, make sure that it also has zinc to boost the absorption.



6. **Drink as much of warm liquids as you can.** Drinking warm liquids like tea or coffee has the same effect as gargling, but in the reverse direction. They wash off viruses from the throat into the stomach where they cannot survive, proliferate or do any harm.



UNBELIEVABLE SCRAMBLES

Can you believe the time it took someone to figure out these scrambles?

Princess Diana	End in a Car Spin
Monica Lewinsky	Nice Silky Woman
Astronomer	Moon Starer
Desperation	A Rope Ends It
The Eyes	They See
George Bush	He Bugs Gore
The Morse Code	Here Come Dots
Slot Machines	Cash Lost In Me
Election Results	Lies—Lets Recount
Snooze Alarms	Alas! No More Z's
A Decimal Point	I'm a Dot In Place
The Earthquakes	That Queer Shake
Eleven Plus Two	Twelve Plus One
Mother-in-Law	Woman Hitler

Submitted by Saroj Sutaria

BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT GIVING INFORMATION TO CENSUS WORKERS...

With the US Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau advises people to be cooperative but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.



How can you tell the difference between a US Census worker and a con artist? If a US Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. Never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Workers are currently only going door to door to verify address information. Do NOT give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone. A US Census employee will NOT ask you for these things.

Eventually Census workers may contact you by mail, telephone, or in person at home; but they will NOT contact you by email. Be on the lookout for email scams impersonating the Census.

A want versus a need.

How to balance a checkbook.

Is there profit in pizza?

Don't you wish that someone had taught you those things as you were growing up? Now there is someone. **YOU.**

Retired teachers will partner with high school business students to bring economic education to all the classrooms at Brimfield Elementary school again this year.

JA in a Day, our highly successful program last year, will be repeated on **Thursday, February 18**. We have tweaked the program and hope you will sign up for this important activity.

The elementary school programs include six sequential themes for kindergarten through five-grade students. Students learn the basic concepts of business and economics and how education is relevant to the workplace.

The lessons in personal economics will be taught at each grade level by Marketing Education students from Field High School with the assistance of retired teachers.

The materials, prepared by Junior Achievement, are keyed to the state curriculum standards. The interactive, project-driven activities capture the attention of the students.

Retired teachers will meet with the high school students prior to JA in a Day to plan the presentations. Each group will prepare one lesson and present it to four or five classes during the day. All we need is your enthusiasm, life experience, and a willingness to help high school students teach children. Junior Achievement provides the training and the curriculum.

For more information or to sign up, email **Dave Gynn** at PCRTA.COM or call him at 330-678-8423.



WHO WANTS TO GO ON A TRIP...AND WHERE?

Who wants to go on a trip? The members of the Social Committee, **Patricia Eichler**, **Saroj Sutaria**, and **Ruth Wiegand** put out survey sheets for trip ideas and suggestions on the tables at the September luncheon. PCRTA members filled them out, and here are some suggestions they had:

Cleveland: Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Science Center, tour of Cleveland, guided boat ride, see a play

Cincinnati: National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

Marietta: The Castle, Campus Martius Museum, Ohio River Museum, lunch at Lafayette Hotel

Archbold: Sauder Village

Sandusky: Kelly's Island

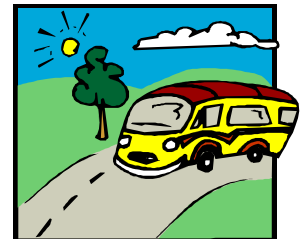
Columbus: Easton Mall shopping, Longaberger factory in Dresden

Sharon: Kraniack's, Rager's Shoes, Hoss restaurant, Candy store

Canton: Harry London Candy Factory

Parkersburg: WV Blennerhasset Island

Cumberland: the Wilds, Zanesville lunch at Schultz Mansion, Lorena Sternwheeler on Muskingum River



A trip will probably take place next spring or summer. If you have any more ideas for places to go on a bus trip, let someone on the committee know: **Patricia Eichler** at 330-923-6508; **Saroj Sutaria** at 330-678-9045; or **Ruth Wiegand** at 330-673-4788.

TREASURER'S REPORT by Darlene Fetterhoff

Report for September 18, 2009 to October 2, 2009

Beginning Balance: \$ 12,425.38

Expenses: 1,225.00

Luncheon Speaker 165.00

Luncheon at Twin Lakes 900.00

ORTA dues 160.00

Income: \$ 1,452.00

Ending Balance: \$ 12,652.38

Scholarship Funds in Checking \$ 7,380.24

Checking Working Balance \$ 5,272.08



**A reminder to those who have not paid dues since 2008:

In December, twenty-four memberships will be terminated. Any dues paid now will be credited to 2010 dues. Please check your address label for your current dues status. Call Darlene at 330-673-8164 if you have questions. Remember, our collective voice is only as strong as the individuals who join us!

Say Hello to Our Newest Members:

Carol Birkner	Associate Member
Linda Jahn	Streetsboro Schools
Judith Khaner	Solon City Schools
Elaine May	Ravenna City Schools
Ruth Wagner	Crestwood Schools

WELCOME

HOW TO GET NEW MEMBERS by Art Fesemyer

After distributing packets of membership information to this year's retirees, the committee mailed an additional 210 letters and brochures to retirees who reside in Portage County and receive STRS pension checks. We hope that some of these will choose to join our retirement organizations.

National Public Radio has a weekly program named appropriately "Science Friday." The award-winning host of the program is **Ira Flatow**, who keeps his listeners informed about the latest developments in science. Frequently when a guest is getting ready to leave, **Flatow** asks a question such as, "If you were granted unlimited funds, what would you use the money for to improve the research you are now doing?"

So we have been thinking, as they say, "outside the box" for what the Membership Committee could do to increase our membership if we had a blank check.

Immediately we thought about using television commercials and purchasing full-page ads in the local paper. We could hire a professional organization to phone the more than 1000

members and invite them to join. Of course, with unlimited funds we could provide gifts and free meals, too. But realistically, we know we have to work with our budget.

Merrielu Ritz, a committee member, sent me an e-mail that perhaps illustrates the most effective way to increase our membership. She wrote, "I may have found another new member, **Marjorie Evans**. She said she doesn't know why she never joined; perhaps no one ever asked her. She doesn't remember being asked. So I asked her and sent her an application. We'll see how this works."

In this the last newsletter of the year, I want to express my thanks and appreciation to this year's committee: **Jane Bridge, Tom Campana, Merrielu Ritz, Carol Rudlosky, Saroj Sutaria, and Kay Wise** for their efforts. Additionally all of us are grateful for the help we received this year from our treasurer, **Darlene Fetterhoff**. Even though it is a little depressing to realize how many potential members reside in Portage County and haven't chosen to join the retirement organizations, we still have to live with hope and will keep trying.



Art Fesemyer,
Membership
Chair

Songs From the Sixties...Revised

Some of the artists of the 60's are revising their hits with new lyrics to accommodate aging baby boomers. Here are some of their new titles:

Herman's Hermits – *Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker*

Ringo Starr – *I Get By With a Little Help From Depends*

Bobby Darin – *Splish, Splash, I Was Having a Flash*

Roberta Flack – *The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face*

Johnny Nash – *I Can't See Clearly Now*

Procol Harem – *A Whiter Shade of Hair*

Abba – *Denture Queen*

Paul Simon – *Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver*

Marvin Gaye – *Heard It Through the Grape Nuts*

Leo Sayer – *You Make Me Feel Like Napping*

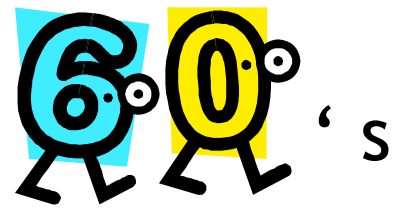
The Temptations – *Papa's Got a Kidney Stone*

Tony Orlando – *Knock 3 Times On the Ceiling If You Hear Me Fall*

Helen Reddy – *I Am Woman, Hear Me Snore*

Leslie Gore – *It's My Procedure, and I'll Cry if I Want To*

Willie Nelson – *On the Commode Again*



Songs Revised

WHAT'S IN YOUR BANK ACCOUNT?

A 92-year old petite, well-poised and proud man who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today.

His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary.

After too many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

"I just love it," he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mr. Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait."

"That doesn't have anything to do with it," he replied. "Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time.

Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged...it's how I arrange my mind. I've already decided to love it."

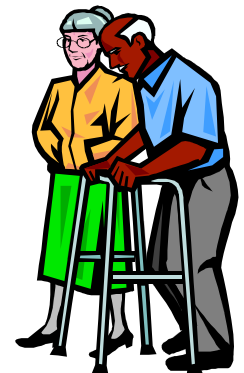
"It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do work."



"Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away...just for this time in my life."

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in.

So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories.

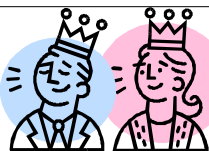


LOOKING BACK INTO OUR ARCHIVES by Norm Park, PCRTA Archivist



From July 1991—King and Queen

Betty Dickerhoof and Royal Reynolds have accepted our nominations for Queen and King respectively to represent PCRTA at the annual Randolph Fair. You may share in the festivities by being present at 1:30 pm on Friday, 23 August. That is Senior Citizens Day and there are reduced charges for us. Hope to see you there.



The request to participate was forwarded to me by Orville Hissom. This appears to be his last involvement in retired teachers' affairs. Very soon after his concern about our representation in the county fair, he died on July 3rd.

Not long before, he had become a life member and was so proud of it he showed the plaque hanging on his wall to anyone who entered his home.

And when Orville Hissom died, whom do you supposed wrote his obituary in the form of a poem? You guessed it—Ralph Moore.

From September 1991

Pauline Weckerly placed this in the September '91 edition of our newsletter. It's but a small part of a large article. She wrote:

"In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable, GRASS was mowed, COKE was a cold drink and POT was something you cooked in. ROCK MUSIC was a Grandma's lullaby and AIDS were helpers in the Principal's office."

From March 1991

Betsy Nelson of Arlington, Virginia sued Irving's Sports Store of nearby Falls Church after security personnel there falsely accused her of shoplifting a basketball. Nelson, 33, was nine months pregnant at the time.



Norm

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK NEEDS EDUCATION PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS



Be part of a new team of Education Volunteers in Cuyahoga Valley National Park!! The Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center is looking for volunteers to present curriculum-based education programs to school groups during the school year. If you enjoy teaching, working with children, being outdoors and want to experience using a national park as a living classroom, this is the opportunity for you. Must be able to hike up to 3 miles and manage a group of 12-20 students. Training and support will be provided. If you are interested, please call Stacey Heffernan at 330-657-2796 x109 or email her at sheffernan@cvnnpa.org for more information.

Check online at www.pcrta.net for more volunteer and paid opportunities.



Edith Scott,
NEOUCOM Proctor
Project

New Proctor Orientation Course for NEOUCOM Proctors

Friday, November 6, 2009

Olson Hall at NEOUCOM/P Campus

9:30 to 11:30

Call Edith Scott to sign up 330-297-1812

Continuing proctors please call to schedule dates





The highlights from the Executive Committee and luncheon meetings are provided below. Many of the meeting details are included in other reports in this newsletter. Complete minutes are available to all PCRTA members. Call **Ruth Weigand** (330-673-4788) for a print copy or email PCRTA@aol.com for an

electronic copy of the minutes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – Sept. 10, 2009

–**Darlene Fetterhoff** reported that the treasury has a working balance of \$4,421.60. The Scholarship account has a balance of \$8,017.50.

–**President Ray Troxtell** presented the calendar for 2010. He reported that ORTA is restructuring and may be changing their by-laws and increasing their dues.

–**Ria Mastromatteo** reported on the Retirement Planning Seminar to be held on October 21 from 5-7 at Western Reserve Public Media. She thanked **Terrie Sargi** and **Kay Wise** for serving on the committee.

–**Dan McCombs**, ORTA Trustee, presented information on the five recommendations that STRS was making to the Ohio Retirement Study Council regarding 1.Active teacher contributions to STRS;2. Determining Final Average Salary 3. Eligibility to retire; 4.Formula for determining benefits; 5. Changes in COLAs.

–**Art Fesemyer**, Membership Chair reported that 210 membership packets had been sent out in September.

–**Kay Wise**, Informative and Protective Services chair, said she would look into the possibility of flu shots at our next meeting.

–Ray asked **Ruth Wiegand** if she would make a survey for trips and suggestions to be filled out at the luncheon.

–Webmaster **Connie Evans** told about some changes that had been made to our website.

Jan FencI, Nominations, reported that we need to elect a Vice-president, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary at the November meeting.

–Treasurer **Darlene Fetterhoff** presented a report, titled “Recommendations to Promote a Better PCRTA,” which she and **Pat Gynn** developed following some suggestions by President **Ray Troxtell** with three main points:

1. Extensive duties of treasurer dictate too much time involvement for one person; 2. Loss of monies due to business based on status quo; 3. Examination of the scholarship program. Much discussion ensued.

Jan FencI moved and **Kay Wise** seconded to have the 990 IRS report be prepared by a professional tax person.

LUNCHEON MEETING – September 17, 2009

–The luncheon meeting was held at the Twin Lakes Country Club.

–School supplies were collected to be given to the County Clothing Center.

–President **Ray Troxtell** welcomed new retirees: **Sue Kepler**, Kent Roosevelt; **Rosemary Reyes**, Crestwood; **Elaine May**, Ravenna; **Sandra Rohrback** and **Pat Moore**, Field.

–President Ray thanked **Helen Eichler**, **Laura Kernit**, and **Barb Miller** from Robinson Memorial Working Partners, who administered flu shots to 31 PCRTA members before the meeting.

–**Les Bennett** led group singing. **Ray** led the Pledge to the flag. Vice-President **Terrie Sargi** read a prayer in honor of teachers in the past and future.

–After lunch, **Terrie Sargi** introduced the guest speaker, **Dorothy Fuldheim**, portrayed by **Carole Starre-Kmiecek**.

–President Ray encouraged all members to review hospitalization plans with Aetna, Aetna Advantage, and Medical Mutual by checking on co-pays, doctors, and lower deductibles. He said to also look at wellness and gym memberships on www.STRSOH.org.

–Legislative Chair and ORTA Trustee **Dan McCombs** said that STRS submitted a recommended plan of five components on September 1, 2009 to ORSC, the Ohio Retirement Study Council.

–President Ray said that PCRTA needs a trustee for another two-year term to be in place by November 1. **Jan FencI** nominated **Dan McCombs**. PCRTA members voted by a show of hands and he was elected.

–Contact **Ria Mastromatteo** for information on the Retirement Workshop on October 21 at Western Reserve (formerly CH 45/49). Members were encouraged to tell friends who are still working and looking forward to retiring in the next few years to attend.

–Since **Saroj Sutaria**, Social Committee Chair, was on vacation, **Ruth Weigand** placed surveys for trip ideas and suggestions on the tables for members to fill out during the meeting. See page 6 for more information.

–NEOUCOM Scheduling Coordinator **Edith Scott** invited people to sign up for NEOUCOM proctoring. She announced there would be another orientation scheduled for new proctors in the near future.

–50/50 Raffle: **Maria Davidson** won \$72 out of the \$144 collected. She very generously donated it back to PCRTA. Thanks, Maria!



Luncheon Reservation for Thursday, November 19 12 noon
Twin Lakes Country Club – 1519 Overlook Drive, Kent



Luncheon Menu: Rosemary Pork, Cheddar Whipped Potatoes, Chef Choice Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Vegetarian Entree:
Eggplant Parmesan

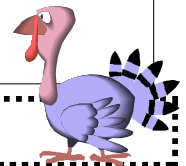
Number of **buffet** lunch reservations _____ and names. Please print clearly.

Number of **vegetarian** lunch reservations _____ and names.

Your name and phone number _____

I have enclosed \$_____ (\$10 for each luncheon reservation).

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY November 12. Mail your reservation and check made out to PCRTA to:
Les Bennett, 6222 Lakeview Drive, Ravenna, OH 44266 330-673-4115



BRING TO THE MEETING: Non-Perishable Foods or \$ to buy turkeys for the Center of Hope in Ravenna.

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Luncheon Reservation for Thursday, December 17 12 noon
Twin Lakes Country Club – 1519 Overlook Drive, Kent



Luncheon Menu: Sliced Ham, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Chef Choice Vegetables, Salad, Rolls, Assorted Desserts

Vegetarian Entree:
Pasta Primavera

Number of **buffet** lunch reservations _____ and names. Please print clearly.

Number of **vegetarian** lunch reservations _____ and names.

Your name and phone number _____

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BRING TO THE MEETING: Warm hats, mittens, or gloves & something to be a Bingo prize.

Address Service Requested

Darlene Fetterhoff, Treasurer
2417 Duck Pond Drive
Ravenna, OH 44266-8221

Please notify PCRTA of
any address changes.

ADDRESS CODES

S=Life member in Ohio
Retired Teachers Association
P=Life member in Portage
County Teacher Association
A=Associate member in Portage County
Teacher Association
Year=Membership paid through that year



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 21—Retirement Planning
Workshop 5-7 pm

October 24—Make a Difference Day

November 5—Executive Committee

November 19—Luncheon Meeting

Program: Love on a Leash
Officer Elections

December 17—Luncheon Meeting

Program: Christmas Party and
Officer Installation; Kent
Roosevelt A.C.E.S. with
Donna Crews

Save these Dates:

2010 Luncheon Meetings

March 18

May 20

July 15

September 16

November 11

December 16

February 18—JA in a Day

Executive Committee meetings are
held the Thursday before each
luncheon meeting at the
Williamson Alumni Center at Kent
State at 9:30 a.m.

The PCRTA luncheon meetings are
held at the Twin Lakes Country
Club, 1519 Overlook Drive, Kent,
at 12:00 noon.

