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Growing Season—The Life of a Migrant Community

When photographer **Gary Harwood** first stepped onto the K. W. Zellers family farm in Hartville to take pictures of Mexican migrant workers, he did not expect to find such a strong, tightly knit community.

Over the next five years he used his camera to study the lives and work of these migrants in their Northeastern Ohio home. His artful photography captures the migrants' portraits and movingly conveys their great pride in work and family, their struggles and joys.

In photos and stories, the book *Growing Season* celebrates the work and play and religious, medical, familial, and communal experiences of these workers—young, old, male, female—and offers readers a success story. A part of our Ohio landscape, these people and the dedicated, caring group of volunteers who support them teach all of us about dignity and humanity.

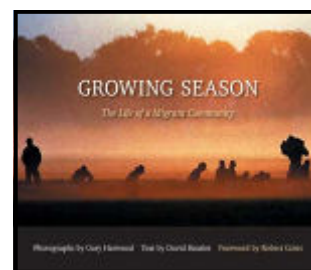
You will meet **Gary Harwood** at our March luncheon and will be captivated by his experiences in Hartville. His photographs and his life-altering experience will provide unforgettable observations of the migrant workers.



Gary Harwood has been a photographer for Kent State University for nearly 25 years and chief photographer since 1987. He has won four national Circle of Excellence awards from The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. He was named the 2001 University Photographers Association of America's

Photographer of the Year, and he won the 2005 James R. Gordon Ohio Understanding Award from the ONPA, Ohio News Photographers Association. He received the 2006 Individual Artist grant for photography and the 2005 Artists and Communities grant from the Ohio Arts Council.

A few copies of his book, *The Growing Season*, will be available to purchase. Accompanying the vibrant photographs are revealing first-person narratives written by **David Hassler**, the program and outreach director for the Wick Poetry Center at Kent State University.



The voices of the migrant workers will speak to us through **Gary Harwood**.

SAFER FUTURES—OUR MARCH SERVICE PROJECT:

Safer Futures is a resource center shelter for women and children seeking freedom from domestic violence. The center provides shelter, advocacy, moral support, education concerning domestic violence, and access to relevant community resources. Please bring toiletries and hygiene items for Safer Futures to the March luncheon meeting.



NEW DINING DIGS

PCRTA luncheons this year will be in Pierson Hall at the **United Methodist Church of Kent, 1435 East Main Street, Kent**. A new location was needed when the Twin Lakes Country Club discontinued business.

Luncheons will feature the delicious meals which are served weekly to the Rotary and Lions service organizations. The Lions, who also meet on Thursdays, will eat in another room.

Drive to the back of the church and enter through the dining room doors. This is a handicapped entrance. Arrive any time after 11:00, enjoy a

beverage, and visit with friends. Our meeting will start promptly at noon, and lunch will be at 12:15.

The cost of the meals this year will be \$10. The church donates the profits from our meals to mission projects locally and throughout the world. Use the form on Page 11 to make your reservations now. Call a retired teacher and bring a new attendee - you will both be glad.



Raymond L. Troxtell

Born February 27, 1938 Died January 14, 2010

We are saddened with the passing of **Ray Troxtell**, who served two terms as PCRTA president in 1996 and in 2009. He served Ohio Retired Teachers in many capacities and was the 2008 ORTA president. He sought changes for retired teachers through evolution, not revolution.

Ray will be long remembered for his positive spirit and his enthusiastic approach to every task. He is buried in Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman.

Ray graduated from South Amherst High School in Lorain County. He earned his B.S. in Education at Ashland College and his M.Ed. from Kent State University. He was an Army MP stationed at Fort Dix in Germany.

Mr. Troxtell served as the principal at Clearview (1972-77), Twinsburg (1977-88), and Newton Falls (1988-90) high schools. He loved hunting, fishing, telling jokes, relating stories of former students, and spending time with his family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Emily** (nee Greenberg), his wife of 21 years and his children, **Tobie (John) Lane, Trisha (Steve) Sudler, and Ryan Troxtell**. He also leaves step-children **Daniel**

(**Heidi**) Jones, **Kenneth (Barbara) Jones**, and **Ronald (Christine) Jones** as well as his grandchildren: **Madeleine and Ethan Lane; Kyle and Caroline Sudler; and Brittany, Molly, Lindsey, Matthew, Tova, Aaron and Amanda Jones**.

The family suggests memorials be made in Ray's name to PCRTA Future Teachers Scholarship or the American Cancer Society. PCRTA scholarship memorials should be given to our treasurer.



PREZ SEZ – NOW IS THE TIME FOR RESOLUTIONS

Snow is melting. Days are getting longer. Spring will be here soon. This is the beginning of a new year for PCRTA. This is the time to plan for our best year ever. Let's all make some new year's resolutions:

RESOLVE to attend a few luncheon meetings. Nancy and Ken Granville, our new vice presidents, have an exciting line-up of programs to appeal to all interest areas. Ideas? Call them at 330-626-2154.

RESOLVE to volunteer a little more this year. Research shows us that active seniors live longer and are happier than those who don't volunteer. Judy Morgan and the community service committee offer many volunteer opportunities.

RESOLVE to track and report your volunteer hours. When totaled, retired teachers volunteer a huge number of hours. Be sure yours are included in the count. Check out the "Give A Day - Get A Disney Day" program.

RESOLVE to ask fellow retirees to join. Art Fesemyer and the membership committee will give you flyers and follow up on your leads. Our organization becomes stronger as our membership grows.

RESOLVE to speak out for our defined benefits retirement program. Dan McCombs, our legislative chair and the chair for the ORTA legislative committee, will keep you informed on this very important issue.

RESOLVE to check out our websites: PCRTA.net and ORTA.org. Both sites have a great deal of updated information for retired teachers. Visit regularly.

RESOLVE to contact PCRTA committee chairs with your good ideas. Our Executive Committee represents you well and would like your comments and ideas. Really - give a call now while you are thinking about it.

RESOLVE to have fun! John and Sandy Kerstetter, our social/travel committee will plan a bus trip and other local activities. Call them at 330-673-0129 and tell them where to go (literally, of course).

This will be an exciting, challenging, and rewarding year for PCRTA. Exciting because of the many opportunities for retired teachers; challenging because of the threat to our retirement system which we MUST address; and rewarding because so much can be accomplished when everyone just does a little bit.

Dave

"This will be an exciting, challenging, and rewarding year for PCRTA."



Dave Gynn,
PCRTA
President

ATTEND OUR ORTA AREA CONFERENCE ON APRIL 14

The ORTA spring conference for our area will be Wednesday, April 14, at the McKinley Grand Hotel in Canton. It is open to all ORTA members, and you are encouraged to attend.

Bob Stein and Jim McGreevy, the retired teacher members on the STRS board, will be the keynote speakers. Attendees will vote on the proposed restatement of the ORTA

bylaws. Afternoon break-out sessions will provide leadership training, information, and opportunity for input to the many areas of concern which ORTA is involved.

Registration cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Advance registration is required. Call Dave Gynn (330-678-8423) for more information and to register. Let's have a large delegation from Portage County.





TREASURER'S REPORT by Darlene Fetterhoff



Report for January 1, 2010 to February 2, 2010:

TIME TO PAY 2010 DUES

Beginning Checking Acct. Balance:	\$ 14,544.78
Expenses:	\$ 110.00
ORTA dues	60.00
Funeral Flowers	50.00
Income:	\$ 2,174.00
Ending Balance:	\$ 16,608.78
Scholarship Funds in Checking	\$ 11,220.24
Checking Working Balance	\$ 5,388.54

With the beginning of a new year, please consider paying your dues now.

Our goal is to have all 2010 dues paid before June 30, which is ORTA's fiscal year end.

Check your newsletter address label for your current status.

Call me at 330-673-8164 if you have any questions.

Darlene



Our sincere sympathy to the friends and the family of these PCRTA members who passed in the recent months.

You will be missed.

Irene George retired from Field Schools in 1973. She died on December 15, 2009.

Clinton Hobbs retired from Kent State University in 1980. He died on October 26, 2009.

Eric May retired from Kent State University in 2006. He died on November 27, 2009.

Mildred Price retired from Ravenna Schools in 1966. She died on February 3, 2010.

Raymond Troxtell retired from Newton Falls in 1990. He died on January 14, 2010.

Dorothy Turk retired from Chagrin Falls in 1985. She died on January 30, 2010.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

The following persons have made donations to the PCRTA Scholarship Fund in honor of Raymond Troxtell:

Merrielu Ritz
Darlene Fetterhoff

Adele Fussner
Dave and Pat Gynn





LOOKING BACK by Norm Park, PCRTA Archivist

I had an occasion to drop into several high schools this past week. The purpose of my visits had to do with our scholarship program coming along this spring.

Since some schools didn't seem to respond last year, I suggested to our scholarship chair, **Jim Montaquila**, that it would be nice to approach guidance counselors/principals individually.

I was received graciously at all schools; was met and escorted to the appropriate rooms. My last visit was at Garfield, where our oldest daughter teaches. I mention my visits to these high schools for two reasons. One was how friendly and helpful everyone was. Two, as I passed room after room, I observed rows of computers, most being utilized. Then it struck me: *I don't think I could teach in today's schools.* I certainly would have to go back to school myself to learn to operate all this modern equipment!

The new technology started when I handed the application form to proper person. I suspect in less than a minute, enough copies could be run to supply all potential applicants. Ah, it was so simple.

If I remember correctly, to get our needed copies years ago, we had to type the material onto a sheet suitable for the mimeograph machine.

We'd turn the crank and hope for the best. (Remember when smokers had brown fingers? Remember when teachers had blue ones?)

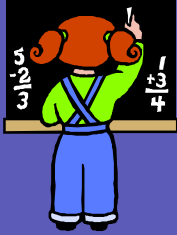
Prior to cranking out copies I have a vague memory as a student of gelatin-covered mats that had to be prepared the night before. I have no idea how copies were made from that. If anyone is aware of this rather primitive operation, please send your recollection to the editor of the Desktop.

I'll admit I'm a bit old fashioned. I'm stuck in the middle of the last century, but I do wonder how education was handled prior to the computer. How did **Aristotle** and **Socrates** manage? How did vast numbers of those who built America manage to gain an education in one-room schools? Remember the past disappearing age we all knew: the era of erasers, chalk and blackboards. It lasted a long time and got a lot done.

I just don't want kids using today's technology as toys and not being able to survive if the cell phone is more than a foot away.

One of **Paul Harvey's** parting shots was, "With all our modern teaching methods, I hope our kids will still be able to solve an arithmetic problem in their heads."

Norm



"With all our modern teaching methods, I hope our kids will still be able to solve an arithmetic problem in their heads."



What will you celebrate?

GET A DISNEY DAY

Disney wants to inspire one million people to volunteer a day of service to a participating organization in their communities. So they're celebrating these volunteers' good works by giving each of them a free 1-day, 1-theme park ticket to the Disneyland® Resort or Walt Disney World® Resort.

There's no better time to make a dream come true for others and let Disney make a few come true for you. Proctoring at NEOUCOM can earn you a day at Disney. If you can't go to Disney, your ticket can be transferred to a child. Check out Disney on line or you can register with **Mandy Zantow** at RSVP (330-296-2666 X342).



LEGISLATIVE CHAIR REPORTS ON PENSION CHANGES



Dan McCombs, ORTA Trustee for PCRTA, ORTA LEGISLATIVE Chair, PCRTA Legislative Chair

“While what I am explaining to you may or may not be adopted by the legislature, it does represent much of our current thinking.”

In order for us to maintain our retirement pensions, at the level we are accustomed, it becomes necessary for us to propose some changes to the legislature. We are working with STRS and other education lobbyists to come up with a reasonable position.

While what I am explaining to you may or may not be adopted by the legislature, it does represent much of our current thinking.

The recommendations are as follows:

1. Increase member contributions by 0.5% per year beginning July 1, 2011 up to a total of 2.5% on July 1, 2015. The same increases will be provided by employers at the same rate. The employer rates would be delayed for 5 years.
2. Final average salary calculations will be based on a 5-year basis rather than the current 3 years. ORTA would like the STRS Board to determine the number of years needed based on funding status at the time.
3. Increase years of service required for retirement beginning August 1, 2015. ORTA would like to phase in the change in retirement eligibility from 30 years of service to 35 years of service according to the following schedule:

- 30 YOS (Years of Service) until 8/1/2015;
- 31 YOS through 7/31/2017;
- 32 YOS through 7/31/2019;
- 33 YOS through 7/31/2021;
- 34 YOS through 7/31/2023;
- 35 YOS 8/2023 and beyond.

Also allow early retirement at 30 YOS at any age, subject to an actuarially reduced benefit.

4. The new formula would be 2.2% per year for the first 30 years of service; 2.5% per year thereafter beginning August 1, 2015.
5. ORTA recommends no tiering of the Cost of Living benefit. Beginning in 2011, current retirees receive 2% annual COLA. New retirees receive 2% COLA—deferred for 36 months, and they must be at least 60 years old.

We have a lot of work ahead of us this year. I hope we can count on all of our members to keep in touch with their representatives and senators. Remember to ask your friends to join PCRTA and ORTA so we can make an impact on the legislature and keep our pensions solvent!!!!



Dan

KNOW YOUR REPRESENTATIVES—Let them know what you think.



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Art Fesemyer,
Membership Chairman



If ever there was a year when we really need to increase our membership, this is the year.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE GEARING UP FOR 2010

The PCRTA Membership Committee is gearing up for another year. I want to thank **Jane Bridge, Tom Campana, Pat Eichler, Earl Kilchenman, Merrielu Ritz, Carol Rudlosky, Saroj Sutaria and Kay Wise** for serving on the committee this year. It is really an uplifting experience when people accept this responsibility. After all, it is a voluntary position with no compensation except the feeling that you will be helping your colleagues who have retired or who will retire to a future that is secure and, hopefully, comfortable. We also have an “ex officio” member without whom we could not possibly be successful. That, of course, is our treasurer **Darlene Fetterhoff**.

If ever there was a year when we really need to increase our membership, this is the year. All of us who benefit from the retirement system we now have should join together to show the public and the legislators that our present system is working well. It really is.

We read in our newspapers statements such as “some taxpayers are irked as they watch the guaranteed benefits of government employees” and “government

employees’ pensions are guaranteed.” **Tom Ash**, the lobbyist for the Buckeye Association of School Administrators, claims that in private meetings legislators are seriously talking about converting our Defined Benefits Retirement Plan to the 401K-type system.

Yet we as ORTA members with our defined benefits can look forward to a lifetime benefit that we will not outlive while those enrolled in the 401K retirement plans do not have that assurance as recent financial events show. Envy is not a good reason for the editors to criticize our retirement plans.

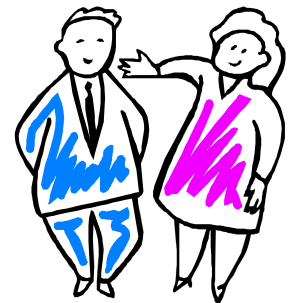
Somehow, we have to convince the non-members who are retired and living in Portage County and drawing pensions that our strength comes from unity, and we need them to help by joining the 388 PCRTA AND ORTA members we now have.

The committee will appreciate anything you can do to convince non-members to join us and let them know how dependent we are on legislative processes. All of us should be involved with keeping our retirement system strong. *Art*

Say Hello to Our Newest Members:

- Lynn Garver Cuyahoga Falls Schools
- Jerry May Southeast Schools
- David Moulton Maplewood Career Center
- Maryann Ray Akron City Schools

WELCOME



MEETING MINUTES - Ruth Weigand, Secretary



Highlights from the last Executive Committee and luncheon meetings are provided below. Many meeting details are included in other reports in this newsletter. A complete set of detailed minutes are available to any PCRTA member. Call **Ruth Weigand** (330-673-4788), email PCRTA@aol.com, or locate the minutes on our website (www.pcrta.net).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - November 5, 2009

--**Darlene Fetterhoff** reported a treasury account balance of \$12,702.23 (\$7,395.24 scholarship and \$5,306.99 working balance).

--Luncheons are moved to American Legion in Kent because of the closing of Twin Lakes Country Club.

--**Ria Mastromatteo** reported the retirement workshop was cancelled because of limited registrations.

--**Dan McCombs**, Legislative Chair and Trustee, discussed the STRS proposed funding plan.

--**Art Fesemyer** sent over 200 brochures and letters to prospective members.

--**Judy Morgan** told about the Maplewood GED graduation. She also said we collected five carts of food and \$114.40 on Make a Difference Day.

--**Edie Scott** said we have new proctors for the NEOUCOM project.

--**Jan Fencil** reported the nominations for 2010-12 will be Vice Presidents, **Ken** and **Nancy Granville**; Treasurer, **Darlene Fetterhoff**; and Recording Secretary, **Ruth Weigand**.

--**Kay Wise** relayed a list of great websites.

--Changes to the Treasurer's duties will include moving accounts to a new bank and redefining the Assistant Treasurer's duties.

--Associate membership will **not** be open to those who are eligible for active membership.



--An account will be set up with a company to generate automatic phone calls for PCRTA to use for emergencies.

LUNCHEON MEETING - November 19, 2009

--The luncheon meeting was held at Kent American Legion and catered by Special Events Catering.

--Non-perishable foods and money for turkeys were collected for the Center of Hope.

--**Les Bennett** led the music; **Terri Sargi** gave the invocation.

--The program was Love on a Leash, a program at Robinson Memorial Hospital where trained dogs visit patients, staff, and children.

--The Salvation Army requested bell ringers.

--**Ruth Weigand** won \$56 in the 50/50 drawing and donated most of it to buy turkeys.

LUNCHEON MEETING - December 17, 2009

--**Ray Troxtell** presided, **Les Bennett** led the music, and **Terri Sargi** gave the invocation. The meeting was at the Kent American Legion Hall.

--Hats and gloves for children were collected for the County Clothing Center.

--**Kent Roosevelt A.C.E.S.**, a select choral group directed by **Donna Crews**, performed eight songs.

--**Art Fesemyer** won \$61.50 in the 50/50 raffle.

--Members played bingo and won donated white elephant prizes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PLANNING MEETING - January 14, 2010

--The nominating committee recommended filling one-year positions: President, **Dave Gynn**; Corresponding Secretary, **Barbara Cribbs**; and Assistant Treasurer, **Ria Mastromatteo**. Motion approved.

--Reservations Committee (**Les Bennett**) and Social/Travel Committee (**John** and **Sandy Kerstetter**) were added to the Executive Committee.

--**Mancy Zantow**, RSVP program manager, introduced "Give a Day - Get a Disney Day" and said NEOUCOM volunteering qualifies.

--**Darlene Fetterhoff** reported the treasury is healthy (see her report); the 2010 budget was approved.

--Luncheon meetings will be at the United Methodist Church of Kent. (Minutes Continued on Page 9)



PLANNING MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

--**Judy Morgan** said a community service collection will be held at each luncheon.

--**Dan McCombs** reported that the current STRS proposal is for retirees to receive a 2 percent COLA. **Dan** will be the 2010 ORTA Legislative Committee Chair.

--**Art Fesemyer** reported that ORTA dues will probably increase this year.

--**Helena Parry**, the new Pre-Retirement Planning Committee chair, will review prior years' workshops and plan for this fall.

--**Les Bennett**, Reservation Chairman, will continue his job of taking luncheon reservations.

--**Jim Montaquila** sent letters to schools for students to apply for PCRTA scholarships. We will give six \$1,000 awards this year. The committee will investigate establishing an endowment fund.

--**John** and **Sandy Kerstetter** asked for members' input for planning a bus trip and other social activities for our group.

--Webmaster **Connie Evans** reported 1,820 hits on our website and 223 email messages.

RSVP—PLEASE RESPOND

My first encounter with RSVP, America's largest volunteer network for people over 55, was when **Saroj Sutaria** volunteered at the Reed Memorial Library book sale. **Mandy Zantow**, RSVP Program Manager, spoke to the PCRTA Executive Committee. She is in need of volunteers. I will have handbooks and applications for you to look over at the March 18 luncheon.

RSVP's mission is to improve the quality of life for all generations in Portage County through the efforts of senior volunteers. As a retired teacher, you've gained a lifetime of experience. Now is the time to put your skills and talents to good use by volunteering.

Here is an opportunity to meet new people, make new friends, draw on your experiences, or develop new skills. Volunteers are needed for clothing distribution, administrative support and management, office and clerical support, arts and entertainment, home maintenance and skilled trades, mental health support, and library. You can volunteer for food services, personal services, animals, mailings, fund raising, and advisory council.

Talk with Saroj or with Mandy (330-298-2666) to learn about the program and the insurance and rewards for volunteers.



Kay Wise,
Chairman,
Informative
and
Protective
Services

Kay

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:



March 11—Executive Committee Meeting
March 18—Luncheon Meeting—Gary Harwood

April 14—ORTA Area Meeting—Canton
April 23—FEA Ohio State Conference—KSU

May 13—Executive Committee Meeting
May 20—Luncheon Meeting—Memorial

June 17—Maplewood Career Center GED
Graduation

July 8—Executive Committee Meeting
July 15—Luncheon Meeting—Scholarship
Recipients

September 9—Executive Committee Meeting
September 14—NRTA National Day of Service
September 16—Luncheon Meeting—
New Retirees

October 23—Make a Difference Day

November 11—Executive Committee Meeting
November 18—Luncheon Meeting—Elections

December 16—Luncheon—Christmas Party
and Officer Installation

The Executive Committee meetings are held on the Thursday before each luncheon meeting at the United Methodist Church, Room 200, at 9:30 am.

The PCRTA luncheon meetings are held at the United Methodist Church of Kent, 1435 East Main Street at 12:00 noon.

FUTURE EDUCATOR CONFERENCE NEEDS JUDGES



Ohio: Illuminate the heart and mind. Teach! This is the theme for the 2010 Future Educators' Ohio annual state conference to be held at Kent State University on Friday, April 23.

You can and should be a part of this conference. High school students who plan to enter the field of education have prepared for competition. Their contests will be judged by retired teachers.

Judges will be needed from 8:30 to about 11:30. There will be a meeting with the judges to answer questions, discuss expectations, and distribute materials.

You can choose to participate in judging speech, display, lesson plans, scrapbook, or poster competitions. The rules, guidelines, and scoring rubrics for events are available on the Ohio Department of Education website. Judges are invited to remain for the entire conference.

How to sign up: Go to www.mysignup.com/feaohiojudge to sign up to judge a specific competition. Call **Judy Morgan** (330-653-8174) community service chair to volunteer. For more information, contact **Julie Wilcox** at Kent State University (330-672-0556).

PCRTA Members Volunteered in Portage County – Did You?

Retired teachers are a rich source of talent for volunteer and community service activities in our local communities throughout Portage County. Report **your** service hours and we will send them to **ORTA**. They use this information to report to legislators on the valuable work being done by retired teachers.

Keep track of the volunteering you do at your church, or at a school, at a hospital, or proctoring at NEOUCOM, on environmental projects, the APL, historical societies, or libraries, plus many more things you do. Did **YOU** participate in any of these activities? Now think...time spent shopping for hats and mittens or toiletries is volunteer time, too.



In December, our members collected nearly 200 pairs of gloves and hats for the County Clothing Center. Did you help? Count your shopping time.



Judy Morgan, Terrie Sargi, Dave Gynn, Adele Fussner, and Pat Gynn were some of our members who collected heaping carts of food for the county food banks on Make-a-Difference Day in October at Kent Acme.



We know you aren't just sitting around your homes...what have you been doing?

Report your volunteer hours to:

Judy Morgan by phone at 330-653-8174 or by a note at the luncheon meeting or send a note to 265 Jane Boulevard Streetsboro, OH 44241 or

Email us at pcrta.com

YOUR NAME _____
YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS _____
YOU did them, **WE** want them Please help!

Already a member??? Pass this form on to a fellow retired teacher.

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 (Non-teacher spouse/friend)	\$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



Luncheon Reservation for Thursday, March 18 12 noon

Kent United Methodist Church – 1435 E. Main Street, Kent

Luncheon Menu: Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Beverages, and Cake

Vegetarian Entree:
Vegetarian Lasagna



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

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

Your name and phone number _____

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY **March 11**. Mail your reservation and check made to PCRTA to:
Les Bennett, 6222 Lakeview Drive, Ravenna, OH 44266 330-673-4115

BRING TO THE MEETING: Toiletries and personal hygiene items for Safer Futures.





PCRTA—Portage
County Retired
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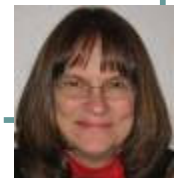
Darlene Fetterhoff, Treasurer
2417 Duck Pond Drive
Ravenna, OH 44266-8221

Please notify PCRTA of any address changes.

ADDRESS CODES

Year= Your membership is paid through that year
S= Life Member of ORTA—Ohio Retired Teachers Association
P= Life Member of PCRTA—Portage County Retired Teachers Assn.
A= Associate member of PCRTA

E-mail: PCRTA@aol.com



Connie Evans,
Webmaster

NEW PROCTOR ORIENTATION FOR NEOUCOM PROCTORS

Wednesday, March 10

Olson Hall at NEOUCOM/P Campus
(Please Use Main Entrance)

9:30—11:30

Call Edith Scott to sign up 330-297-1812

Continuing proctors please call
to schedule proctoring dates



Look for Edith
Scott, NEOUCOM
Proctor Project
Coordinator



OUR MEMBERS ON THE GO: RUTH WEIGAND

Ruth Weigand traveled to China in October 2009 with the NuVu Traveler program designed for retired teachers. Here she was teaching reading in a Chinese school in Beijing.



The members on the trip visited several schools as well as other sights as they experienced the culture and hospitality of the Chinese people.

Saroj Sutaria has also taken this trip. Ask them both about their experiences.

