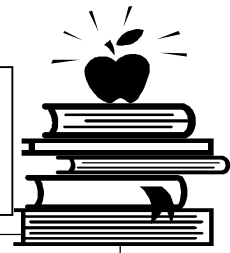


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The Desk Top



Portage County Retired Teachers

A VISIT WITH DEL

We are pleased that Del Donahoo, a well-known TV personality, will be our luncheon speaker in September. Literally millions of current and former Northeast Ohioans grew up watching Del Donahoo roam Ohio for interesting stories and interesting people.

To many residents, Del Donahoo is as familiar a fixture as the Terminal Tower. He has worked for WKYC TV-3 in many capacities for the past forty years, including general assignment reporter, news anchor, co-host of the local morning show, "Today in Cleveland" with Tom Haley, and now as feature reporter.

Del's special reports always begin with, "You're something special when you've been selected for Del's Folks." A people-oriented reporter, Del focuses on covering compelling human interest stories. He also visits and reports on notable restaurants.

Although he has worked in a major city for forty years, he grew up in rural Iowa where he attended a one-room school. There was no electricity, and it was heated with a wood-burning stove. He actually taught a class of 18 eighth graders there. Del says he considers one of the things that happened in that school to be a major accomplishment in his life. He taught a child to read and knows that by doing so he opened unlimited doors for him.



Del remembered, "Teachers had a tremendous impact and influence on students at that time, since there was no television in the homes." He has always appreciated and honored teachers. His daughter is in her thirty-second year of teaching elementary students.

He has always been a positive man. This attitude gives him the opportunity to spotlight positive aspects of other people and their lives. He greatly appreciates story ideas from his viewers. Donahoo claims, "Viewers' ideas identify the many wonderful things happening in the world." Sometimes he sees a story about a young person and can't help but to question, "What is this world coming to?" But for every story like that there are "a hundred stories that tell me things will be just fine."

When asked, "What advice would you give to someone on aging successfully?" Del quickly replied, "Keep on keepin' on!" Plan to join us for a memorable afternoon and our VISIT WITH DEL.

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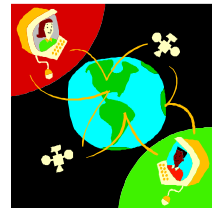
Welcome to Retirement
Retired Educators
Class of 2008!



2008 PCRTA LEADERSHIP TEAM	COMMITTEE CHAIRS
<p style="text-align: center;">OFFICERS</p> <p>President—David Gynn</p> <p>Vice President--Joann Newhauser</p> <p>Recording Secretary—Ruth Weigand</p> <p>Corresponding Secretary--Carol Kates</p> <p>Treasurer—Darlene Fetterhoff</p> <p>Assistant Treasurer—Les Bennett</p> <p>ORTA Trustee—Dan McCombs</p>	<p>Archival—Norm Park</p> <p>Community Services—Adele Fussner Nancy Duquette</p> <p>Informative & Protective Services —Hilda Rohlf</p> <p>Legislative—Dan McCombs John Gwinn</p> <p>Membership—Art Fesemyer</p> <p>Memorial & Sunshine—Jan Fencil Mary Jane Brannon</p> <p>Newsletter—Pat Gynn</p> <p>Nominations—Saroj Sutaria</p> <p>NEOUCOM Proctor Project— Edith Scott</p> <p>Public Relations—Evelyn Park</p> <p>Retirement Planning—Ray Troxtell</p> <p>Scholarship—Bob Dunn</p> <p>Webmaster—Connie Evans</p>

Welcome to Our New Website: www.pcrta.net

On July 31, **Connie Evans** and **Pat Gynn** attended a workshop at the ORTA office in Columbus to learn more about creating a website for PCRTA. The workshop was led by **Barbara Bergmann** from Webwise Boomers and Seniors and **Deloris Ullmann**, ORTA's Webmaster. It was partially funded by a National Retired Teachers Association grant.



Connie Evans has volunteered to be our Webmaster. She retired two years ago with 36 years in total, all but three of them at Streetsboro. While at Streetsboro, Connie taught English and Spanish at the Middle School for nine years, Spanish at the high school for 20 years, and technology the last four years to elementary students. Connie was the Teacher of the Year in 2006. Welcome to our team, Connie!

PREZ SAYS: Retirement—A Permanent Vacation? by David Gynn



Teachers look forward to their “three-month” vacation every year. Should a retiree think of this next stage of life as a permanent vacation?

The REM song lyrics tout permanent vacation as, “Sleeping late in the morning, staying out all night long. Every day is like the one before. I’m going wrong. I’m going wrong. Gotta get away, gotta get away, gotta get away, gotta get away.” Aerosmith’s version of permanent vacation says, “I got to take myself a permanent vacation. The sky’s the limit but my plane won’t fly.” Do these musicians paint an appealing image of retirement as a permanent vacation?

In the 1986 movie, *Permanent Vacation*, a young slacker wanders New York City searching for some meaning in his life and encounters many idiosyncratic characters. In a more recent movie *Jen and Jason*, 23-year old college grads who couldn’t hold jobs, run a business out of a rented campervan while they tour New Zealand on their *Permanent Vacation*.

A Florida real estate development firm touts their newest construction project as the perfect permanent vacation to escape Ohio weather. Carlsbad, California, encourages families to move to the permanent vacation of sun-splashed beaches, world-class shopping, restaurants with character, and the home of LEGOLAND, a theme park created with 30 million LEGO bricks.

Financial investment counselors occasionally use the term “permanent vacation” as a strategy for setting investment goals.

Frustrated voters can send politicians on a “permanent vacation.”

The travel editor of eHow claims you don’t have to be independently wealthy to go on a permanent vacation. Just follow these four easy steps: (1) Go where no one can find you. Remote islands are good choices. (2) Connect with the locals. Develop a network of people who will provide for your needs. (3) Sleep in and lay around a lot. Don’t wear yourself out doing touristy things. (4) Flee at a moment’s notice. As soon as the slightest hint of responsibility arises, get out of there and find a new location to provide everything you need to stay on your permanent vacation.



Is retirement a permanent vacation? I think not.

Retirement is an opportunity to change your focus, alter your schedule, and adjust your attitude. It is an opportunity to go places and do things you haven’t accomplished while you were employed.

It is a time to become involved in personal activities, family gatherings, community events, hobbies, travel, clubs, or new groups. It is a chance to throw yourself into projects that keep you up all night. It is the opportunity to follow your passions or develop new interests. Retirement is the ideal time to volunteer and make a better community and world for everyone.



Edith Scott,
NEOUCOM Proctor
Project

New Proctor Orientation & Refresher Course for NEOUCOM Proctors

Thursday, September 4

Olson Hall at NEOUCOM/P Campus

10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Call Edith Scott to sign up 330-297-1812

Continuing proctors please call to schedule dates



Welcome To The Retiring Class of 2008!



AURORA CITY SCHOOLS – Dick Bliss, Barb Brookhart, JoAnne Brunswick, Nancy Dowling, Phyllis Estis, Jo Ann Gavacs, Cathy Goudy, Jerry Hayes, Debbie Langford, Cindy Simenc, John Smolko, Barb Stroh, Dale Veverka

CRESTWOOD SCHOOLS– Deborah Bailey, Marcia Muster, Patricia Peterson, John Simon, Sherry Spragg

FIELD SCHOOLS – Ellen Arena, Paul Bartko, John Beltich, Cheryl Coppe, Jack Evans, Mandy Gillis, Linda Lowe, Patricia Moore, Deborah Twynham, Peggy Wiley

GARFIELD SCHOOLS – Bob Kernen, Kathy Nagle, Fran Teresi, Neil Wallace

KENT CITY SCHOOLS – Happy Bengston, Tom Biggens, Marc Crail, Cathy Deericks, George Dietz, Dennis Kelly, Barb Kunkler, Judy McKinney, Kim Mizelle, Judy Murfin, Emma Owen, Mary Kay Pieski, Pat Pollak, Arden Sommers, Karen Schofield, Kathy Thomas, Barb Wagner

MAPLEWOOD CAREER CENTER – Don Clark, Mary Beth Talerico

RAVENNA CITY SCHOOLS – Janice Busher, James Gorrigall, Mark Hoffman, John Kiss, Sue Mowry, JoAnn Stikes

ROOTSTOWN SCHOOLS – Diane Cubon, Patricia Davisson, John Gordon, Margaret Hagen, Todd Monroe, Douglas Mori, David Mullenix, Gale Nagel, Marilyn Nienaltowski, Diane Oliva, Elizabeth Rykaceski, Steven Wagner, Deborah Walker

SOUTHEAST SCHOOLS – Wendy Cooley, Susan Friedman, Theodore McDivitt, Greg Newell

STREETSBORO SCHOOLS – Jane Bridge, Tom Giovagnoli, Sandy Graham, George Hammond, Anita Heflin, Ken Motz, Marietta Tromp

WATERLOO SCHOOLS – Susan Berry, Judith Davis, Margie Dietz, Carol Hunt, Barbara Rossi, Mary Spear, Illeil Wuenschel,

WINDHAM SCHOOLS – Brenda Chipps, Penny Culver, Nancy Mancino, Sharon Rankin



All new 2008 teacher retirees are invited to attend the September luncheon as our guests! They don't get this newsletter...so how will they know? We will send invitations to those with known addresses, but we need to contact them and let them know they are invited as our guests. So...pick up your phone and give someone a call!



A Catalog of Retiring Analog-Era Chores

Here are just some of the obsolete or rapidly disappearing technologies and the skills that go along with them. These are little chores that are quickly retiring from our lifestyle:

- Loading film into a camera.
- Licking stamps.
- Paying with a check.
- Using a pay phone.
- Winding your watch.
- Ripping the trim with the holes off the sides of computer paper.
- Calling someone collect.
- Popping popcorn with hot oil.
- Getting up to manually change the channel.
- Repairing a TV set.
- Using correction fluid.
- Cleaning a vinyl record.
- Defrosting the refrigerator.
- Refilling a fountain pen.
- Using carbon paper to make copies.
- Sending a handwritten letter.
- Writing in cursive.
- Delivering milk.
- Manually entering prices into an old-fashioned cash register.
- Sniffing freshly mimeographed tests.
- Changing the ribbon on a typewriter.
- Rewinding audio or video cassettes.



Taken from the Akron Beacon Journal, 5-8-08

Vanishing Americana—On a Permanent Vacation

25. Pit Toilets—.6% Americans lacked indoor plumbing in 2000
24. Yellow Pages—Due to Internet
23. Classifield Ads—Google, Craigslist, Ebay
22. Movie Rental Stores—Netflix
21. Dial-up Internet Access—High speed Internet
20. Phone Landlines—End of 2007, 1 of 6 homes had cell only
19. Chesapeake Bay Blue Crabs—Overfishing, pollution
18. VCRs—Changing to DVRs
17. Ash Trees—Emerald Ash Borer from Asia
16. Ham Radio—In past 5 yrs, # has dropped by 50,000
15. Swimming holes—Shut down by lawsuits
14. Answering machines—Landline usage dropped 55% since 2000
13. Cameras with film—Gone digital
12. Incandescent bulb—New energy bill to phase out in 4-12 yrs.
11. Stand-alone Bowling Alleys—Being built in rec centers
10. The Milkman—Better home refrigeration, supermarkets
9. Hand Written Letters—In 2006, estimated 183 billion emails sent each day!
8. Wild Horses—Selective euthanasia
7. Personal checks—Checks used for 49% of bill payments, down from 72% in 2001
6. Drive-In Theaters—No new ones built since 2005
5. Mumps & Measles—Due to vigorous vaccination program
4. Honey Bees—Most dire thing on this list; necessary to the survival of our food supply; due to CCD—colony collapse disorder in US and Europe, wiping out 50-90% of colonies
3. News Magazines & TV news—Evening news programs are a dying breed
2. Analog TV—85% of homes get TV from cable or satellite
1. Family Farms—Land going to subdivisions

GOING, GOING, GONE

SOME PEOPLE NEVER RETIRE:

ACCOUNTANTS just lose their balance.

MUSICIANS just decompose.

WATCHMAKERS just wind down.

ENGINEERS just lose their bearings.

GOLFERS just lose their drive.

BANK MANAGERS just lose interest.

FARMERS just go to seed.

TEACHERS just mark time.

TREE SURGEONS just branch out.

LUMBERJACKS just pine away.

BEEKEEPERS just buzz off.

ACADEMICS lose their faculties.

MECHANICS re-tire every day.

PAINTERS just put a gloss on it.

2009 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 _____
 Name of Associate Member (non-teacher spouse or friend)

 Gift Membership from _____

2009 DUES PAYMENT	
PCRTA 2009 Dues \$10	_____
PCRTA Life Member \$150	_____
ORTA 2009 Dues \$20	_____
ORTA Life Member \$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

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

Children are going back to school and retired teachers aren't!

When the school buses start to roll, that is the reminder for people who aren't lifetime members to renew their annual PCRTA dues. Anyone who joins as a new member now, will be a member for the rest of 2008 and through 2009.

Fill out the form above and send it to our treasurer, Darlene.

Keep our numbers strong, so when we speak with our legislators we speak with one clear, strong teacher voice.



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 August.

Clip or copy and mail this form to Adele Fussner, 199 Judson Rd., Kent, OH 44240



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-July Hrs _____ August Hours _____

TREASURER'S REPORT by Darlene Fetterhoff



Report for July 1 to August 10, 2008

Beginning Balance: \$8,532.27

Expenses: 5,722.28

Scholarships 4,000.00

Luncheon at Twin Lakes 750.00

ORTA dues 840.00

Membership 52.28

Dues Refund 80.00

Income: \$ 4,042.00

Ending Balance: \$6,851.99

Scholarship Funds in Checking \$2,417.94

Checking Working Balance \$4,434.05



MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS:

In honor of **Betty Murray**
Ken and Nancy Granville

In Honor of **Dr. Virginia Patton:**
Ken and Nancy Granville

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!

Not only have the members of the Membership Committee worked hard to enroll new members, but they have also devoted time to making phone calls to former PCRTA members who for one reason or another did not renew their memberships this year.

The members of the committee who helped with the phone calls are **Tom Campana, Kay Wise, Mary Evelyn Shabino, Merrielu Ritz, Judy Richards, and Art Fesemyer.**

When the committee prepared and mailed letters and brochures earlier this year to the educators who are receiving STRS pensions but do not belong to either ORTA or PCRTA, the post office returned over 100 of the envelopes—as one would expect in a transient society because of address changes.

This week the committee received a new State Directory, and we are cross-checking to find correct addresses. After this, we will re-mail the letters and brochures that were returned and include a cordial invitation to join both of our organizations.

At the July general meeting we requested donations to help cover the cost of lunches for teachers who retired this year and will be invited to attend the September meeting. The donations we received are very much appreciated. Thanks for your generosity.

Say Hello to Our Newest Members:

Maria Davisson	Portage Lakes CC
Nancy Granville	Streetsboro Schools
Douglas Huth	Maplewood CC
Becky Kirby	Ravenna Schools
Ginger Murphy	Kent City Schools
Mitch Murphy	Associate Member
Patricia Peterson	Crestwood Schools



Art Fesemyer,
Membership
Chair

WELCOME

LEGISLATIVE REPORT by Dan McCombs

While all is quiet on the Legislative front, we continue to be concerned about the future of health care for Ohio's retirees. KathLeen Chandler, one of our Portage County Representatives, has agreed to meet with us for a legislative update with questions from the audience to follow.

Please make plans to attend this important luncheon. Order from the menu at your own expense.

Get involved. Let the people in Columbus know that we do care about our future and are not afraid to put their feet to the fire. Don't wait for the other guy to do it!



Lunch and Talk With Representative **Kathleen Chandler**

Thursday, October 16

Luna's Restaurant
1225 W. Main Street
Kent

Lunch @ 11
Q&A Session Following

Reservations Not Required



Dan McCombs,
ORTA Trustee

INFORMATIVE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

By Hilda Rohlf

SENIORS, TAKE NOTE! I came across these ideas some time ago and decided to share them with you.

- Guard your credit cards carefully.
- Place bonds, stock certificates, property records (deeds, titles, etc.) in a safe deposit box. In Ohio and some other places, life insurance policies should not be placed in safe deposit boxes. When death occurs, certain legal procedures must be followed first before a box can be opened.
- Have an annual physical checkup.
- Make a will or trust. Review and update it when your circumstances change.
- Investigate the cost of funerals. Find out what is meant by a basic price.

Take care and keep well!

Hilda



COME WITH US TO SEE BEAUTIFUL FALLINGWATER

One of Frank Lloyd Wright's Masterpieces
PCRTA Fundraiser Bus Trip to Fallingwater
In Mill Run, Pennsylvania
Tuesday, October 14



This beautiful home, designed for Edgar J. Kaufmann, Sr. is cantilevered over a waterfall with its balconies and terraces seemingly suspended in midair. Fallingwater is the only remaining great Frank Lloyd Wright house with its setting, original furnishings and art work intact.

Cost of trip is **\$68** which includes

Paskey Tour's Premium Coach Bus with Professional Driver
Lunch at Seven Springs Mountain Resort
Admission to Fallingwater
Leave University Plaza, Kent at 8:15 a.m.
Return approx 8-8:30 p.m.
Stop for snack on your own on return trip

Make your check payable to PCRTA

Send your check to **Darlene Fetterhoff**
2417 Duck Pond Drive, Ravenna, OH 44266

LOOKING BACK INTO OUR ARCHIVES



(May, 1991) Legislative Chair Ruth Skerpan urged members to contact Ohio House Representative Paul Jones to support HB 54 which would revise the calculation of cost of living increases for STRS recipients.

(March, 1992) Bentley Hurd and Margaret Prichard won the newsletter naming contest with their entry: The Desk Top. There were 44 names submitted.

(March, 1992) Life membership dues were invested in a CD at 7.3% return rather than the 3% received in a regular savings account. President Gene Newton said, "The principal will never be used. What a gift this will one day be for our organization."

(Editor's note: Don't we wish we could get an interest rate like that today?)

A Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of The Portage Foundation, I appreciated the opportunity to meet with PCRTA Executive Committee on July 12. It is exciting to us to have opportunities to share information about this important community resource, and it would be wonderful indeed to have PCRTA as a partner as we seek to expand the Foundation's assets. Education is one of six priority-funding areas for the Portage Foundation, so it is really important to build financial resources available for this purpose.

Ralph W. Kletzien, Interim Executive Director,
Portage Foundation

MAKE YOURSELF HAPPY: 7 WAYS TO ENRICH YOUR LIFE

From www.P&GEveryday Solutions.com

You have the power to make yourself happy. Think of the old saying, "If you want something done right, do it yourself." According to a Yale University survey, if people were optimistic in their middle age, they could increase their life span by at least 7.5 years.



1. **Socialize.** People who socialize at least once a week are more likely to live longer, and have lower risk of heart attacks and high blood pressure.
2. **Practice gratitude.** Gratitude breeds joy. Try writing down happy events and things you are grateful for.
3. **Get moving.** Bring out the child in you. Just a few minutes of aerobic activity can make you feel happier.
4. **Spend money on other people.** "In a study of 632 Americans...spending money on other people or charities made them feel better than splurging on themselves."
5. **Appreciate the small stuff.** A sunny day, looking at beautiful scenery, a bird building a nest—take time to appreciate these things. You'll feel happier.
6. **Forgive someone.** Holding grudges or feeling bitter will make you feel bad inside.
7. **Do good deeds** "Performing random acts of kindness actually boosts your sense of well being and happiness. Researchers found that performing five random acts of kindness in a given day gave people the maximum 'happiness boost.'"

Thank You, Portage County Retired Teachers Association

The Northeastern Ohio Universities Colleges of Medicine and Pharmacy would like to thank the members of PCRTA for their dedication and hard work in helping us to proctor some 500 hours of testing for our medicine and pharmacy students during the 2007-2008 academic year. You have been wonderful partners in education. We could not have done it without you!!!



Northeastern Ohio Universities
COLLEGES OF MEDICINE & PHARMACY

MEETING MINUTES - Ruth Weigand, Secretary



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 – July 10, 2008

- Darlene Fetterhoff** reported that the treasury has a working balance of \$3,164.33. She opened an 18 month CD for the Scholarship Fund to earn money with a 3.25% yield.
- Ralph Kletzien**, the interim director for the Portage Foundation, explained the fund. The board members decided the fund would not be beneficial at this time.
- Vice-President **Joanne Newhauser** is not able to continue due to health issues. Someone will need to take her place for one year to fill her position.
- The September meeting will also be held at the country club.
- Ray Troxtell**, ORTA president, said there will be a one-day training for newly-elected trustees in the fall. He would like to have a mentoring program for new trustees.
- PCRTA** will soon have its own website. **Connie Evans** will run the website. The cost for the year is \$96, paid by an anonymous donor.
- Dan McCombs** talked about four bills that are in the works: HB 315 may have to start over next year if it does not get out of committee; HB 433 will exempt the first \$10,000 of state or federal pension income on Ohio income tax if it passes; HB270 deals with reemployed retirees; HB 240 caps the salary of a rehired employee.
- Edith Scott** will give NEOUCOM volunteers a small questionnaire for comments and proctoring suggestions.
- Saroj Sutaria**, Nominations Chair, announced that she is still looking for a President for a 2-year term, and a Vice-President for one year. **Carol Kates**, the Corresponding Secretary, and **Les Bennett**, Assistant Treasurer, are both willing to run for their offices again.
- The November Executive Committee meeting was changed from November 13 to November 6.
- Ruth Weigand** and **Darlene Fetterhoff** volunteered to be on a selection committee to select a recipient for the Ohio School Board Association, Northeast Region scholarship award to be given in the fall.

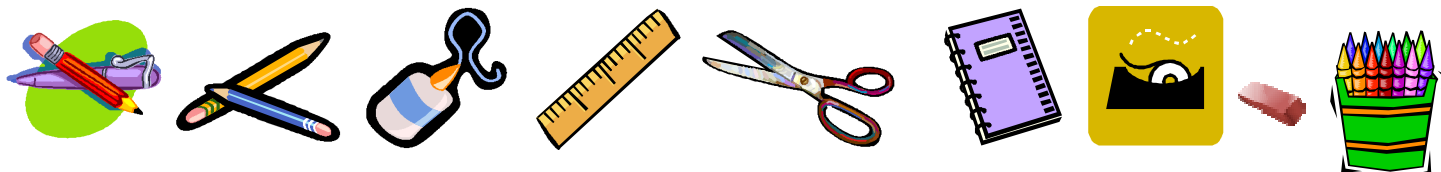
LUNCHEON MEETING – July 17, 2008

- The Scholarship luncheon meeting was held at the Twin Lakes Country Club. There was a display about past scholarship recipients. There were 75 people in attendance.
- A Book Exchange was held.
- Les Bennett** led group singing. **Connie Evans** offered the invocation. **Dave Gynn** led the Pledge to the flag.
- Pat Gynn** wore the ORTA volunteer pin during the meeting in recognition for the newsletter award which was presented at the 2008 ORTA regional meeting.
- Dr. Clint Snyder** and **Barb Habowski** of NEOUCOM came to the luncheon to thank members for proctoring tests. They brought a large decorated cake to say thank you. **Dr. Snyder** stated that NEOUCOM/P will now include Cleveland State University along with KSU, YSU, and the University of Akron. **Barb Habowski** said this past year there were 77 exams administered by 149 proctors.
- Rachel Baughman** (Kent Roosevelt), **Ashley Bault** (Rootstown), and **Kera Lemasters** (Southeast) each received \$1000 scholarships. **Kelly Christensen** (Rootstown) was out of the country and will receive her scholarship later. **Lynn Duffy** presented the scholarship to **Ashley Bault** in the memory of her sister, **Teresa Bica**, our former Scholarship Chair who built up the scholarship program in past years.
- Membership chair, **Art Fesemyer**, said that 60 new members have been recruited from those who received letters during the membership campaign. Of the 1200 letters sent during the campaign, 120 were returned with unknown addresses.
- Jean Gilley** won \$46.50 in the 50/50 raffle and she donated it back to PCRTA to help with the Membership drive.
- Mary Jane Brannon** announced that the Akron Aeros activity would be cancelled due to too few people signing up for the game.
- Dave Gynn** reminded people to sign up for the bus trip to Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater in October.
- The next meeting will be September 18 at the Twin Lakes Country Club. The program speaker will be **Del Donahoo** of WKYC, Channel 3. Special invited guests will be the recently retired 2008 retirees. Members were urged to sponsor a retiree guest to come to the luncheon.



September Community Service Project: School Supplies

It's back to school time...and we are collecting school supplies for Portage County kids. Hit some of those back-to-school sales and get some things to bring to the September meeting. Have fun shopping, while all the time thinking... I don't have to go back...I don't have to go back.



****BRING TO THE MEETING****BRING TO THE MEETING**** BRING TO THE MEETING ****
A NEW RETIREE

SEPTEMBER 18 LUNCHEON MEETING – 12:00 NOON
TWIN LAKES COUNTRY CLUB, 1519 OVERLOOK DRIVE, KENT



Make your reservation now for the next meeting—Thursday, September 18 –12:00 noon. We will honor our new retirees at a buffet meal of Bourbon Pork, whipped potatoes, green beans, Grand Salad, rolls, and beverage (coffee, water, iced tea, or lemonade), with Hot Fruit Cobbler dessert.

Mail your reservations to **Les Bennett** by **Thursday, September 11**.
Last-minute reservations will be accepted only if someone cancels a reservation.

Sorry, there are no refunds.

Make your check payable to PCRTA and send it to:

Les Bennett, 6222 Lakeview Dr., Ravenna, OH 44266 (330-673-4115)

- I would like the Bourbon Pork entrée.
- I would prefer a vegetarian entrée of Fruit and Cottage Cheese plate.
- I will contribute \$_____ to sponsor a new retiree.
- Sorry, I cannot attend, but I have enclosed a \$_____ donation for the Scholarship Fund.

I have enclosed \$_____ (\$10.00 for each lunch).
Make check payable to **Portage County Retired Teachers Association**.



Your name and telephone number _____

Your guest's name _____

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



E-mail: PCRTA@aol.com

Website: www.pcrta.net

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 4 – NEUCOM Proctor
Orientation and Refresher
Course 10-12 a.m.

Sept. 11–Executive Committee

September 18–Luncheon Meeting

Program: Del Donahoo, “A Visit
with Del”; Welcome New
Retirees

October 14 – PCRTA Fundraiser Bus
Trip to Fallingwater

October 16 – Lunch and talk
with Rep. Kathleen
Chandler at Luna’s in Kent,
1225 W. Main Street at
11:00 a.m.

October 25–Make A Difference Day

Nov. 6–Executive Committee
(Note change of date)

November 20–Luncheon Meeting
Program: Officer Elections

December 11–Luncheon Meeting
Program: Officer Installation and
Christmas Party

Executive Committee meetings are
held at the Williamson Alumni
Center at Kent State at 9:30 a.m.

The PCRTA September luncheon
meeting will be held at the Twin
Lakes Country Club, 1519 Overlook
Drive, Kent, at 12:00 noon.

