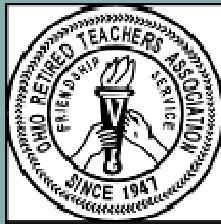


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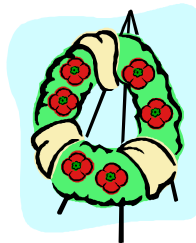
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MEMORIAL SERVICE PLANNED

Our Annual Memorial Service honoring those members who passed away during the last year will be held at our May luncheon meeting. Reverend Rebecca Heller of the First Christian Church of Kent will lead us in remembering and honoring them.

In Memory Of

Doris T. Wise Ravenna Schools	July 11, 2009	Raymond L Troxtell Twinsburg/Newton Falls Schools	January 14, 2010
Clinton Howard Hobbs Kent State University	October 26, 2009	Mildred Pearl Price Ravenna Schools	February 3, 2010
Eric May Kent State University	November 27, 2009	Dorothy Ann Turk Chagrin Falls Schools	February 10, 2010
Irene George Field Schools	December 14, 2009	Mary E. Baker Field Schools	February 10, 2010
Dorothy Lenore Franks Southeast Schools	December 17, 2009	James Caniglia Garfield Schools	March 16, 2010

REV. REBECCA HELLER TO LEAD MEMORIAL SERVICE

Our memorial service will be led by **Rev. Rebecca M. Heller** who has served as Minister of the First Christian Church in Kent since June 2003. She was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Rev. Heller received a BA in Religion from Hamelin University in St. Paul and a Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee.

She met her husband, **Mike Lekan**, here in Ohio. They now have a beautiful daughter, **Elena Ruth Lekan**, and Oscar their cat. In addition to family and church, Rebecca enjoys playing the flute, reading, cooking, movies, traveling, gardening, photography, and walking. She serves on the Kent Social Services Advisory Board.



If you know of anyone else who has passed away and should be honored at this service, please contact **Mary Jane Brannon**, Memorial and Sunshine Chair, at 330-673-3138 with the information.

PCRTA MEMBERS ATTEND ORTA AREA MEETING IN CANTON



Eleven PCRTA Members attended the ORTA Area Meeting for the north-eastern region in Canton at the McKinley Grand Hotel on Wednesday, April 14.

They heard speakers from the STRS Board, **Bob Stein** and **Jim McGreavy**, who talked about the status of teacher pensions and healthcare. They also voted on the changes in the ORTA by-laws. After lunch, they attended several informational sessions.

Front row: **Pat Gynn, Ed Hall, Barbara Cribbs, Nancy Granville, and Judy Morgan.** Back row: **Jan FencI, Peg Hall, Dave Gynn, Kay Wise, Dan McCombs, and Ken Granville.**

2010 PCRTA LEADERSHIP TEAM	COMMITTEE CHAIRS	
OFFICERS	Archival	Norm Park
President— Dave Gynn	Community Services	Judith Morgan
Vice-Presidents— Ken and Nancy Granville	Informative & Protective Services	Kay Wise
Recording Secretary— Ruth Weigand	Membership	Art Fesemyer
Corresponding Secretary— Barbara Cribbs	Memorial & Sunshine	Mary Jane Brannon
Treasurer— Darlene Fetterhoff	Nominations	Jan FencI
Assistant Treasurer— Ria Mastromatteo	Public Relations	Evelyn Park
ORTA Trustee and Legislative Chair— Dan McCombs	Pre-Retirement Planning	Helena Parry
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NEOUCOM Proctors— Edith Scott	Telephone & Communications	Saroj Sutaria
Reservations— Les Bennett		
Social/Travel— John and Sandy Kerstetter		
Webmaster— Connie Evans		

Contact anyone on the Leadership Team by calling 330-678-8432 or Email them at PCRTA@aol.com

PREZ SEZ – WHEN DID NOAH BUILD THE ARK?

They say “April showers bring May flowers.” We usually expect and prepare for the annual rainy season. So - when did Noah plan to build his ark? Before it started to rain.

We know we need to plan ahead and review our homeowners’ and auto insurance before an accident or loss. We know it is important to review our estate planning.

As former teachers, we all know the importance of planning. Well-planned lessons yield great results. In retirement, we have many things to plan—pack the suitcase before the vacation and fill up with gas before the indicator reads empty. Here are a few planning suggestions for PCRTA members.

When should we make our PCRTA luncheon reservations? Now, before we forget. And—call a friend to join you.

When should we contact our legislators about our retirement system? Before they enact legislation which could change our retirement system to a 401K-type (defined contribution) system.

When should we talk to active and retired

teachers to encourage membership in PCRTA and ORTA? Our loud, clear voice is more important now than ever, and the strength of our membership is very important.



When should we speak up about the importance of our COLA (the annual cost of living adjustment to our retirement benefits)? Do it today. Our legislators need to know how important our COLA is to our future.

When should we step up to a leadership position in our association? Don't wait for the nominating committee to ask. Plan now to spend an exciting year or two on the PCRTA executive committee. You won't regret your investment of time and energy.

*Be like Noah.

*Plan ahead.

*Do things that may seem impossible.

*Don't whine about wet weather - learn to dance in the rain.

“As former teachers, we all know about the importance of planning.”



Dave Gynn,
PCRTA
President

Dave

BEEN TO OUR WEBSITE LATELY? www.pcrta.net

Check out our website. Sometimes there are extra things that won't fit into the newsletter but would be interesting to read there.

There are links to ORTA, STRS, AARP, and lots of other sites that are of interest to retired teachers. Did you know there are tons of free games on the AARP website? And you can keep up with the latest news on our pensions by looking on the ORTA and STRS sites.



NEED A RIDE TO THE LUNCHEON?



Call Saroj Sutaria at 330-678-9045 and she will see that someone picks you

up and gets you safely to the church and back home again.

STOP THE PAPER ONSLAUGHT!

ASK TO HAVE YOUR PCRTA NEWSLETTER E-MAILED TO YOU.

CALL PAT GYNN @ 330-678-8423

OR E-MAIL HER @ www.pcrta.com



Are you using the benefits available to you through AMBA as an ORTA member? Besides dental and vision insurance, you can also get discounts on hotels and vacation plans, car rentals, and funeral expenses.

There are discounts on buying Apple and Dell Computers and buying books online at Barnes and Noble. Look online at www.amba@amba.info or call them at 800-258-7041.



TREASURER'S REPORT by Darlene Fetterhoff



Report for March 11, 2010 to April 8, 2010:

REMINDER TO PAY DUES FOR 2010

Beginning Checking Acct. Balance: \$ 16,785.76

Please check your address label to check your dues status.

Expenses: \$ 1,778.78

ORTA dues 720.00

All 2010 dues need to be submitted to ORTA before June 30, 2010 which ends the fiscal year. PCRTA loses money if you pay after this date.

U M Church-luncheon 720.00

Gary Harwood, speaker 100.00

Book of Checks 28.57

Bank Fees 6.85

Membership—A. Fesemyer 203.36

Income: \$ 3,792.00

So, please pay your annual dues by June 15 so they can be mailed to ORTA on time.

Ending Balance: \$ 18,798.98

MISSING MEMBERS???

Scholarship Funds in Checking \$ 13,610.24

These members' newsletters came back with no forwarding address: **Victoria Guenther, Alfred Saupe, and Shirley Welch.** Does anyone have an address for them? Call me at 330-673-8164 so they can get their newsletter. *Darlene*

Checking Working Balance \$ 5,188.74

CONTRIBUTIONS HONORING RAY TROXTELL

Since our last newsletter, the following people have honored Ray Troxtell's memory by contributing to the scholarship fund in his honor. The total collected since Ray's passing is \$278.

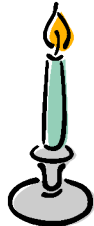
John and Patricia Balasz

Terrie Sargie

Kathleen Havener

Kay Wise

Merrilu Ritz



A good teacher is like a candle—
it consumes itself to light the way for others.
Author Unknown



BEWARE OF SCAMS by Norm Park, PCRTA Archivist

Getting off the topic of “archivalization,” if I may, I’d like to relate to you an incident that occurred several weeks ago.

I received a phone call from a heavily accented Indian gent who informed me that I was the winner of big bucks. This fellow identified himself as the president of Publishing Clearing House, and said the order I sent in March was the winning entry. Of course, I had sent nothing in March or any other time.

The prize that I “won” was \$35,000. To have it delivered to my door I would have to do certain things...go to the proper department at Walmart and give them \$300. I would then bring the receipt home, being careful that no one know because \$35,000 is a big incentive to robbers.

Here it gets cloudy. I was instructed to give the money to the mail order department at Walmart, but then I was to send the receipt to a Ms. J. Finley in Crossville, TN along with \$300.

Confused? I was. Perhaps he could have firmed up his story before calling.

Anyway, I must get to the store, get my business done and be back in an hour because he was a busy man delivering money. He already that day made a delivery to Johnstown. Pennsylvania? Er, ah, um, oh yes, it was Pennsylvania.

Then he made a \$35,000 delivery to Cleveland and now he was on his way to “Manatu” (?) as his next stop. Just be sure I had the receipt and it was our secret for it was very dangerous traveling with that amount of money.

I’ll be honest. I was playing this guy along because I’d never gotten a call like this and considered it a bit of entertainment.

I had a meeting in Ravenna and had to excuse myself. As I was about to leave, the phone rang again and it was the same guy reminding me that

I only had one hour. Ev took the call and she was less tolerant than I and cut him short.

Five hours later I no sooner stepped in the door than the phone rang. Had I sent the money? I played him along for a bit then had to excuse myself.

The next day the phone rang again...a different fellow but with the same heavy accent. His name was Michael Brown and now I was “Mr. Norman.” A new twist was added to get my \$35,000.

I needed a password. And only I would know it and the word was “GOD.” By using this word, there would be no delay in getting my money.

But yes, the fee had gone up to \$500 but after meeting with his board, it was the best deal he could cut. He had worked hard to keep it down.

About now I’d had enough. I didn’t think there was any danger in playing this game, but I wasn’t positive. I simply said I didn’t have the money. But, he said I could pay the money in installments.

I suspect this activity goes on all the time and everywhere. Retired teachers are too smart to fall for this scam, but you never know. Sometimes even OUR brains can limp a bit as age begins to set in. And although these guys were pretty obvious, some are more unctuous. Beware!

Now, getting back to my position as archivist, on August 15, 1973, PCRTA met at the Ravenna K of C Hall and enjoyed ham and sweet potatoes. Our speaker was Harold Swift, who spoke on “Curbing Impulses.” A carefree time was enjoyed by all.

Norm



LEGISLATIVE CHAIR –LAME DUCK LEGISLATURE WOES



Dan McCombs,
ORTA Trustee
for PCRTA
and
ORTA Chair of
Legislative
Committee

I can't remember a time when I was so pleased to see the buds on my trees and the sprouting of my flowers. This has really been a long and tortuous winter for legislation.

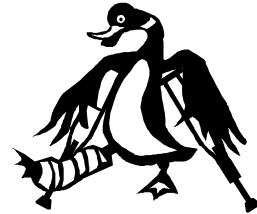
There was so much polarization and strife over health care at the national and local level. I wonder if there is anyone still sane in Washington or Columbus. Why can't we be willing to work together for the good of the public?

I have been told to not count on any progress in legislation from Columbus since this is an election year. How dare we expect anything positive to happen with a "Lame Duck" legislature?

We will be selecting people to run for the legislature soon. It is our responsibility to ask potential candidates tough questions regarding their positions on education and on fiscal responsibility.

No one likes to hear the TAX word, but we can't keep spending without a source of income. We Americans are faced with some very difficult and challenging issues ranging from our two wars and how to pay for them, to the restructuring of our education system here in Ohio. It obviously is much easier to implement legislation than it is to pay for the same.

No one said it was going to be easy, but together we can make our voices be heard. Please join me in talking to potential legislators at every opportunity including local meet the candidates' nights.



Dan

KNOW YOUR REPRESENTATIVES—Let them know what you think.



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Email: SD28@maild.sen.state.oh.us

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS!



Who is busier than a retired teacher? Are you proctoring? Serving lunches at your church? Driving a friend to the doctor? Helping at the hospital?

Turn your hours in to Judy Morgan and she will turn them in to ORTA. Give her a note at the luncheon or call her at 330-653-8174 or email them to www.pcrta.com. ORTA wants our legislators know that we are a vital, contributing part of our communities.



Art Fesemyer,
Membership Chairman

Read about the

3 R's of

Membership:

RECLAIM

RETAIN

RECRUIT

THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE AND THE THREE "R's

Webster's Dictionary defines *collage* as "an art form in which bits of objects, such as newspapers, cloth, pressed flowers, etc. are pasted together on a surface."

In the mailing from PCRTA to potential members this year, we used a one-page collage containing parts of headlines and articles that have recently appeared in Ohio newspapers regarding Ohio pensions. We borrowed this idea from a mailing that went out state-wide from PERS and seemed to be effective.

The headline at the top of the sheet we used screams: "Ohio Major Newspapers Put Public Pensions Under Attack." Below this headline the collage featured excerpts from *The Akron Beacon Journal*, *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *The Record-Courier*, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *The Toledo Blade*, *The Columbus Dispatch*, *The Canton Repository*, and *The Dayton Daily News*.

The message we tried to get across to potential PCRTA members is that while our pension plan is being closely examined all over Ohio, you should seriously think about joining the only organizations that represent you where it counts - in the legislative bodies.

In addition to the collage, a color PCRTA membership brochure was included that emphasizes the theme: "We Need You....You Need Us." A list of services that are provided locally to members followed. This year we received some colored brochures from ORTA that answer the questions of "Why, What, Where, and When" that people ask about the organizations.

President David Gynn wrote a letter that is part of the mailing too, and it begins: "Welcome to retirement and the next chapter in your life." He points out that PCRTA and ORTA are the only organizations formed to preserve and improve benefits for retired teachers. In the package of materials that we will provide for this year's retirees, we also included a copy of the most recent PCRTA newsletter.

The goal of the Membership Committee is still the 3 R's: to **Reclaim** former members; to **Retain** present members; and to **Recruit** new members while we strive to protect and improve our STRS pensions. The members of the Committee hope that the materials we prepared this year will help to convince educators who are receiving STRS pensions that we need them and they definitely need us.

Art



Say Hello to Our Newest Members:

Peg Hall	Judy Kirman	Kent Schools
Raymond Harcar	Kathy Lawson	Streetsboro (2010)
Mary Jacoby	Twinsburg	Ron Snowberger
Sandra Kerstetter	Tree City Preschool	Ravenna/Stow

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 - March 11, 2010

--**Darlene Fetterhoff** reported a treasury account balance of \$16,785.76 (\$11,588.24 scholarship and \$5,197.52 working balance).

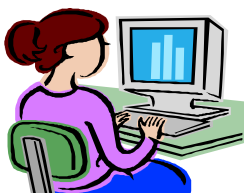
--Assistant Treasurer, **Ria Mastromatteo**, reported that she has copied all the Treasurer's files and is ready to back up the Treasurer.

--Corresponding Secretary **Barb Cribbs** said PCRTA received a thank you note from **Ray Troxtell's** family and his wife, **Emily**. Barb needs the addresses of past scholarship recipients to keep track of their activities.

--Vice-Presidents **Ken** and **Nancy Granville** went over the plans for upcoming meetings: **Gary Harwood** speaking on the Hartville migrant workers in March; **Rev. Rebecca Heller** and **Mary Jane Brannon** conducting the Memorial Service in May; the scholarship recipients in July; **Roger DiPaolo** as the speaker in September; and the November program is tentatively the **Alliance for Senior Action**.

--**Dan McCombs**, Legislative Chair and Trustee asked everyone to write to their legislators to thank them for our Defined Benefit retirement plan and our COLA and encourage them to keep them intact. Representatives from ORTA attend every STRS meeting.

--Unfinished Business: A signup sheet was passed for members to sign up to attend the ORTA Area Meeting in Canton on April 14; A signup sheet was passed to get judges for the KSU Future Educators Conference on April 23; An AdHoc committee has been formed to review our present by-laws. **Saroj Sutaria**, **Pat Gynn**, and **Darlene Fetterhoff** will meet once the ORTA by-laws have been passed.



--**John** and **Sandy Kerstetter**, Travel Chairs presented several options for group travel ideas: concerts at Blossom; bus tours

through Paskey Tours; Porthouse Theater; a trip to Amish country; and a Christmas lighting trip to Pittsburgh.

--Memorial and Sunshine Chair, **Mary Jane Brannon**, said there are nine deceased members for the Memorial to be held in May. She will contact their family members.

--Scholarship Chair, **Jim Montaquila**, reported that the applications and information for the 2010 scholarships were delivered to all 12 high schools during the last week of January. A follow-up post card was mailed to the schools on March 5. Friday, April 2 is the deadline for applications.

--The Scholarship Committee of **Harry Bowman**, **Jan FencI**, **Dave Gynn**, **Jim Montaquila**, **Norm Park**, and **Kay Wise** will meet on April 16 to consider the applications. They will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to six students who intend to pursue careers in education.

--**Jan FencI**, Nominations Chair, reported that the offices of President, Assistant Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary will be elected this year.

--Webmaster **Connie Evans** and Newsletter Editor **Pat Gynn** were absent from the meeting as they were in Columbus attending a state meeting to create guidelines for chapter websites.

--Membership Chair **Art Fesemyer** reported he has a new colorful brochure to send to potential members. He would like extra newsletters to send to new retirees and principals, to be paid for from membership funds.

--Informative and Protective Services chair **Kay Wise** reported on the following programs: RSVP, Mentor Mentee Program; AT&T Classroom Summer Tech Camps for kids; and Reed Memorial Library Authors in April on Sundays will be Regina Brett and Roger DiPaolo.

--**Norm Park**, Archival Committee, said that one of the two PCRTA gavels **Ray Troxtell** had will be placed in the Archives. The other will be used by the PCRTA President to open a meeting.

LUNCHEON MEETING - March 18, 2010

--The PCRTA luncheon meeting was held at the united Methodist Church of Kent.

--Greeters were **Dottie Emerick** and **Sally Hershiser**.

--President **Dave Gynn** announced that today's collection was for Safer Futures--the abused women's shelter.

--Dave asked the executive committee members to stand to be recognized. Each one was (continued on page 9)



LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

given a gold medal to wear during the luncheon to show that they were all winners.

–**John Kerstetter** reported that the Travel and Social Committee is working with Paskey Tours for travel events.

–**Mandy Zantow**, program manager for RSVP of Portage county was present at the meeting to sign up volunteers. The free Disney day offered to the first Million volunteers to sign up was over by March 1.

–**Kay Wise** announced information about the Local Author Series at Reed Memorial Library in Ravenna.

–**Les Bennett** lead the music. Co-Vice-President **Nancy Granville** led the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation.

–**Edith Scott** said there have been a few schedule changes with the April and May proctor schedule.

–Co-Vice-President **Ken Granville** introduced the speaker **Gary Harwood** who spoke about the 5-year project he did photographing the Hartville migrant workers. **David Hassler** wrote the text for their book, “Growing Season; the Life of a Migrant Community.”

–First-time attendees were **Ron Snowberger**, Ravenna & Stow; **Jeanne Pisegna**, Roosevelt, and **Evelyn Colville**, Kent State University.

–**Barbara Cribbs** won the 50/50 raffle in the amount of \$48.

HELLO, GRANDMA? SENIORS SCAMMED



Scammers go through newspaper articles to find connections between grandparents and their grandchildren.

The grandparents are called, supposedly by their grandchild, and asked for money for things such as jail bail, or car accidents. The “grandchild” asks that their parents not be contacted. The grandchild asks grandma for a certified check or the money to be wired to them.

False identification is easy to obtain. Scammers are preying on the most vulnerable and generous.

There are about 10,000 such scams a year resulting in a loss of over \$100,000. At one point in time, Moneygram was working with the scammers. They paid a huge fine to settle the case.

“Today’s Show” Jeff Rosen suggests calling the grandchild and the parents before forwarding them any money.

Kay



Kay Wise, Chairman, Informative/Protective

Editor’s Note: Both Kay Wise and Norm Parks wrote articles about scams going around. Do you suppose these scammers are planning to pay their taxes with their scammed money?

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:



May 13—Executive Committee Meeting

May 20—Luncheon Meeting—
Memorial Service with Rev. Rebecca Heller

May 27—Maplewood Career Center—
GED Graduation (Note date change)

July 8—Executive Committee Meeting

July 9—Tall Ships Trip to Cleveland

July 15—Luncheon Meeting—
Scholarship Recipients

August 4—Palace Theater Trip for “Phantom
of the Opera”

August TBA—New Proctor Training

September 9—Executive Committee Meeting

September 14—NRTA National Day of Service

September 16—Luncheon Meeting—
New Retirees with Roger DiPaolo

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.

WHO'S READY FOR SOME TRIPS??

Mark your calendars for one or two fun days where you can sit back and not worry about the drive, see something new, and enjoy old and new friends.

1. Friday, July 9, 2010 the **Tall Ships** come to **Cleveland**. We will leave at 10:00 from Kent and head to the decks of the Goodtime III and enjoy a buffet lunch while we cruise past the ships and along the Cuyahoga River.

After the cruise, we will stop for a little shopping at the **West Side Market** and return to Kent by 5:00 pm. The cost is \$59. The final registration date is May 28.

2. Wednesday, August 4, 2010, the **"Phantom of the Opera"** returns to the **Palace Theater** in **Cleveland**. The details and cost of this trip are still being determined, but

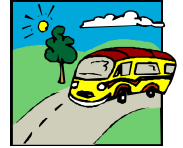
Paskey Tours are now taking reservations. Call and get your name on the list now! They'll get the details to you later.

3. The **PCRTA fundraiser trip** is still to be determined and will be held sometime in the fall.

The motto of Paskey Tours is "Bringing Friends Together," and that is what we also hope will happen for PCRTA.

For reservations for the Tall Ships and/or Phantom of the Opera call Paskey Tours at 888-678-8248.

If you have any other questions or suggestions for trips, call **John and Sandy Kerstetter** at 330-678-0129. They are our new PCRTA travel coordinators.



FAREWELL TO COMMON SENSE

An Obituary printed in the London Times: Interesting and sadly rather true. Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place: reports

of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense took

a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue **you** for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death, by his parents, Truth and Trust; by his wife, Discretion; by his daughter, Responsibility; and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers: I know My Rights, I Want It Now, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.



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, May 20 12 noon

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

Luncheon Menu: Rigatoni, Italian Vegetables, Salad, Garlic Bread, Beverages, and Sherbet

Vegetarian Entree:
Vegetarian Rigatoni



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

Number of **vegetarian** lunch reservations _____ and names. (Vegetarian menu includes all items except rigatoni.)

Your name and phone number _____

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

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY **May 14**. 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 Freedom House. See list on page 12.





PCRTA—Portage
County Retired
Teachers Association

Address Service Requested

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

Please notify PCRTA of any address changes.

ADDRESS CODES

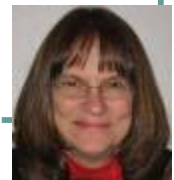
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Connie Evans,
Webmaster

“The Growing Season”

Copies Now Available

Gary Harwood was our guest speaker in March. He shared pictures from his book, “The Growing Season” about the lives of the Hartville migrant workers.

Autographed copies of

“The Growing Season”

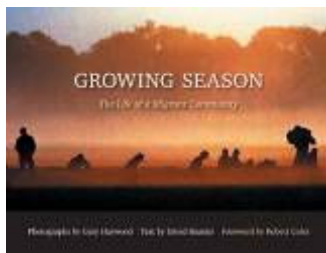
are now available for \$25.

Order a copy by calling
Nancy Granville at

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before **May 12**.

You will receive your book
at the **May 20** luncheon



FREEDOM HOUSE NEEDS OUR HELP

Freedom House, a transitional shelter in Kent for 14 single adult males who are veterans and homeless, is this month’s community service project.

They are in need of:

- Garbage bags
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
- Over-the-counter medication
- Non-Perishable Food Products
- Laundry detergent
- Light Bulbs
- Coffee and Sugar
- Single bed sheets
- Men’s Toiletries

Please bring what you can to share
with our veterans!

